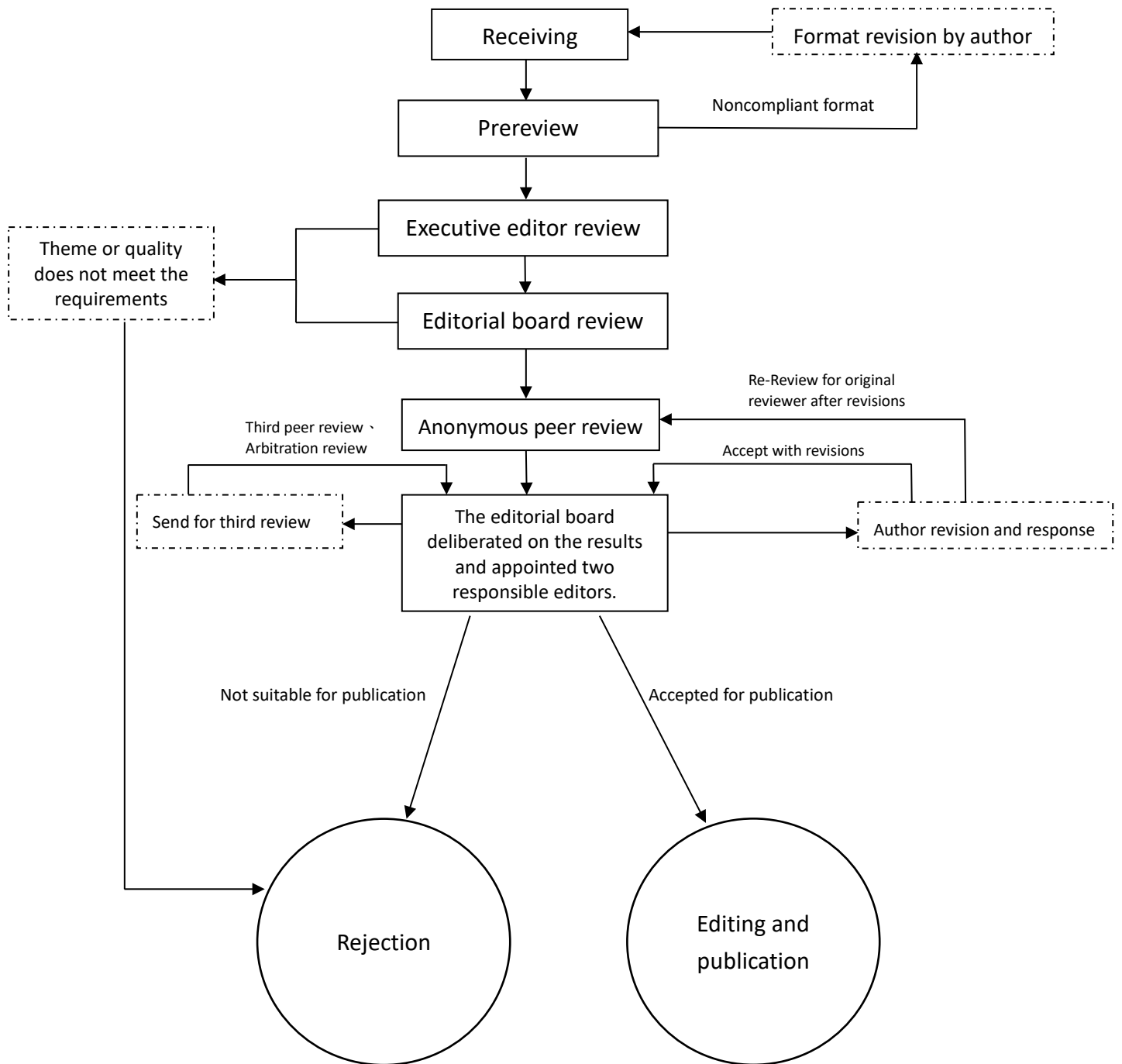


# Review Process



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### **Explanation of the Review Process**

- I. Upon submission, the editorial assistant will verify the manuscript's word count and formatting. Once confirmed, the executive editor will conduct an initial assessment of the paper's topic and quality. Following this approval, the manuscript will be submitted to the editorial board for review.
- II. If the editorial board approves the initial review, board members will provide a list of reviewers. The executive editor will then select the reviewers and determine the order of invitation. The initial review involves at least two reviewers and is conducted as an anonymous peer review.
- III. The initial review outcomes are categorized into four types: 1. Accept; 2. Accept with Revisions; 3. Re-Review for Original Reviewer After Revisions; 4. Reject.
- IV. Based on the results of the initial reviews from two anonymous reviewers, the editorial board will convene for discussion, and the executive editor will appoint two board members as responsible editors.. The responsible editors will then issue a decision based on the initial reviews: 1. Editing and publication; 2. Accept with Revisions; 3. Re-Review for Original Reviewer After Revisions; 4. Third peer review, Arbitration review; 5. Rejection.
- V. If the responsible editors decide on a re-review, the author must revise the manuscript and respond to the review comments before the submission is sent to the original reviewers for anonymous re-evaluation.
- VI. The re-review outcomes are categorized into four types: 1. Accept; 2. Accept with Revisions; 3. Decision for Editorial Board After Revisions; 4. Reject.
- VII. If the responsible editor decides on a third peer review or arbitration review, the responsible editor shall provide a list of reviewers, from which the executive editor will determine the reviewer and the order of review. At least one reviewer may be appointed, and the review shall be conducted anonymously.
- VIII. The third peer review outcomes are categorized into four types: 1. Accept; 2. Accept with Revisions; 3. Decision for Editorial Board After Revisions; 4. Reject.
- IX. The arbitration review outcomes are categorized into four types: 1. Accept; 2. Accept with Revisions; 3. Decision for Editorial Board After Revisions; 4. Reject.
- X. If, after undergoing the third peer review and the arbitration review, the manuscript still presents significant controversies, the editorial board will deliberate to decide whether the manuscript should be published.