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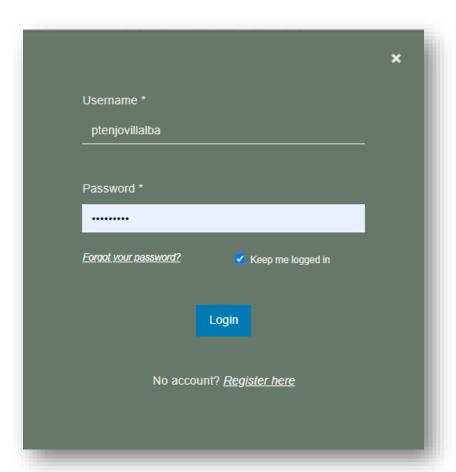


Accepting the assignment

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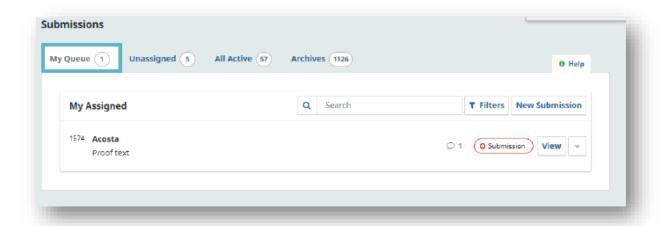
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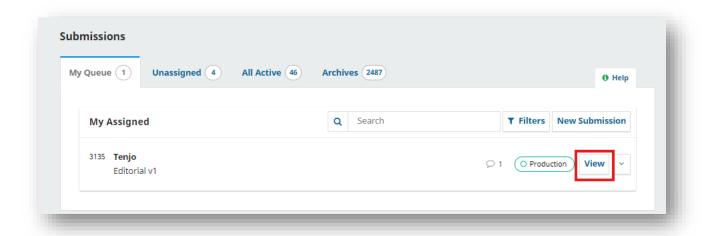




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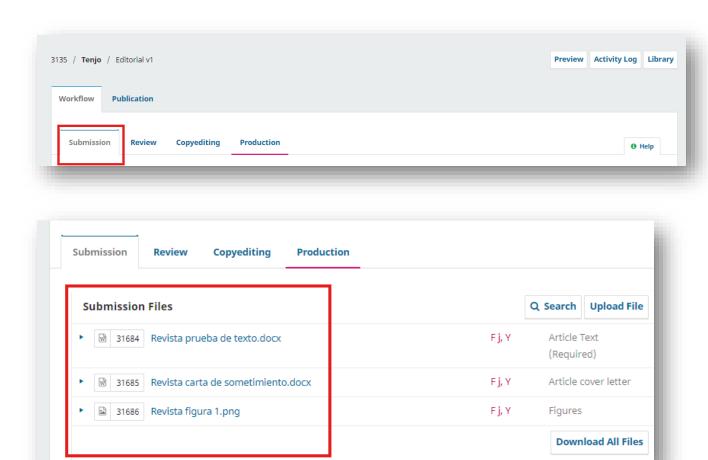
Click on "View".







On the "Submission" tab, download and check all the files, then decide whether the article should be sent to peers.

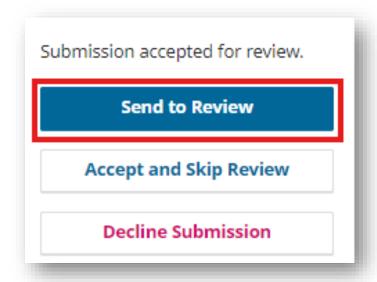






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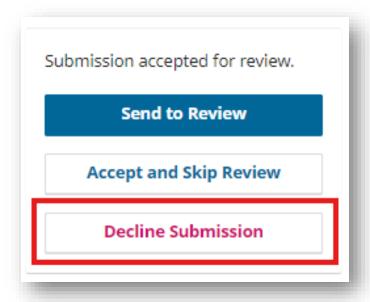
If you decide to send the article to peers, click on "Send to Review".



When the manuscript does not meet the journal's criteria, it should be rejected by clicking "Decline Submission".





