**MANUSCRIPT EVALUATION PROTOCOL FOR EXTERNAL REVIEWERS**

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| **6. Argumentative capacity** |  | | | | |
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| **9. Research tools** |  | | | | |
| **10. Research results** |  | | | | |
| **11. Progress** |  | | | | |
| **12. Discussion** |  | | | | |
| **13. Conclusions** |  | | | | |
| **14. Citations (variety, suitability, timeliness and richness)** |  | | | | |
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