

# About TMQ Magazine

## **Scope, objectives, and publication principles of the journal: TMQ – Techniques, Methodologies and Quality**

The journal TMQ – Techniques, Methodologies and Quality publishes original scientific studies carried out in the area of quality and similar.

The journal accepts the submission of innovative manuscripts on sustained research, or texts of theoretical reflection, which contribute to the advancement of knowledge on topics such as quality control, assurance and management, optimization of products, processes and organizations, innovation, continuous improvement, sustainability. , applied statistical techniques, metrology, standardization, environmental management, health and safety management, certification, accreditation, public and community policies, governance and organization of organizations and interface articles between these and other areas related to Quality. As one of TMQ's goals is to contribute to the strengthening of the scientific community in which it operates, it accepts the submission of works situated in an international context and written in one of three languages, namely Portuguese, Spanish and English.

TMQ also welcomes and encourages the publication of works by young researchers.

The selection and publication process of manuscripts submitted to the TMQ takes into account the quality and scientific relevance of its objects, as well as the plurality of scientific paradigms assumed and discussed, disciplines and voices that build knowledge on foundational and controversial issues in the field of Quality. The TMQ Coordination reserves the right, however, not to accept for publication more than one text per author/year.

In addition to individually submitted manuscripts, TMQ accepts proposals for special and thematic issues, to be coordinated by guest editors (see Rules for Special and Thematic Issues).

The contents of the submitted manuscripts and the opinions expressed therein are the sole responsibility of their authors. However, texts with content and language of a racist, sexist, xenophobic, homophobic or otherwise discriminatory nature will not be accepted.

TMQ authorizes and recommends to its authors the archive of the published version of the work in institutional repositories.

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All articles submitted for publication will be subject of a preliminary analysis by the Coordination, which will have the following acceptance criteria:

- a) respect for editorial policies and full compliance with submission conditions;
- b) explicit inscription of the content of the manuscript in the area of Quality and the like, or the discussion of relevant contributions;
- c) conformity of the manuscript's content to what is expected of a scientific article;
- d) use of non-discriminatory content and/or language.

Subject to these conditions, the content of manuscripts is subject to plagiarism detection. In case of suspicion of inappropriate conduct, the author(s) is/are contacted by the Coordination to clarify the questions or doubts raised. The text may or may not proceed for evaluation depending on the result of this process, and the decision will be made by the TMQ Coordination.