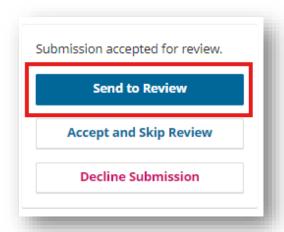




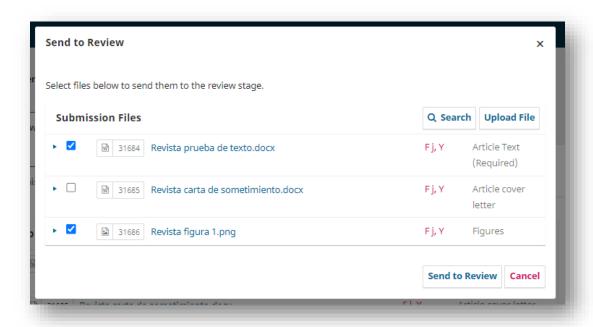


Sending the manuscript to peers

Click on "Send to Review".



Select all the files you want to share with the reviewers (except the submission letter).







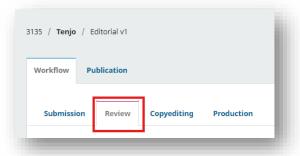
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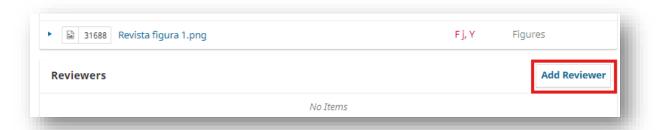


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To invite reviewers, click "Review" and then, "Add Reviewer".

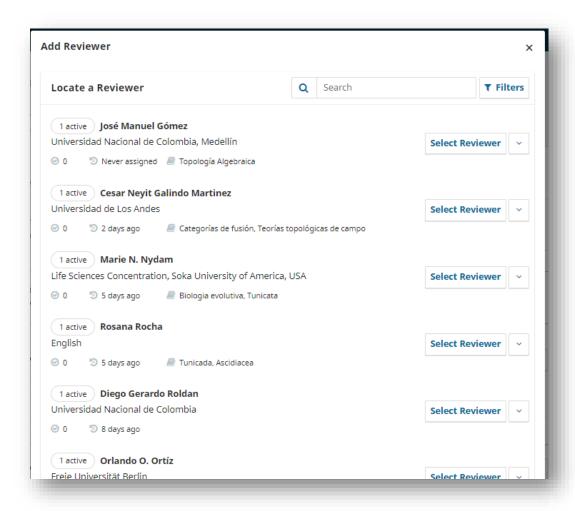








Click the first or last name of reviewers from the platform's database in the list displayed on the screen and then select the reviewer of your choice.

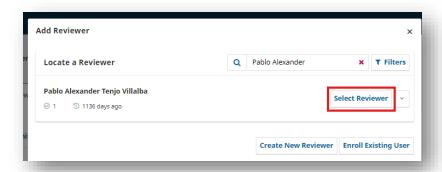








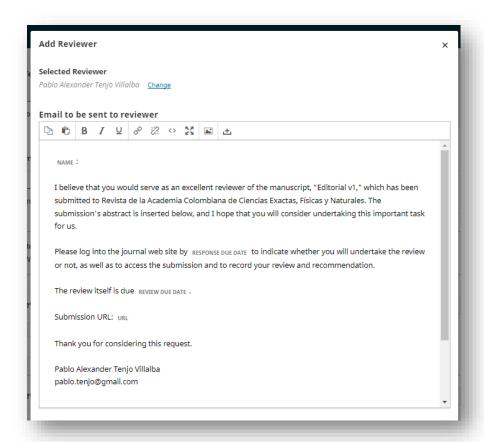
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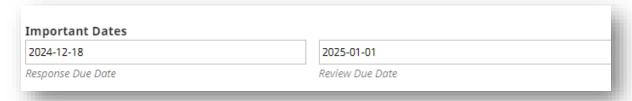
Click "Send". An automatic message will be displayed on the screen addressed to the evaluator. This message is editable and can be adjusted as needed.







The response due date will appear in "Important Dates".



If the reviewer accepts to evaluate the article, he/she will enter the platform through the link that will be included in the invitation to accept it and proceed with the online evaluation. The deadline for submitting the evaluation is established in the invitation.

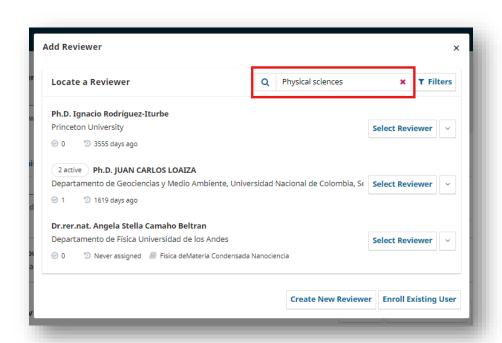






If you wish to search for the reviewer by subjects, click on the corresponding one:

- Biomedical sciences
- Behavioral sciences
- Physical sciences
- Natural Sciences
- Chemical sciences
- Earth and space sciences
- Mathematics

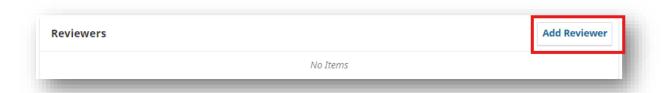




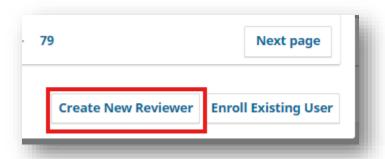


Adding peers to the database

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Then click "Create New Reviewer".

