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Thu, Oct 14, 2021, 2:36 PM



Dear Editors of *MEXTESOL Journal*,

I wish to submit an original research article entitled "Gender Portrayals in Indonesian and International English Language Textbooks for Primary Students: A Critical Image Analysis" for consideration by *MEXTESOL Journal*.

In this paper, I compared English language textbooks (ELTs) used by primary students in Indonesia and in the international context in terms of gender representation and stereotypes in three social domains, namely family, occupation, and leisure activities.. This is significant because despite the claim saying that the world is progressing toward gender parity, gender stereotyping continues to be a challenge for many countries, particularly Indonesia. Furthermore, despite a multitude of empirical evidence having documented the pervasiveness of gender stereotyping in EFL textbooks around the globe, relatively very few into the juxtaposition of gender representation and stereotype persistence in locally- and internationally-distributed ELTs which are analyzed through a critical image analysis lens In order to discover one probable cause. To fill the research void as well as to contribute to the burgeoning research on gender stereotyping in ELTs, I conducted this study to examine whether differences in gender equality in global and Indonesian contexts are reflected in gender representation patterns in ELTs distributed internationally and locally. I believe that this manuscript is appropriate for publication by *MEXTESOL Journal* because this topic is related to the teaching and learning of English as a Foreign Language (EFL) throughout the world which is described as the focus of this journal.

I confirm that this work is original and has not been published elsewhere, nor is it currently under consideration for publication elsewhere. I have no conflicts of interest to disclose.

Thank you for your consideration of this manuscript.

Best Regards,

Rahmah Fithriani

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MEXTESOL Journal <mextesoljournal@gmail.com>

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Oct 14, 2021, 10:29 PM



This is to inform you that your article has been received by the *MEXTESOL Journal* and will first be read by the Editorial Board to determine if it should enter the review process. We will determine the following:

1. The article does not include any plagiarized material. If it does, we will give authors one opportunity to remove the plagiarism through the use of quotations or paraphrasing. If this is done successfully, we will continue on to number 2.
2. We read the article carefully to determine:
 - a. if the article fits in the *MEXTESOL Journal*. Some articles are not related to the focus of the *Journal* and should be submitted elsewhere.
 - b. if, with mentoring during the review process, the article can be published.
 - If the submitted manuscripts is very weak, it will be rejected at this point with some suggestions made on how it can be improved to be resubmitted later to the *Journal* or any other publication.
 - The author(s) may be asked to make some preliminary changes to raise the quality of the article to a level which will allow the reviewers to continue a mentoring situation. Once these are revisions are successfully completed, the article enters the reviewing/mentoring process.
 - Many articles continue directly into the reviewing/mentoring process without any preliminary editing.

This pre-reviewing process can take from a few days to a week or more. Our Editors are volunteers and have other responsibilities beyond those of the *Journal*.

Once an article has been approved by the Editors for consideration, it is sent to be reviewed. Non-refereed articles are reviewed/mentored by one referee. Refereed articles are reviewed/mentored by two referees. When the first reviewer/mentor approves the article, it is then sent to the second referee. You can find further information on the *MEXTESOL Journal* website: www.mextesol.net

The formal reviewing/mentoring process can take from a few months to more than a year, depending on the amount of rewriting necessary and the speed of the author(s) in returning the article.

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All of the *MJ* reviewers are in reality mentors. They are prepared to take on an article until it is publishable. They are all professors with extensive experience in writing and publishing. They are also very patient.

Feel free to write me if you have any questions about the process.

Please direct all questions to this email address: mextesoljournal@gmail.com

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JoAnn Miller
Editor-in-Chief
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MEXTESOL Journal <mextesoljournal@gmail.com>

Nov 5, 2021, 12:19 AM



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This is to inform you that your article has been analyzed by the *MEXTESOL Journal* Editorial Review Board and has been approved to enter the reviewing process as a refereed article.

Before your reviewer is assigned, please fill out the required form available at this link: <https://forms.gle/jKriksJd4xYjgcUPA>. Be sure to respond to every relevant question, including ALL authors. We suggest you consult any co-authors to be sure their information (names, affiliations, email) are correct. The information you give will be used for the published article and any changes in this information (excluding email address changes) require a formal letter from the person requesting the change and, if there is any change in order of authors, a formal letter from each and every author approving the change.

Also read and confirm understanding of the MJ Ethics statement. We need this for our records.

As soon as your responses have been received, your reviewer will be assigned, and you will receive more information about the reviewing process.

