User Manual

- Editor -
When you log in, the main menu bar with the role (Author, Reviewer, Editor-in-Chief, Associate Editor, Guest Editor, Manager, etc.) is at the top of the screen. (*The name of the role may be set differently for each journal.)

The above screen appears when Manuscripts Management is clicked. The screen is composed of tabs by manuscript status where you can manage them. At this time, the tab name for each role may be different.

Click ‘Review Management’ menu to manage reviews.
After checking the Manuscript Information, select the appropriate reviewer candidate.

Select reviewer inviting/assigning first and proceed to the list.

The selected reviewer will be listed in the ‘Reviewers Selected’ list, and the steps to select the appropriate reviewer follow.
The Reviewer Pool manages the list of reviewers separately for some journals.

In this case, you can select the reviewer from the list of managed reviewers, and if the journals are managed by the division of the reviewer, you can use it to filter.

In the list of reviewers, I stands for the current number of invited reviews (journal total).

A stands for the current number of assignments (journal total).

C stands for the number of reviews completed (journal total) so far.

You can refer to this information when selecting a reviewer.

You can also search for a reviewer’s name, email, institution, and interest (expertise) in the search bar and use the search results.
Select a Reviewer – 2) From Journal Members

- If a person has a history of submitting manuscripts to journals, or is a member such as a manager or an associate editor, that person is qualified to review the manuscript.
- As a second option, you can choose those who submitted a paper to the journal at least one time or journal members.
Select a Reviewer – 3) From ManuscriptLink Users

If you do not find a suitable reviewer among the above selection options, you can search among ManuscriptLink users and select a reviewer.

ManuscriptLink users include users of all other journals/conferences as well as their journals so a wide ranging search is possible.
Select a Reviewer – 4) From Preferred Reviewers

- Some journals allow authors to select/recommend their preferred reviewers at the time of submission.
- If the author selects/recommends a preferred reviewer, he/she can be selected as a reviewer.
- If this reviewer has a ManuscriptLink account, you can select him/her immediately.
- If this reviewer does not have a ManuscriptLink account, you need to request account creation and submit a review request. Please refer to the next page for how to request review through account creation.
Select a Reviewer — 5) Select a Reviewer After Creating an Account

- If you couldn’t find an appropriate reviewer among the previous options, you can create the reviewer’s account and select the reviewer.
- If you know the e-mail (e-mail is used for ManuscriptLink ID), you can create the account of the reviewer and proceed with the review request.
- When you enter the correct information and click the Create & Select button, the account is created and the reviewer is selected immediately. (An e-mail will be sent to the reviewer when he/she is invited or assigned a review.)
When you have selected the appropriate reviewer in the previous section, it will be listed in the ‘Reviewers Selected’.

If you click the Invite button, it will proceed with a review invitation.

The reviewer can decline the review Invitation.

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- **Invite**: Invited reviewer can decide whether accept or decline review.
- **Assign**: Assigned reviewer can not decide whether accept or decline review.
- **Remove**: This Reviewer decided to review again the revised version of this manuscript.
After checking the contents of the e-mail invitation, click the ‘Invite & Send E-mail’ button and an e-mail will be sent to the reviewer.
• Unlike the Invitation, Reviewer assignment can not be declined. Therefore, it is mainly used for quick reviews.

• When assigning a reviewer, a due date is set up by the manager. If you want to change the due date, you can specify a date by clicking the calendar icon.
When the reviewers have completed their review, you can check the review results. At this time, you can check the review results by clicking the "Complete" link.
Handling Review Results

- Some journals are configured to specify the number of reviews to aggregate and process the appropriate number of reviews.
- If a set number is not filled, the `Handle Review Results` section will be hidden and you may not be able to do anything depending on the settings.
- If the number of reviews aggregated is reached, the `Handle Review Results` section will be opened automatically and the review results can be processed. Continue on the next page.
Handling Review Results (When final decision by associate editor or the guest editor is not allowed)

- When the associate editor or the guest editor completes the manuscript review, the editor-in-chief is sent the review results. (For Journals without an associate editor/guest editor system, the editor-in-chief will judge the final publication without the screen above.)
- The above screen allows to recommend and send the review results to the editor-in-chief.
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The screen above allows the associate editor, not the editor-in-chief, to make the final decision on the paper.
Some journals are configured to allow the associate editor or the guest editor to process the results of a paper, such as accepting or rejecting publication, or to forward the results to the editor-in-chief.
Handling Review Results (Final decision by a combination of associate editor and guest editor)

- The above screen allows a final decision through a combination of both.
Handling Review Results (Final decision by a combination of associate editor and guest editor)

- You will be able to handle review results according to decision item.
- Using the above screen as an example, the associate editor judges whether to select Revision Requested or Reject.
- For Accept, the review result is reported to editor-in-chief.
Handling Review Results (Final decision by a combination of associate editor and guest editor)

• In the above screen, check the appropriate radio button to decide whether to judge review result yourself, `Final Decision` or to send a recommendation to the editor-in-chief, `Recommend Review Result to Editor-in-Chief`, to select how to handle review results.
Handling Review Results (Final decision by a combination of associate editor and guest editor)

When `Final Decision` is checked, the above screen appears.

- When the comments to the author(s) are entered and a decision is made, the final decision will be emailed to the author.
Handling Review Results (Final decision by a combination of associate editor and guest editor)

Please check radio button to decide whether judge review result yourself or recommend to Editor-in-Chief

- **Final Decision**
- **Recommend Review Result to Editor-in-Chief**

### Decision items you can judge as Associate Editor
- Revision Requested
- Reject

### Decision items you can recommend review result to Editor-in-Chief
- Accept

In this section, you can report review results to Editor-in-Chief and delegate review decision to him/her.

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- When `Recommend Review Result to Editor-in-Chief` is checked, the above screen appears.
- After selecting the review results/Recommendation to be delivered to the editor-in-chief, enter the comments to send to the editor-in-chief.
- At this time, a notice will be sent to the editor-in-chief and they will make the final decision regarding whether or not to publish.
The editor-in-chief can make a decision for final publication when the associate editor/guest editor sends the review results or when the paper is currently being reviewed.

At this time, it can be decided whether or not to publish by referring to the Associate Editor's Recommendation as shown in the screen above for the journals using the associate editor/editor/guest editor system.