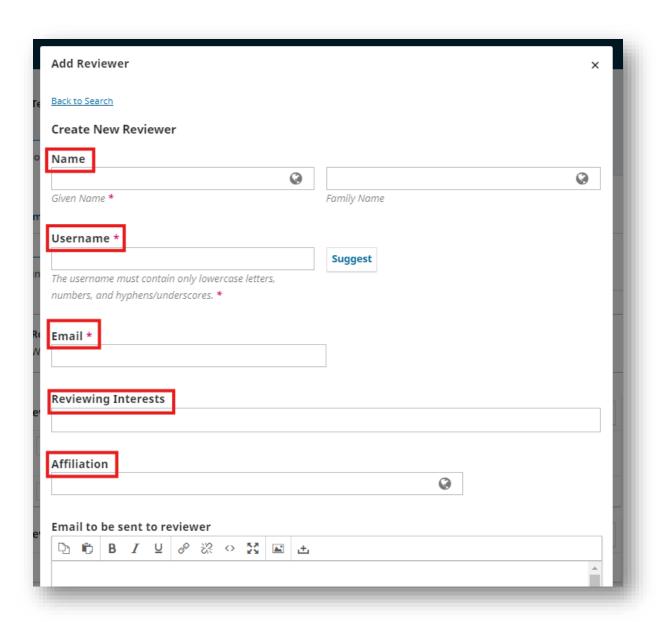






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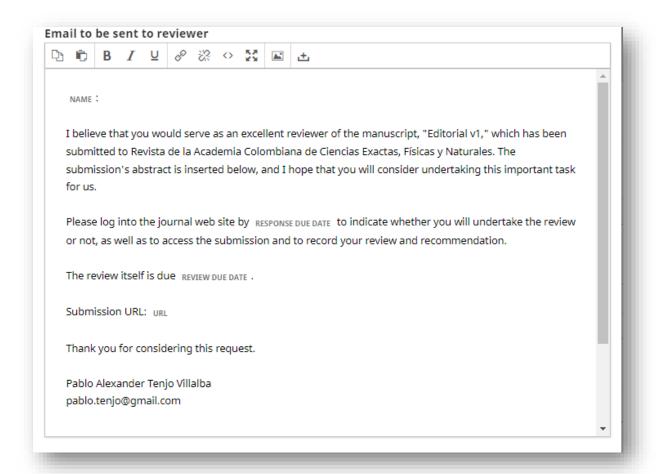
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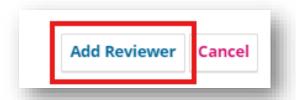




The email message to be sent to the reviewer is editable.



Once this information is provided, click "Add Reviewer". The invitation to the new reviewer will then be sent.



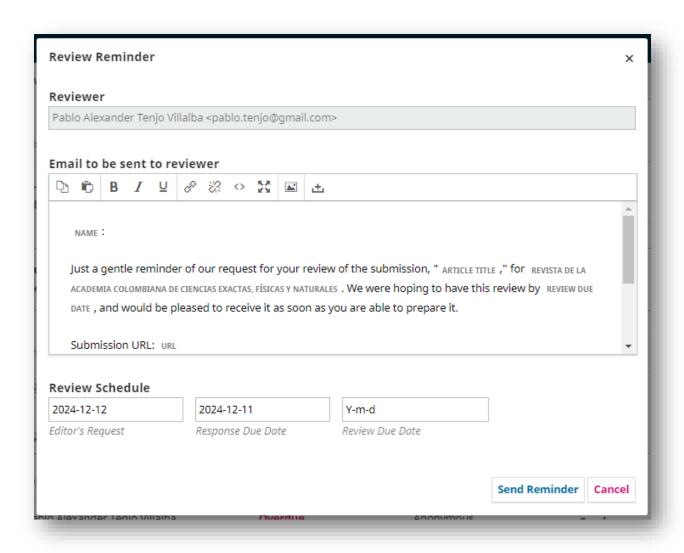




In case the deadline for the review expires, click on "Send Reminder".



