



Editorial Policies, Peer Review, and Ethical Standards of SOLAV Journal

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Abstract

This document defines the editorial policies, peer review framework, and ethical standards that govern the operations of SOLAV Journal. It outlines our commitment to transparent governance, equitable evaluation, and rigorous scholarly publishing. By clearly articulating our principles of editorial independence, double blind peer review, and adherence to internationally recognized publication ethics, we aim to build trust, ensure accountability, and safeguard research integrity. These policies reflect our dedication to open science and to contributing responsibly to a sustainable and ethical global research ecosystem.

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Full Text

The credibility of a scholarly journal rests upon the clarity, consistency, and integrity of its editorial practices. This policy document formally articulates the standards and procedures that guide SOLAV Journal in the selection, evaluation, publication, and long-term stewardship of scholarly work. These policies are intended not only to ensure academic quality, but also to foster an environment of fairness, mutual respect, and constructive scholarly engagement.

1. Editorial Independence and Responsibility

SOLAV Journal is governed by an independent Editorial Board whose primary responsibility is to uphold the journal's academic integrity. All editorial decisions, including initial screening, peer

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review coordination, revision assessment, and final acceptance or rejection, are made independently and without influence from commercial interests, institutional affiliations, or personal relationships.

Editorial decisions are based exclusively on scholarly merit, originality, methodological soundness, clarity of presentation, and alignment with the journal's stated scope and aims. The Editor in Chief holds ultimate responsibility for the journal's editorial direction and published content, while working collaboratively with Associate Editors and editorial staff to ensure consistency, fairness, and intellectual rigor across all submissions.

2. The Peer Review Process

Peer review is central to the mission of SOLAV Journal and is regarded as a scholarly dialogue rather than a gatekeeping exercise. All research articles and review articles submitted to the journal undergo a rigorous double blind peer review process. In this model, the identities of authors and reviewers are concealed from one another to support impartial and unbiased evaluation.

Reviewers are selected on the basis of subject expertise and relevant scholarly experience. Manuscripts are assessed according to clearly defined criteria, including originality, methodological rigor, analytical coherence, clarity of argumentation, and significance of contribution to the field. The editorial team oversees the peer review process to ensure confidentiality, timeliness, and consistency, and to synthesize reviewer feedback into constructive guidance that supports the improvement of submitted work.

Editorials and policy documents are reviewed internally by the editorial leadership to ensure accuracy, clarity, and alignment with the journal's mission.

3. Commitment to Publication Ethics

SOLAV Journal is firmly committed to the highest standards of publication ethics and aligns its practices with the principles and guidance of the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE). Ethical conduct is expected from all participants in the publication process, including authors, reviewers, editors, and editorial staff.

The journal actively seeks to prevent and address academic misconduct, including but not limited to:

- Plagiarism and self-plagiarism, defined as the use of others' work or one's own previously published material without appropriate attribution

- Data fabrication or falsification, including the invention or deliberate distortion of research data
- Redundant or duplicate publication of substantially similar content across multiple venues
- Undisclosed conflicts of interest that may compromise the objectivity or integrity of the research

All submissions are subject to plagiarism screening prior to peer review. Allegations of misconduct are handled carefully, confidentially, and in accordance with established ethical guidelines.

4. Authorship and Contributions

Authorship must accurately reflect substantial intellectual contributions to the conception, design, execution, or interpretation of the research. All listed authors are required to have reviewed and approved the final manuscript and to accept responsibility for its content.

The journal encourages transparent authorship practices, including the use of contribution statements where appropriate. The Corresponding Author serves as the primary point of contact with the journal and is responsible for ensuring that all coauthors meet authorship criteria and that ethical and procedural requirements are fulfilled.

5. Open Access and Copyright Policy

SOLAV Journal operates as a full open access publication, providing permanent and unrestricted access to all published content. This model reflects our belief that scholarly knowledge should be freely available to the global research community and the public at large.

Authors retain copyright of their work and grant the journal a nonexclusive license to publish and disseminate the content. All articles are published under a clear open access license, such as a Creative Commons license, which permits lawful sharing, reuse, and redistribution with appropriate attribution. This approach maximizes the visibility, accessibility, and impact of published research.

6. Corrections, Retractions, and Appeals

Maintaining the accuracy of the scholarly record is a core responsibility of SOLAV Journal. When substantive errors, ethical concerns, or issues affecting the validity of published work are identified, the journal will respond promptly and transparently. Actions may include the publication of corrections, expressions of concern, or retractions, in accordance with COPE recommendations.

The journal also recognizes the importance of procedural fairness. Authors may submit formal appeals regarding editorial decisions or lodge complaints concerning editorial processes. Such matters will be reviewed through a documented, impartial, and transparent process.

7. Digital Preservation and Long-Term Access

Ensuring the long-term accessibility of scholarly content is a fundamental obligation of digital publishing. SOLAV Journal maintains a proactive digital preservation strategy that includes secure local archiving and the planned deposition of published content in trusted digital repositories as the journal develops.

These measures are intended to safeguard published research against technological obsolescence, data loss, and organizational change, thereby ensuring continued access for future generations of scholars.

Conclusion

This policy document represents a formal commitment by SOLAV Journal to ethical conduct, rigorous evaluation, and transparent editorial practice. By adhering to these principles, the journal seeks to earn and sustain the trust of authors, reviewers, readers, and the broader academic community. We believe that responsible publishing practices are essential to the vitality and credibility of global scholarship, and we remain dedicated to contributing constructively to this shared endeavor.

Declaration

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