

ON PEER REVIEW SYSTEMS AND JOURNALS ACCEPTANCE RATE

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Abstract

The scientific quality of a scholarly journal is largely based on the way the editorial team faces challenges regarding peer review management. Although not flawless and sometimes massively biased, regardless of its type, the peer review system is considered nowadays a guarantee for the scientific value of a manuscript. Our article emphasizes some of these strengths and biases of the peer review process, also bringing into attention its role as a progressive filter in the case of higher ranked journals. Authors' growing attempts to boost their CVs by publishing in elite journals, connected with a severe peer review process, lead to low acceptance rates. Since these are sometimes used in journals evaluations, the policies of peer review may become part of a hidden agenda for elite journals.

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