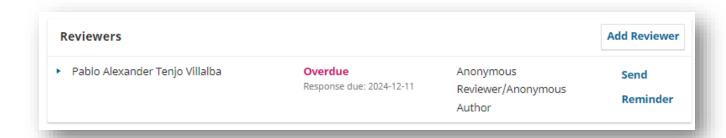
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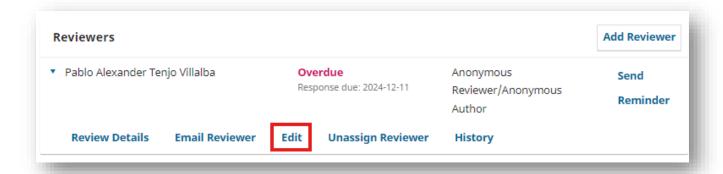




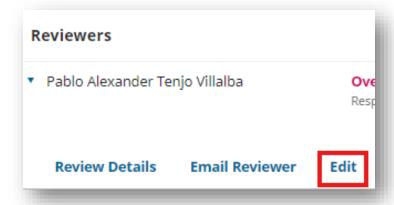
To extend the review due date, click the "Reviewers" tab.



Find the reviewer's name.



Click on "Edit".

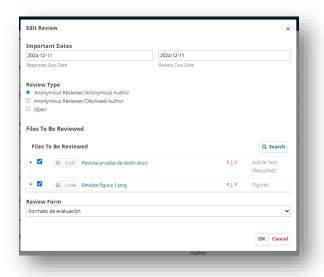


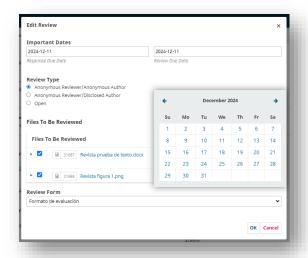
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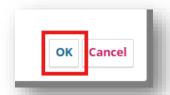


Modify the date.





Finally, click "Ok".



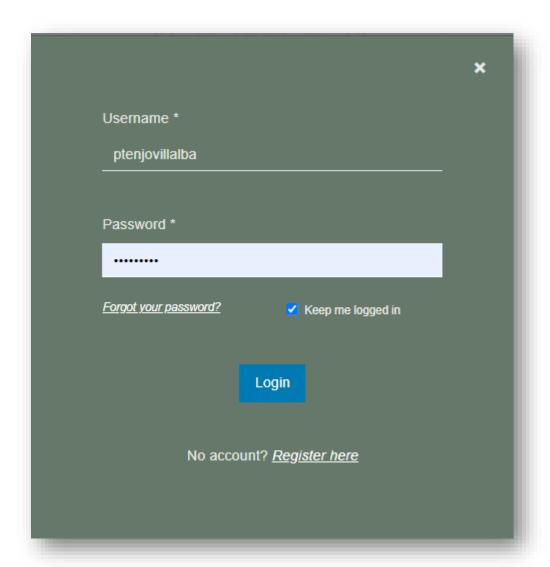




Making the final editorial decision

How to send the evaluations to the authors

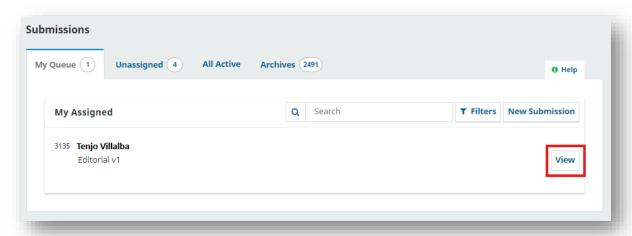
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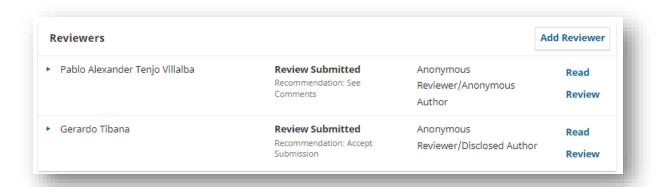




The list of your assigned manuscripts will be displayed on the screen. Click "View" to access the article whose evaluations are to be sent to the author.



