



SPE Manuscript Criteria/Review Guidelines

Manuscript Formal Criteria

Basic Format	Readability/Writing Quality	Other
Minimum word count of 3,000	Clear, precise language	Free of commercialism
Structure	Free of grammatical errors	Manuscript matches paper proposal topic
Figures & tables referenced	Figures and tables readable	Use of AI tools within SPE Guidelines
References cited	Charts properly labeled	
Consistent use of either field or SI units		
Abbreviations explained		

Manuscript Review Content Criteria

Structure	Objectives & Research Question	Literature Review	Methodology	Data & Analysis	Results & Interpretation	Originality & Contribution
Clear Introduction, methodology, results, discussion, and conclusion	Clearly state research question and objectives: specific, measurable, and relevant to the field	Comprehensive review of relevant literature with sufficient number of references	Appropriate for the research question	Analysis should be thorough	Clearly presented	Paper should offer new insights / advancements in the field new and well-documented case histories
Each section logically flows from one to the next	Avoid unnecessary use of "new", "innovative", "never...before",	Avoid unnecessary references	Described in sufficient detail	Use of appropriate statistical or qualitative methods	Logically interpreted	
		< 50% self-citations			Conclusions consistent with presented data	