

**McGill Journal of Global Health**  
Rubric for Preliminary Review of Submitted Articles

**Title (/1)**

Does the title accurately reflect the topic covered in the article? Is the title free of jargon? Is it compelling?

**Abstract (/2)**

Does the abstract indicate the type of article? Does it provide a structured summary? Does it include the background, objectives, methods, results, limitations, implications, and conclusions, where applicable?

**Rationale and Background (/2)**

Is the rationale evident in the abstract and introduction? Does the article provide adequate context to the lay reader?

**Relevance (/5)**

Does the article fit with the journal's global health theme and mandate? Is it interesting/appealing? Does it move the discussion on the topic forward? Does it clearly outline implications or policy suggestions for the Canadian or international context (e.g., does it "bring it back" home for the reader)? Is it thoughtful and critical in the approach to the topic?

**Content (/5)**

Is a clear argument or thesis evident in the article? Are citations used appropriately to reference the work of others? Are the sources used in the article legitimate? What is the quality of the information presented? Is it evidence-based? Are limitations of the study or alternative perspectives discussed, where relevant?

**Accessibility (/5)**

Can it be read by a general/multi-disciplinary audience? Is it easy to follow, or does it use a lot of inaccessible jargon? Are definitions or terminology explained for the reader? Does it inadvertently use any sexist/racist/ableist or other discriminatory language?

**Style (/5)**

Is it academic in tone? Is Vancouver referencing style used appropriately? Is the tone consistent or do several voices emerge? Is the writing strong and does it flow well? Does the article have a good layout (i.e., helpful headings and subheadings)?

**TOTAL SCORE: (/25)**