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1. Reviewer Guidelines

Core Principles & Expectations

Peer review plays a critical role in maintaining the academic integrity and scientific rigor of the *GALA Journal of Applied Sciences*. Reviewers are expected to uphold the highest standards of objectivity, impartiality, and confidentiality.

- **Constructive Feedback:** Critiques must be balanced, objective, and supported by factual or scientific evidence. Personal attacks or derogatory comments are strictly unacceptable.
- **Timeliness:** Peer reviews must be completed within the standard 21-day review window. If a delay arises, notify the Managing Editor immediately.
- **Double-Blind Integrity:** Maintain strict neutrality. If you suspect or deduce the author's identity, do not allow it to influence your assessment.

Evaluation Criteria

When assessing a manuscript, evaluate the following key dimensions:

1. **Originality & Novelty:** Does the research present new insights, methodologies, or data relevant to applied sciences?
2. **Methodological Rigor:** Is the experimental design sound, fully reproducible, and supported by appropriate statistical analysis?
3. **Clarity & Structure:** Is the manuscript logical, clearly written, and formatted according to journal standards?
4. **Ethical Compliance:** Are human/animal subjects protocols, data availability statements, and consent documentation properly addressed?