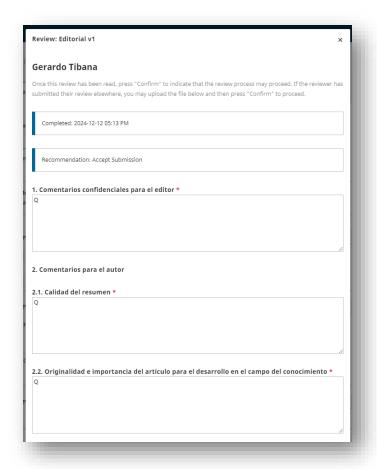
On the "Review" tab, access the reviewers' responses by clicking "Read Review".



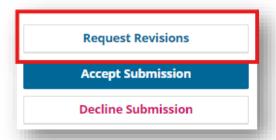




The form completed by the reviewer will be displayed on the screen. Check if the reviewer uploaded any file with comments in "Reviewer's Files".



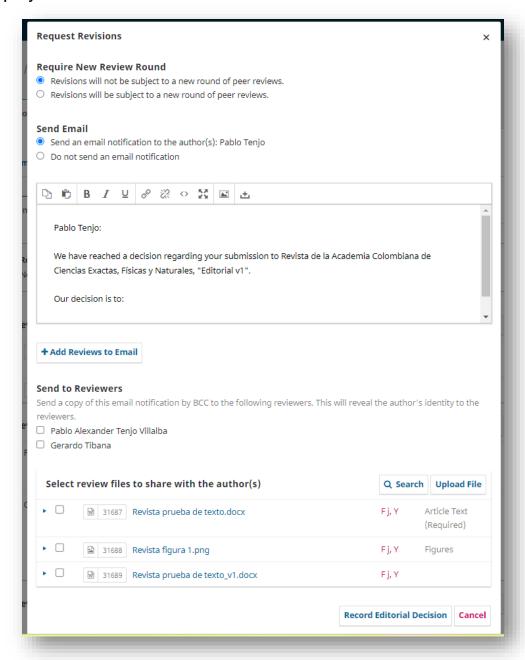
Read the evaluations, then click the "Request Revisions" tab to send the evaluators' comments to the author.







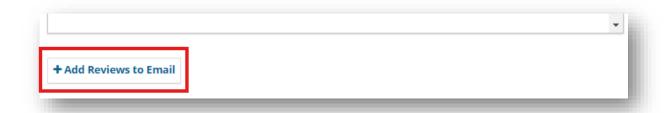
An editable template to notify the author of the evaluations will be displayed on the screen.







Then click "Add Reviews to Email".



In the case reviewers added documents, select them in "Select the review files to share with the author(s)".

Finally, click "Record Editorial Decision".



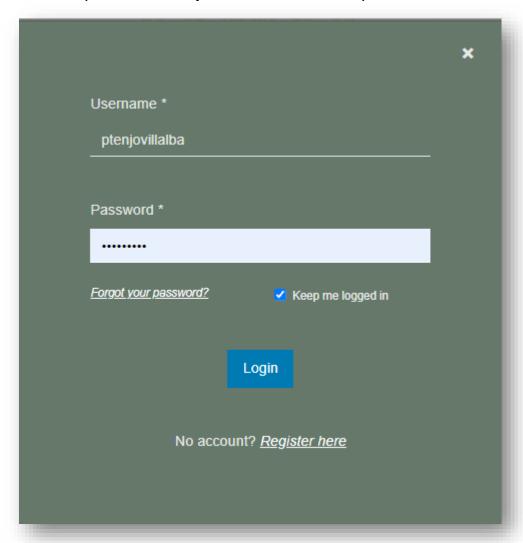




Making the final editorial decision

Review the version corrected by the authors

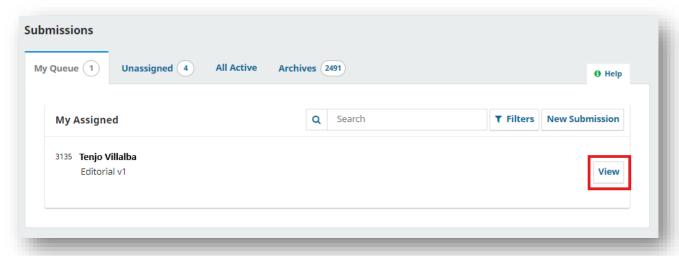
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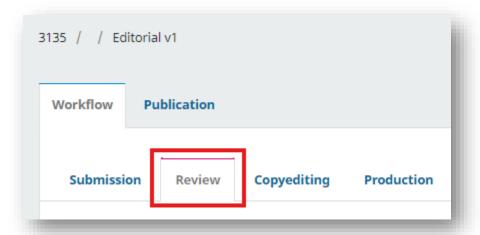




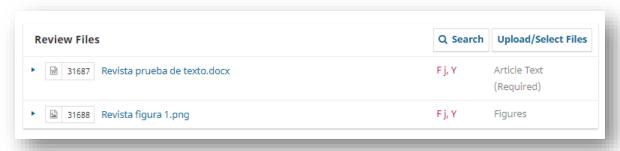
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Then click the "Review" tab.



