

Statement of Peer Review [†]

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In submitting conference proceedings to *Engineering Proceedings*, the volume editors of the proceedings would like to certify to the publisher that all papers published in this volume have been subjected to peer review by the designated expert referees and were administered by the volume editors following the policies announced on the conference website [1].

The whole process was supervised by the scientific editorial board and the volume editors, and it adheres to the professional and scientific standards expected of a proceedings journal published by MDPI. It also complies with the peer review policy and guidelines of *Engineering Proceedings*, which can be found at the following link: https://www.mdpi.com/journal/engproc/instruction_for_conference_organizers (accessed on 4 February 2026). The review reports were checked and archived by the Editorial Office of *Engineering Proceedings*.

- Type of peer review: double-blind.
- Conference submission management system: the conference uses a custom-built online platform (<https://process.bultrans.org>).
- Number of submissions received: 53.
- Number of submissions sent for review: 37.
- Number of submissions accepted: 31.
- Acceptance rate (number of submissions accepted/number of submissions received): 59%.
- Average number of reviews per paper: 1.14.
- Total number of reviewers involved: 29.

All submissions were initially screened out based on the relevance to the conference themes, general quality, and intended publishing option. Some of the papers were redirected for consideration for publication in the proceedings of TU-Sofia. This preliminary evaluation by subject matter experts from the Editorial Board is finalized by suggestions for reviewers. The volume (vice) editor-in-chief carries out a preliminary plagiarism check and assigns one or more peer-reviewers. Reviewers can rate the papers as accept, revise, reconsider after major revision, and reject. In the second-to-last case, a new review from the same reviewer was conducted. Final decisions were made by the (vice) editor-in-chief following the recommendations of the Editorial Board Members involved in the reviews.

The Conference Committee extends our heartfelt thanks to the dedicated reviewers whose expertise and commitment have been key to the Bultrans-2025 conference's success.

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