



Tropical Biomedicine
MANUSCRIPT REVIEW POLICY

This policy is applicable to all the manuscripts submitted to Tropical Biomedicine (TB) for the purpose of review and publication. TB supports three types of submissions including original article, short communication and review article (invited paper). Only manuscripts that have a focus on parasitology, entomology, zoonosis, tropical medicine and other aspects of biomedical research will be accepted for review and final publication. All manuscripts that appear to be within the scope of the journal and have proof of their original and unpublished work will be peer-reviewed. All manuscripts will be single-blind reviewed in two rounds of review process.

In the review process, reviewers will be asked to consider several aspects of the manuscript including:

1. Originality

- All submitted manuscripts will be assessed based on their novelty, problem identification, contribution to the new body of knowledge, scope of work and plagiarism.
- The Editorial Board of TB will be checking for potential plagiarism by measuring the similarity score (using professional plagiarism checking software) of all submitted manuscripts to ensure the originality of content.
- Manuscripts having a similarity score above 25% will be rejected and not be processed further.
- The board will not accept plagiarized manuscripts.

2. Structure

- The structure of submitted manuscripts must show logical layout, proper use and adequate number of figures, diagrams and tables.

3. Quality of text

- All manuscripts must be concisely composed in English with acceptable grammar and spelling, clarity of expression, consistency, readability, and citation of appropriate references.



4. Content

- Clarity of objective, technical accuracy, scope covered, conclusions drawn as supported by the data presented, properly referenced literature review, methodology, impact on and contribution to parasitology, entomology, zoonosis, tropical medicine and other aspects of biomedical research.
- The length of the submitted manuscript are as follows: (i) Original article (less than 10,000 words), and (ii) Short communication (less than 3,000 words). Review article (by invitation) has no word count limit.
- All manuscripts will be subject to single-blind reviewing. Reviewers identity will not be disclosed to the authors. The Editorial Board of TB will ensure the single-blind reviewing policy is adhered to during the peer review process.
- The manuscript will be evaluated on the following aspects:
 - Significance in contribution*
 - Theoretical soundness*
 - Research method*
 - Originality*
 - Clarity in structure and presentation*
 - Relevance to the Aims and Scope of TB*
- Reviewers will use the following spectrum over the evaluation aspects listed above:
 - Poor*
 - Substandard*
 - Average*
 - Good*
 - Excellent*
- Based on the review outcome, the Chief Editor of TB will send the review reports to the corresponding author. The author must respond accordingly to this first round of review process.
- Final decision regarding acceptance of papers will be based upon the second round of the review process and review remarks received after the correction of manuscript.