

# Publication Policy

The journal **Spectrum: Science and Technology** uses a double-blind peer review system in which both the reviewer(s) and author(s) remain anonymous to each other throughout the review process.

Every article submitted for publication is scrutinised by the Chief Editor or one of the Associate Editors for the first line of review. If the paper fulfils the editorial policies, it is forwarded to two reviewers for their comments. The reviewers are not allowed to know the identities of the authors as the identifying information are removed before the article is sent to the reviewers.

The comments of the reviewers are kept confidential and, based on the comments and feedback of the reviewers, the Editorial Board takes a final call on the paper. If addition, changes and modifications are suggested by the reviewers, then their reports are sent to the authors in anonymous form. However, if substantial changes and revisions are suggested by the reviewers, then the Editorial Board takes a decision on the publication of the article based on the fact that whether the author can bring those changes satisfactorily to the desired level.

The journal is published only once in a year. The process of publication of the journal begins from the second week of February every year and the same is published in the month of December, thereby it gives ample time to the authors, reviewers, editorial board and publisher to bring about the desired qualitative changes in the journal.

In brief, the policy for review and publication of the journal can be summed up as under:

- Once an article is received, an acknowledgement e-mail is sent to the corresponding author.
- The manuscript is checked for plagiarism by using open source software.
- The Chief Editor or one of the Associate Editors goes through the manuscript to decide about the quality of the article and conformity to the editorial guidelines.
- The manuscript is put under the double blinded peer review system and the same is sent to two reviewers for their comments and feedback.
- Based on the comments of the reviewers, the Editorial Board takes the final decision and the decision is communicated to the author under the following three categories: **Accepted without revision, Resubmit with major/minor revision or Rejected.**

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