In the "Review Files" section, check whether the author(s)' sent the following:





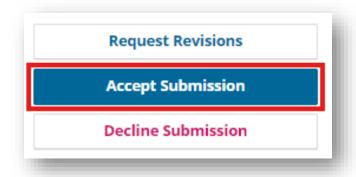


Check that the author has sent the following information:

- The corrected version (two copies, one indicating the changes made and the other with the clean version).
- The letter of response to the reviewers
- The figures in individual files in JPEG format

Making the final editorial decision and informing the authors

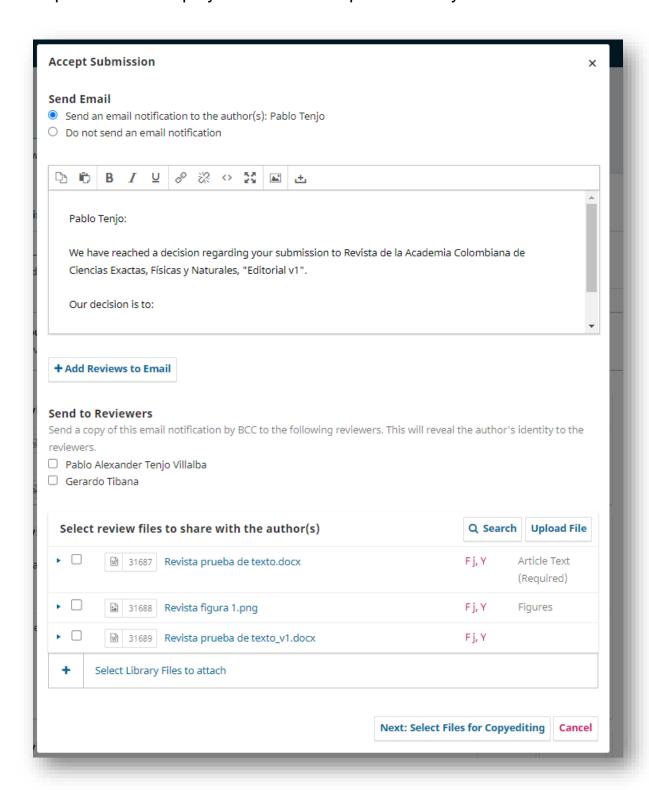
If you agree with the changes made by the author, accept by clicking "Accept Submission".







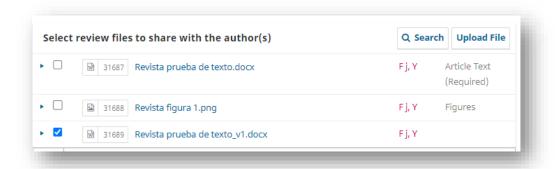
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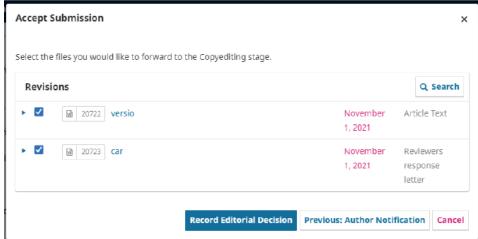


Select the latest files submitted by the author.

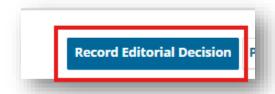


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Finally click on Register Editorial Decision.