Thank you for wanting to publish with us.

Please direct all questions to this email address: mextesoljournal@gmail.com

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to MEXTESOL ▾

Nov 5, 2021, 10:24 AM



Dear JoAnn Miller,

Thank you for the good news about the result of the first screening process of my submitted manuscript to the MEXTESOL Journal. I have completed the required form.

I'm looking forward to the next steps of the reviewing process.

Best regards,

Rahmah Fithriani



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MEXTESOL Journal <mextesoljournal@gmail.com>

Nov 11, 2021, 12:22 AM



to me ▾

Before you begin the review process at the *MEXTESOL Journal*, we would like to explain some key concepts that are the basis of our philosophy: peer-review, blind-review, and mentoring. After you have read the text, please have the first author date and sign this letter and return it to mextesoljournal@gmail.com

1. Peer-review. The *MEXTESOL Journal* is a peer-reviewed journal. This means one or two reviewers who are university researchers and investigators from all over the world are assigned to review your manuscript. They are your peers—they work in similar circumstances and, as much as possible, have similar interests to you. You can see a list of our reviewers on our website (www.mextesol.net).
2. Blind-review. All articles submitted to MEXTESOL Journal go through a double-blind review process. Double blind means that the identity of the reviewer is kept secret from the author, and likewise the author's identity is kept secret from the reviewer. The double-blind review process has several advantages. When the reviewer's identity is kept secret, reviewers can give an honest, anonymous critique. When the author's identity is kept secret, it frees the reviewer from any form of bias, which is to your benefit. For this reason, do NOT remove any blinding on your article. If you need to add some information that needs blinding, please consult your Editor on how to do it. Also, do NOT revise the formatting in any way.
3. Reviewing/Mentoring. Instead of just reviewing submitted manuscripts, our "reviewer/mentors" guide and support the authors through the review process, whether they be beginning authors or experienced writers. This means they do not just evaluate your article, but they help you improve it. This process takes more than one revision. Be prepared to revise many times...sometimes seven or more times. Obviously, the longer it takes you to do a revision, the longer it will take for your paper to be published. Once it has been approved by the reviewer(s), it is sent to Style Editing/Production. This can be a long process. To speed up the process, try to make all revisions as soon as possible after receiving your manuscript back. Be patient and try to make all the revisions your reviewer suggests. Use the Comment function if you have any questions or want to explain why you did something. Always remember that the reviewer/mentors and our Style Editors are experts in the field and they just want to help you.
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Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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to MEXTESOL ▾

Nov 11, 2021, 9:21 AM



Dear Editor of MEXTESOL Journal,

I have read the information about some key concepts that are the basis of your journal. Please find below the signed letter:

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I have read and understood the text above.

Name: Rahmah Fithriani

Signature:

Date: 11 November 2021

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Patricia Ferreira <pisque@gmail.com>

to me ▾

Thu, Dec 2, 2021, 8:01 PM



Dear Professor,

Your article has entered the reviewing phase a few days ago. I'd like to explain the process your article will follow.

First of all, the purpose of the journal is to publish all articles and to this end, we mentor all writers until the article is ready for publication. If very little work is needed on the article, it is often published in 6 to 8 months. However, if the article needs a lot of work or a special issue is planned, it can take up to a year or more from reception to publication.

This is the process we follow. Please read it carefully.

1. Your article will be assigned to two reviewers who receive it in blind arbitration. That means they do not know who you are or where you work. All communication with them is through me. The reviewers don't work on the article simultaneously since we've found it to be very confusing for the author. Therefore your article is then sent to one of the two reviewers, designated Reviewer A, who reads it and gives his/her opinion of the article, giving specific comments either on the article itself, or in a separate document. Some reviewers will also send you an evaluation sheet. This reviewer acts as an anonymous mentor. It is sent to me and I return it to you. Note: It can take up to a month or so (or more at certain times of the year, i.e., December and early January) to get your first comments. Please be patient. We are all volunteers and professional and personal pressures can affect how long the process takes. Feel free to write us if you get worried, but the process takes time.
2. You read the comments and make the required changes. Be sure to add any necessary comments, either to the form and comments on it or as a "comment" directly on the article itself. Every comment from the reviewer must be addressed, even if it is just a short: "done". It makes it easier for the reviewer. When you finish, you send it back to me to be resent to the reviewer. This interchange can be repeated various times until the reviewer is convinced the article is ready. The sooner you respond each time, the sooner your article will be published.
4. The article is then sent to the other reviewer (Reviewer B) for final approval. Some changes may be required, but they could be minor. On other occasions, more substantial changes may be made since each reviewer has his/her own areas of expertise.
5. Once both reviewers have approved the article, it is sent to the Style Editor, who makes further changes and may ask for certain parts to be rewritten.
6. When all style changes have been made, the article is sent to the Production Editor, who checks the references for errors and gives you specific information on the format needed for publication.

