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## **Detailed Description of the Review Process for Papers Submitted for Publication in the Journal of Life and Medical Sciences**

The Association of Young Scientists, as the publisher of the scientific journal Journal of Life and Medical Sciences (JLMS), makes every effort to ensure that papers submitted for publication undergo professional and reliable review by independent reviewers.

### **Selection of Reviewers and Review Process**

The editorial board selects reviewers based on their expertise in the field related to the submitted paper. The scientific publications of the reviewer and their relevance to the subject matter of the submitted article are taken into account. The reviewer should be familiar with the latest research findings in the field addressed in the reviewed paper. A civil-law agreement is concluded with the reviewer, specifying the fundamental conditions for reviewing the paper. The editorial board strives to ensure that reviews are completed within a period not exceeding three months; however, this deadline may be subject to change in special cases (e.g., reviewer availability). Requests for review are sent to reviewers via email. The reviewer receives the submitted article for review only after agreeing to undertake the review. At an earlier stage, the reviewer is only informed about the field and thematic scope of the paper.

The reviewer has full discretion to accept or reject the article. The decision is expressed in writing by filling out the review form (Appendix No. 1). The reviewer is asked to provide a brief justification for their decision in the review form. In addition to completing the review form, the reviewer may also directly annotate the text of the article submitted for review. Both the anonymized review form and any other comments or suggestions from the reviewer are forwarded to the author, who is obliged to respond or make necessary corrections based on the review analysis within the deadline specified by the editorial board. In special cases, the reviewer may recommend making corrections and subsequently suggest a re-review to the editorial board. In the case of a negative review, the editorial board notifies the author in writing and provides the reason for

rejecting the paper. The author has the right to access the anonymized review form of their article for three months from the date of receiving the decision to reject the article for publication.

The reviewer should prepare the review in a timely and confidential manner, without consulting other reviewers or disclosing their opinions about the reviewed paper to others. A reviewer who detects unacceptable borrowings, i.e., plagiarism, in the reviewed paper is obliged to explicitly indicate this in the prepared review.

Papers submitted for publication in the JLMS journal may also undergo a separate English language review by an experienced linguist. The linguistic accuracy of the submitted article is considered equally important as its substantive quality.



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