

Peer-review process for scientific publications

Odontoestomatología is a peer-reviewed scientific journal. Peer-review is the process whereby competent peers evaluate articles: these experts are in the perfect position to exercise critical judgment. Peer-reviewed materials are also known as “refereed” materials, process where an external authority evaluates the article and decides on its reliability and relevance. Being asked to review an article is a special form of acknowledgment, as the individual is recognized as an expert in the area, with critical thinking skills, objectivity and integrity. The peer-review process ensures the scientific validation of the article evaluated.

Odontoestomatología is a double-blind peer-reviewed journal. This entails a complex editorial process whereby the editorial committee selects two subject-matter experts to evaluate the article. These are experts who are nationally and internationally renowned for their credibility. This is a double-blind process where the author and the reviewer do not know each other's identity. This process, coordinated by the Departamento de Publica-

ciones (Publications Department), allows for the objectivity of the evaluation.

Reviewers pass judgment on the originality, relevance, structure (as per current publishing guidelines), pertinence, content and wording of the paper. Authors who send their work to be evaluated for publication deserve an ethical and professional response. In turn, editors must receive a detailed response from authors when they provide criticism and suggestions through the peer-review system, which sometimes entails several revision processes.

The strict methodological requirements of this type of journals benefit readers, authors and reviewers, *and above all, the academic process.*

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