

PEER REVIEW PROCESS

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The reviewers must consider several aspects related to their activities, which serve to ensure a peer review process suitable for the intended purpose, the publication of a conference volume with original contributions and scientific content as Open Access:

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- ***If there is a clear suspicion of fraud, the manuscript is rejected.** By fraud is meant that the peer reviewer or editorial board finds that parts or all the text have already been published elsewhere, that there are cases of plagiarism, or that there is suspicion that the data has been falsified.*

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