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7. After this the article is published on the website and you are informed that you can now download all the pdf versions you want.

I will contact you as soon as we have the first revisions for you. Please feel free to communicate with me if you have any questions.

Thank you for collaborating with us.

Best regards,

Patrícia Ferreira

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Email 8



Patricia Ferreira

to me ▾

Tue, Dec 7, 2021, 10:19 PM



Dear Professor,

Reviewer A has just returned your article, and I am now sending it back to you with the side notes. Please make sure you read all the comments and make the required changes. Be sure to add any necessary comments, either to the form and comments on it or as a "comment" directly on the article itself. Every comment from the reviewer must be addressed, even if it is just a short: "done". It makes it easier for the reviewer. When you finish, please send it back to me to be resent to the reviewer. This interchange can be repeated various times until the reviewer is convinced the article is ready.

Please feel free to communicate with me if you have any questions.

I thank you once again for collaborating with us.

Best regards,

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Email 9



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to Patricia ▾

Sun, Jan 2, 10:00 AM (3 days ago)



Dear Ms. Ferreira,

Happy new year from Medan, Indonesia. Please kindly find the revised manuscript incorporating the required changes suggested by Reviewer A. I added my comments to all feedback as a "reply" directly on the manuscript. I also typed the new paragraphs or sentences (as parts of the revision) in a different color, in this case green, to make it easier for the reviewer to identify them.

Thank you and I'm looking forward to the next stage of the reviewing process.

Best regards,

Rahmah Fithriani

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 **Patricia Ferreira** Jan 3, 2022, 1:56 AM (2 days ago) ☆ ↶ ⋮
to me ▾

Dear Professor,

Thank you for sending me the revised article, I will deliver it to Rev A. If there are any further reviewing suggestions added meanwhile, I'll let you know.
Wish you all the best for the new year ahead of us.
Best regards,

Patricia Ferreira

Email 11

 **Patricia Ferreira** Jan 11, 2022, 11:50 PM ☆ ↶ ⋮
to me ▾

Dear Dr. Fithriani,

Your article has been approved by Rev A and will now be sent to Rev B. I will keep you posted for further updates.
Best regards,

Patricia Ferreira

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Email 12



Patricia Ferreira

to MEXTESOL, me ▾

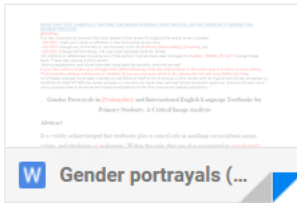
Fri, Feb 4, 9:10 PM (3 days ago) ☆ ↶ ⋮

Hello, Professor Fithriani.

Rev B has sent me your article and has added his comments and suggestions, so you can proceed with your work.

Best regards,

Patricia Ferreira



Email 13



rahmah fithriani <rahmahfithriani@uinsu.ac.id>
to Patricia ▾

Sat, Feb 5, 12:06 PM (2 days ago)



Dear Ms. Ferreira,

Thank you for sending me the result of Reviewer B's feedback. From my initial screening, most of the comments provided related to the mechanics of the writing, particularly on how the reference should be written. My biggest concern is what the Reviewer B suggested does not follow the APA guidelines as shown in the screenshot below.

Considering its ~~purported~~-significant ~~purported~~ contribution to gender equality and parity, gender representation in school textbooks ~~has had~~ become researchers' focus of interest since the 1970s (e.g., Britton & Lumpkin 1977; Frasher & Walker, 1972; Nilsen, 1977). However, studies focusing on gender issues in language textbooks, particularly in the context of English language



Assesor SP 045 Dr. Daniel Ginting


Put the years of the published articles in the right order

APA guidelines state that authors cited should be listed alphabetically, not chronologically as suggested by Reviewer B. May I decide to not incorporate his/her suggestion in my revision with an explanation I mentioned here?

Thank you for answering my question.

