PONTE Journal Peer Review Process

Author submits manuscript and agrees to PONTE Journal Terms of Publication and Policies

Obtain independent contact details for co-authors
Check for plagiarism with CrossCheck system
Check all the files for completeness
Check author IDs and affiliations
Check the manuscript falls within the scope of the journal

PONTE Editorial Staff identify suitable peer reviewers from PONTE pool of peer reviewers and Editorial Board Members.

PONTE Consulting Editors assess the peer reviewers and conduct pre-review editorial checks

Peer review requests are sent to selected peer reviewers

Peer reviewers are given 7 business days to return their report†

The referee reports are forwarded to the Editor-in-Chief

Editor-in-Chief makes the editorial decision on the manuscript

Editor-in-Chief option

Revised manuscript is sent back to the peer reviewers for re-review

Revised manuscript and point-by-point response to the referees’ comments sent back to the Editor-in-Chief for subsequent editorial decision

Manuscript is accepted with no (further) revisions
Manuscript is rejected and the author advised
Manuscript is rejected but can be resubmitted after revisions

Publisher reviews rationale for decision. Manuscript may be referred to Editorial Board Members or other Experts

Average peer reviewer score higher than 4?

NOTE: Peer reviewers provide a numerical score (6 = highly acceptable, 1 = highly unacceptable) and a narrative evaluation in their report

Manuscript editing and production

Article is published online

Article is sent to indexing services