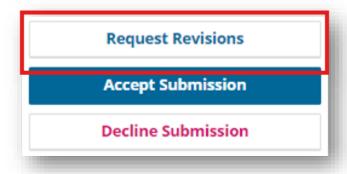




Making the final editorial decision

Open a second round of evaluation

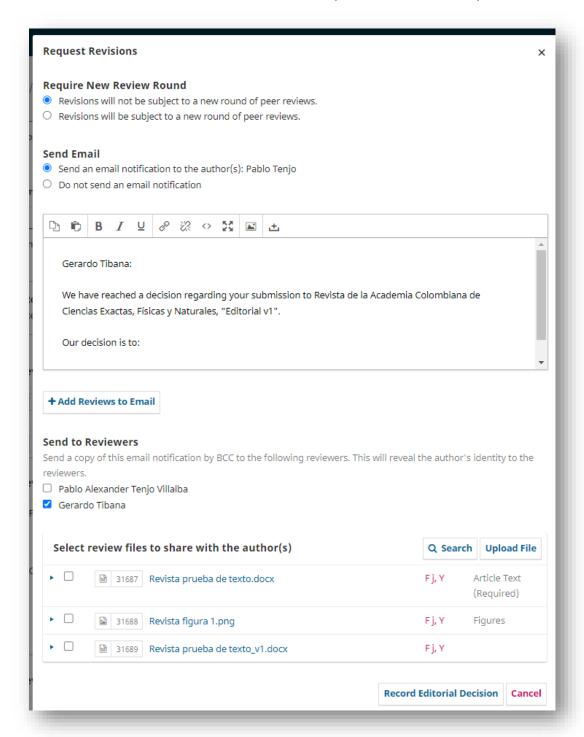
Click on the "Request Revisions" tab.







This will record the editorial decision to proceed with the process.





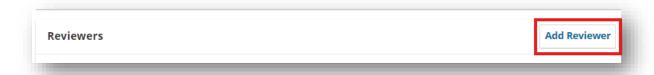


Select all the files you wish to share with the reviewers (minus the cover letter) and then click "Submit for Review".



Select the reviewers who evaluated the manuscript in the first round.

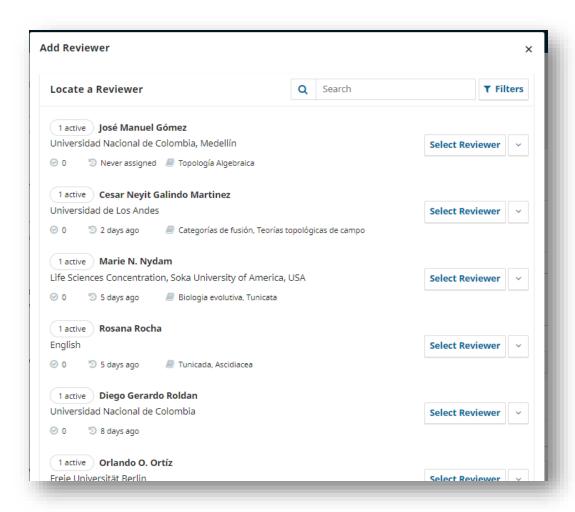
To invite them, click on the "Review" tab and then on "Add reviewer".







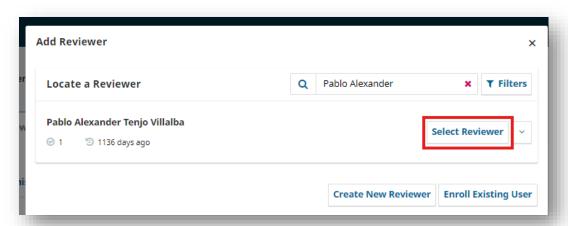
Click the first or last name of reviewers from the platform's database in the list displayed on the screen and then select the reviewer of your choice.



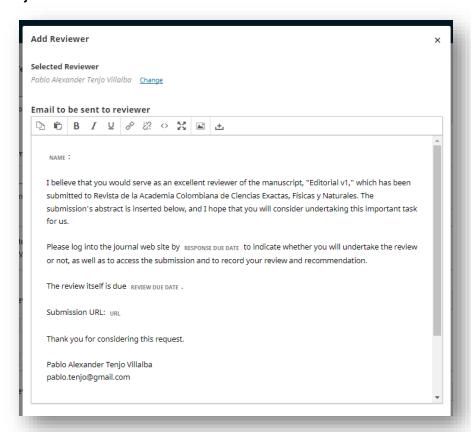




Click "Select Reviewer".



Click "Send". An automatic message will be displayed on the screen addressed to the evaluator. This message is editable and can be adjusted as needed.







The invitation that will be sent to the reviewer contains the user keys,

the link,

the title,

the abstract

and the dates by which the reviewer must respond.

If the reviewer is interested in evaluating the article in the second round, he/she will enter the platform through the link that will be included in the invitation. The entire evaluation must be done online.

Once the invitation is accepted, the system will send a notification to your e-mail.