Best Regards,
Rahmah

Email 14

 **Patricia Ferreira**
to MEXTESOL, me ▾

Sat, Feb 5, 5:10 PM (2 days ago) ☆ ↶ ⋮

Hello, dear colleague.

You are right, when you have multiple sources with the same author, should you order them by the publication year, which is not the case, so you you don't need to change the order of these references. Please reply to that comment by sharing that exact information. I believe Rev B might have made a mistake. Thank you for bringing this to my attention and I am sure once you reply to that suggestion and I send the article back to Rev B I will have the chance to pinpoint that information as well and talk to the person about it. That's why working under Mextesol ethos is so meaningful, as there is always room for mentoring, for improving our skills.


I kindly ask you not to forget to include mextesoljournal@gmail.com on the "CC" field in all the emails you send me.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Best regards,

Patrícia Ferreira

Email 15

 **rahmah fithriani** <rahmahfithriani@uinsu.ac.id>
to MEXTESOL, Patricia ▾

Feb 5, 2022, 6:55 PM (2 days ago) ☆ ↶ ⋮

Dear Ms. Ferreira,


Please find the revised manuscript attached, which incorporates the necessary revisions indicated by Reviewer B. I added my comments to all feedback as a "reply" directly on the manuscript.

Thank you and I'm looking forward to the next stage of the reviewing process.

Best regards,

Rahmah

Email 16

 **Patricia Ferreira**
to me, MEXTESOL ▾

12:55 AM (13 hours ago) ☆ ↶ ⋮


Dear colleague,

thank you very much for returning the article to me. I will forward it again to Rev B. Please don't worry about the citations question as that is always taken care of afterwards, during the style editing stage. I will send you the article again if Rev B still has other comments or suggestions to make.

Best regards,

Patrícia Ferreira

Email 17

 **Patricia Ferreira** <pisque@gmail.com>
to me, MEXTESOL ▾

Wed, Feb 9, 9:08 PM ☆ ↶ ⋮

Dear Professor Fithriani,

Congratulations! Your article has been approved by Reviewer B. It will now be sent to the Style Editors and you will be expected to do further revisions. This process takes some time, so please be patient. We will contact you in due time. Once the Style Editing is done, your article will be sent to Production Editing. Unfortunately, since we cannot foresee how long this whole process will take, we are unable to give you a publication date at this time.

Thank you for publishing with us.

Best regards,

Patrícia Ferreira

Email 18



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to Patricia, MEXTESOL ▾

Thu, Feb 10, 9:03 AM




Dear Ms. Ferreira,

Thank you for the great news. It's been such a wonderful experience working with you through the reviewing process. I'm patiently looking forward to the next stage of the publishing process. Thank you once again.

Best,

Rahmah

Email 19

 **MEXTESOL Journal**
to me ▾ Fri, Nov 25, 8:25 AM (7 days ago) ☆ ↶ ⋮

The Style Editors have finished with your article. We have made corrections and adjustments, at all times trying to preserve your own words and voice.

You are being sent TWO versions of your article. The first has all the comments and tracking. Please write any tracked corrections (with a comment mentioning you made a change so we can find it easily), on this edited version. The other version has had the comments and tracking removed so you can go through it more easily. It is "read-only" since we want all the changes on the first document.

To summarize:

1. Edited version (with tracking and comments)—make all changes here, using tracking and adding a brief comment.
2. Edited version (with comments and tracking removed). Read-only.

Please read the article over carefully and make ALL OF the required changes. **You MUST address all comments in red.** They require revisions. Be sure to make the revision IN the first document (not as tracking). **DO NOT REMOVE ANY TRACKING OR COMMENTS** in the first document, unless it is unavoidable. Ask questions or disagree with changes using the comments function.

If you agree with a change, do nothing. Do NOT remove tracking.

This is your last chance to make substantial changes. If you feel the need to do more than correct a typo (using tracking of course) please explain your reasons in a comment. However, if the changes are too substantial, the article will have to be returned to the reviewers for further review.

You might want to ask any co-authors to also read the article at this time to be sure all corrections have been made.

Check the names of the author(s) and their affiliations under the title. This is the moment to make all corrections. Later it might be impossible.

Please return the article by **Sunday, November 25, 2022.**

You may be asked to make further changes on this second version.

Thank you very much.

JoAnn Miller
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to MEXTESOL ▾

Fri, Nov 25, 10:51 AM (7 days ago) ☆ ↶

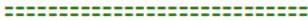
Dear JoAnn Miller
Editor-in-Chief of *MEXTESOL Journal*

Attached please kindly find the revised manuscript with all the required changes as requested by the Style Editors.