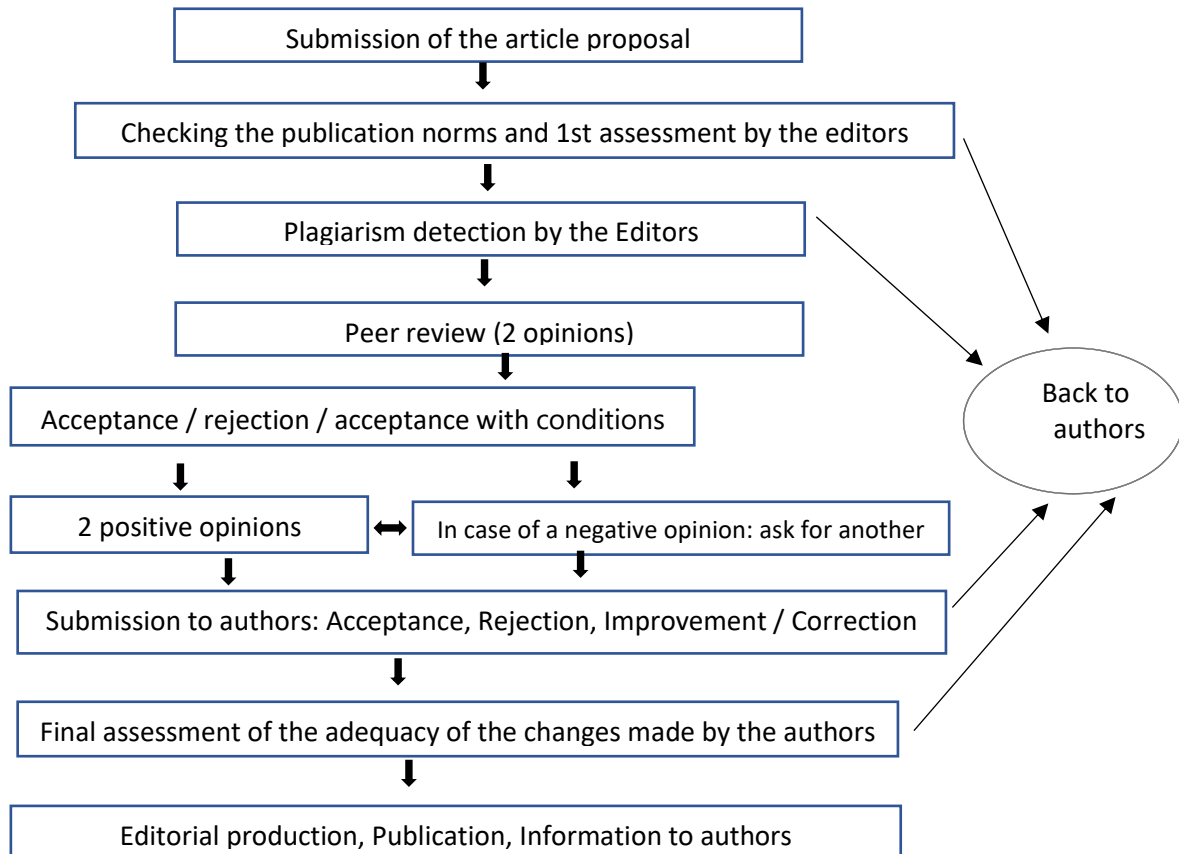
Conforming works will be evaluated on a double-blind basis by external experts, members of the Editorial Board or ad hoc selected evaluators. The evaluation criteria followed by the evaluators are as follows:

- a) Relevance from a theoretical point of view (integration of the literature, presentation of the problem and implicit or explicit formulation of hypotheses, when applicable).
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- e) Conclusions and implications (practical relevance for the organizations under study and implications for future investigations).
- f) Contribution (theoretical contribution to the area).

In case of contradiction in the opinions received, a new evaluation may be requested. The final decision on publication will be made by the Coordination of the journal.

A period of 6 months to 1 year is estimated for the evaluation and publication processes.

The editorial process is detailed in the following flowchart:



#### Notes:

- 1) The identification of the authors and their CV's are removed when sending the articles to the reviewers
- 2) Reviewers' comments are sent to authors without identifying the reviewers.
- 3) Editors do not publish scientific articles in the regular issues of the journal (see rules for special issues). Exceptions are made to analyzes of scientific production in order to inform the authors of the themes and trends that were verified and eventually recommended or desired.

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- Respect for diversity, dignity and human rights.

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## **Magazine History**

The TMQ is published annually by RIQUAL (Rede dos Investigadores da Qualidade) <https://publicacoes.riqual.org>, through regular annual issues and non-periodic special thematic issues.

RIQUAL is a Scientific Association, which has been establishing itself as a platform for professionals to meet, who carry out Research, Development and Demonstration activities, in areas of quality or other similar areas.

The TMQ Magazine was born in 2009 at ISCTE – Instituto Universitário de Lisboa, with the aim of disseminating research and development work carried out within the scope of these themes, and is the only periodical publication of a scientific nature on Quality, in Portugal, being, since then, in a journal of international reference.

By the year 2020, TMQ Magazine has already published 25 issues (11 regular and 14 specials dedicated to specific topics). A considerable number of authors, scholars and academics, both from Portugal, Spain and other Portuguese-speaking countries, have published in TMQ.

The main objective of the TMQ Magazine is to discuss and deepen concepts of the Quality theme in a multi and interdisciplinary perspective, as well as to approach methodologies and application instruments and experiments carried out for a better understanding of the implications and impacts on the quality of society.

TMQ Magazine accepts the collaboration of all those who are interested and work in the area of Quality and other related areas. Articles can be written in Portuguese, Spanish or English. On the website where it is hosted, [www.publicacoes.rigual.org](http://www.publicacoes.rigual.org), you can find the [publication rules](#).

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