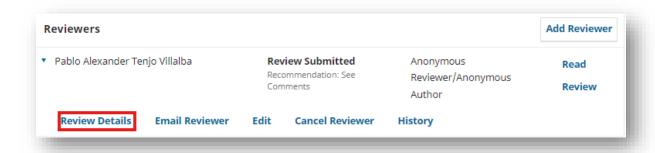


Making the final editorial decision

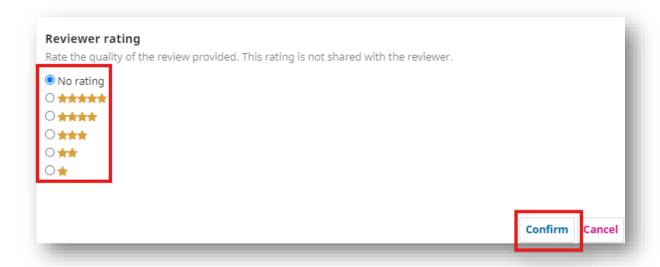
Final editorial decision

Once the evaluation is received, the system will notify you by mail that the evaluation is available.

Click on "Check details".



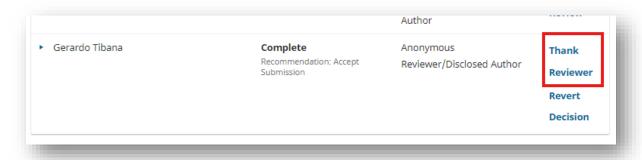
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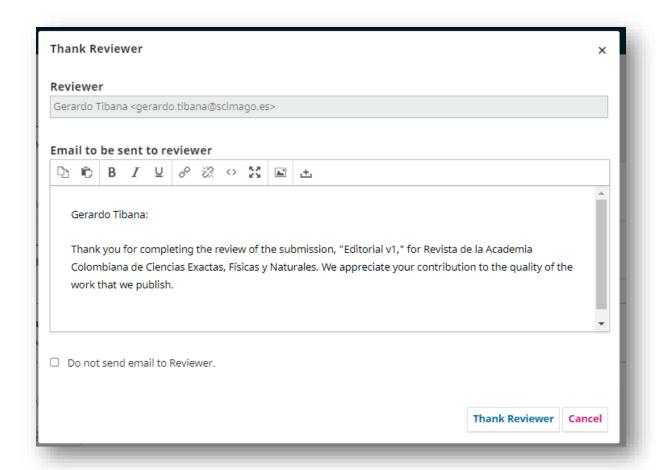






Click on "Thank the reviewer". An editable format for thanking the reviewer will be displayed on the screen.

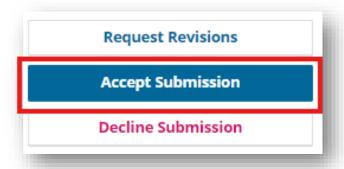








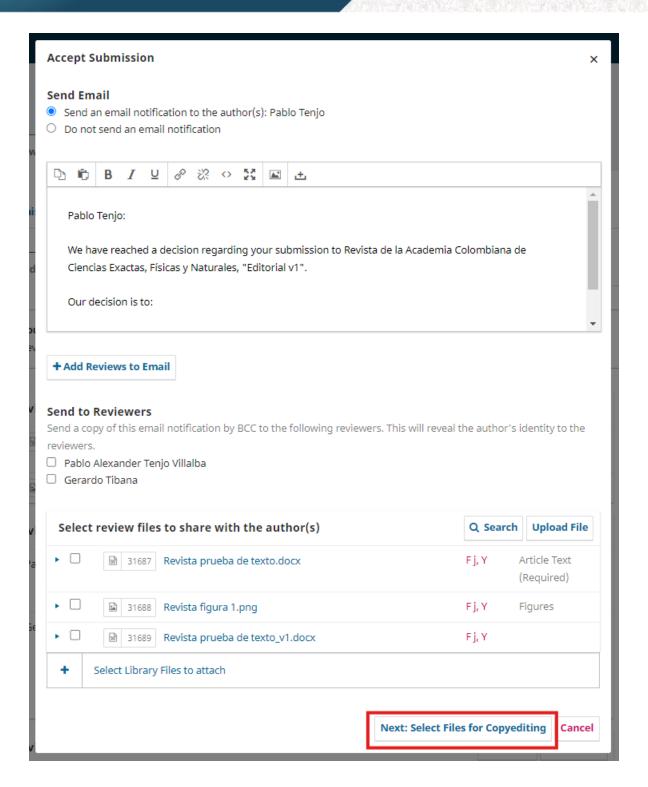
If you feel that the manuscript should be accepted, click "Accept Submission".



Select the latest updated files sent by the author and click "Next: select files for Copyediting".



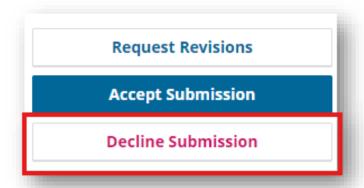








If the reviewers' recommendation is to reject the manuscript and you agree, click on "Decline Submission."



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