I'm looking forward to the next step of the publication process.

Thank you very much

Rahmah Fithriani



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MEXTESOL Journal
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Wed, Nov 30, 6:48 AM (2 days ago) ☆ ↶ ⋮

Attached you will find a pdf version of your article as it will appear in the next issue of the *MEXTESOL Journal*. This is the FINAL PROOF. At this time, please carefully read the article again. Check the text, formatting, layout, and especially names, affiliations, orcid, and email addresses. However, no authors can be added or removed at this time without contacting the Editor-in-Chief first.

The only changes that can be made in the text at this time are those related to errors that occurred during the final formatting. During the last review of the article during the Style Editing process, you made corrections in the text itself. Right now, I need to know if I have interpreted your article correctly while formatting. If you find any other serious problems that escaped you when you reviewed the article after style editing, please let me know. At this time no change can be made unless the Editor-in-Chief approves it.

Also, include a 100-word bio for EACH author in a separate WORD file. You can include photos if you want (in .jpg or .png)

Return your comments to me no later than Thursday, December 1.

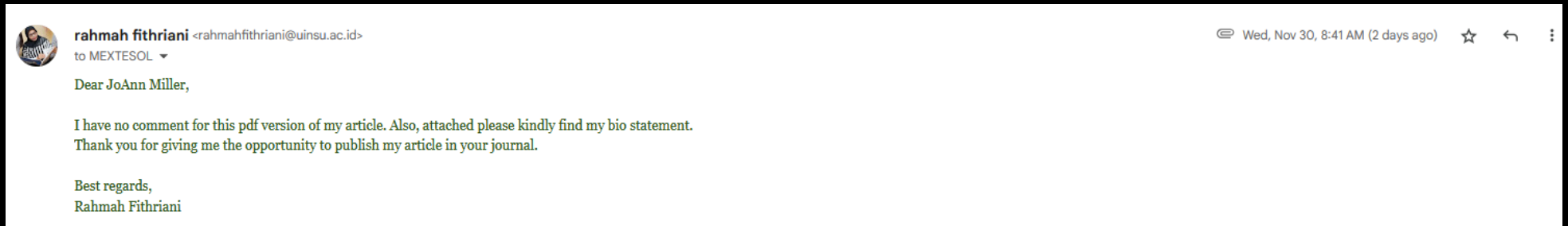
Write me if you have any questions.

Thank you.

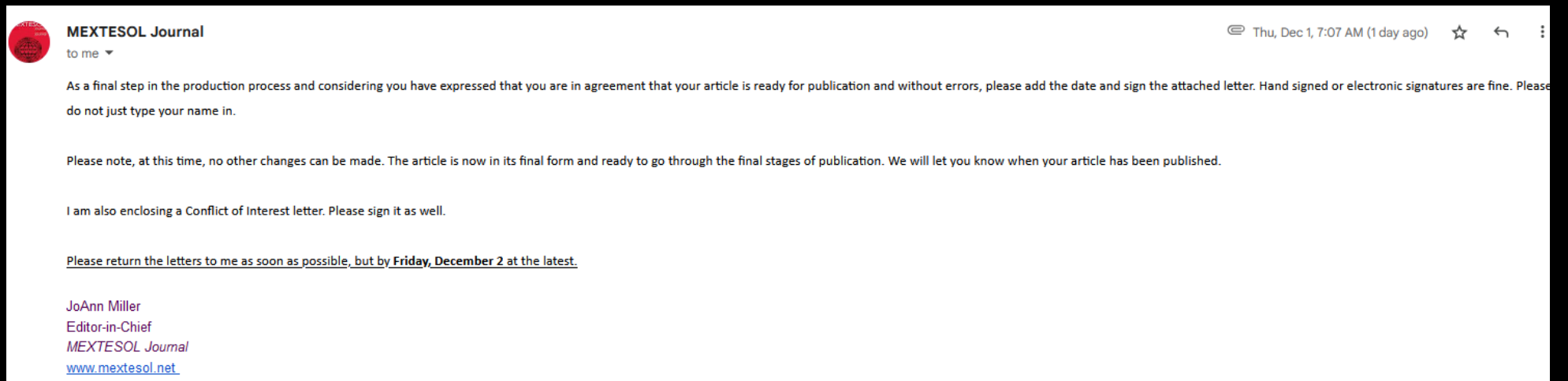
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