



Validation, Evaluation, Dissemination: Academia's gravest problems show the way to the Next Generation Repositories

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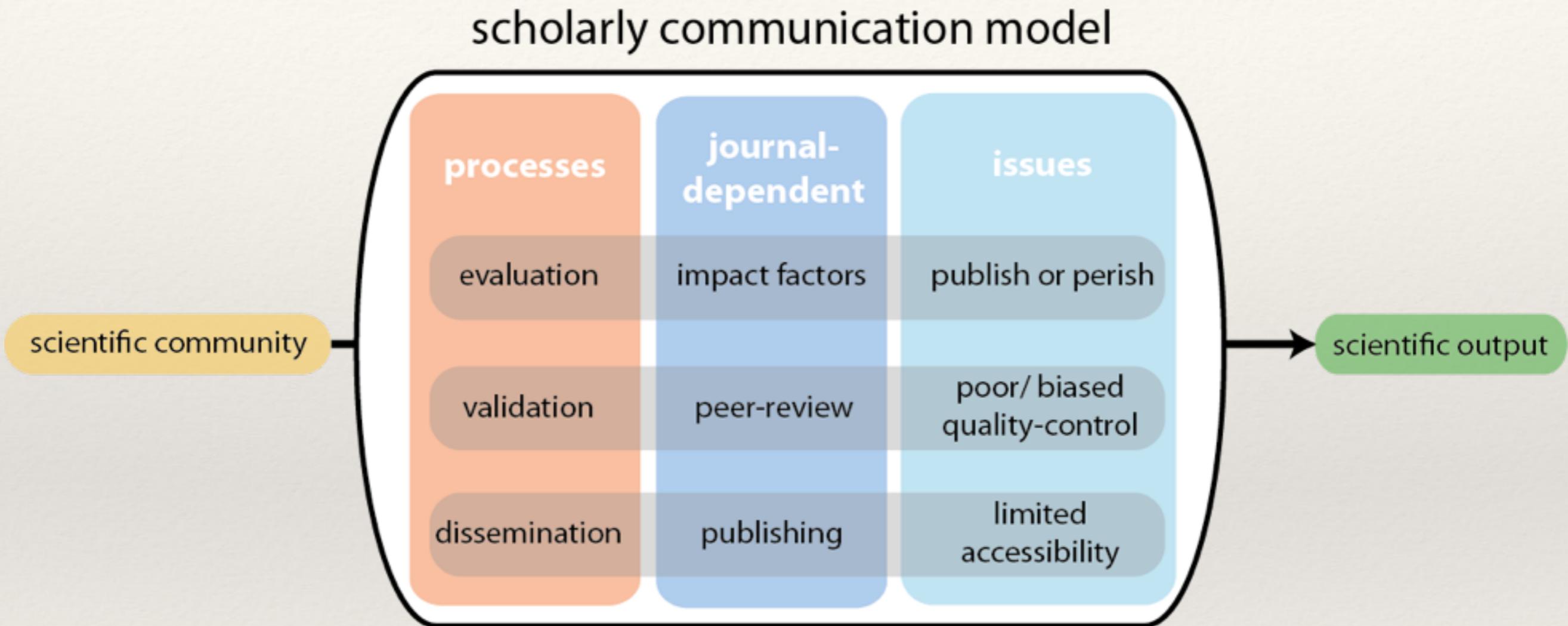
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Essential scholarly communication processes controlled exclusively by journals



Validation



The peer review drugs don't work

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A process at the heart of science is based on faith rather than evidence, says Richard Smith, and vested interests keep it in place

Peer review is supposed to be the quality assurance system for science, weeding out the scientifically unreliable and reassuring readers of journals that they can trust what they are reading. In reality, however, it is ineffective, largely a lottery, anti-innovatory, slow, expensive, wasteful of scientific time, inefficient, easily abused, prone to bias, unable to detect fraud and irrelevant.

Perhaps the biggest argument against the peer review of completed studies is that it simply isn't needed. With the World Wide Web everything can be published, and the world can decide what's important and what isn't. This proposition strikes terror into many hearts, but with so much poor-quality science published what do we have to lose?

Richard Smith, former *British Medical Journal* editor

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/content/the-peer-review-drugs-dont-work>

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Does it ensure quality, reproducibility,
reliability?



Cochrane

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Better health.

Editorial peer review for improving the quality of reports of biomedical studies

Published:

18 April 2007

Authors:

Jefferson T, Rudin M, Brodney
Folse S, Davidoff F

Authors' conclusions:

At present, little empirical evidence is available to support the use of editorial
peer review as a mechanism to ensure quality of biomedical research.

http://www.cochrane.org/MR000016/METHOD_editorial-peer-review-for-improving-the-quality-of-reports-of-biomedical-studies

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nature International weekly journal of science

Drug development: Raise standards for preclinical cancer research

C. Glenn Begley & Lee M. Ellis

85 per cent of preclinical studies could not be replicated

Building a stronger system

What reasons underlie the publication of erroneous, selective or irreproducible data? The academic system and peer-review process tolerates and perhaps even inadvertently encourages such conduct⁵. To obtain funding, a job, promotion or tenure, researchers need a strong publication record, often including a first-authored high-impact publication. Journal editors, reviewers and grant-review committees often look for a scientific finding that is simple, clear and complete — a 'perfect' story. It is therefore tempting for investigators to submit selected data sets for publication, or even to massage data to fit the underlying hypothesis.

Nature **483**, 531–533 (29 March 2012) | doi:10.1038/483531a

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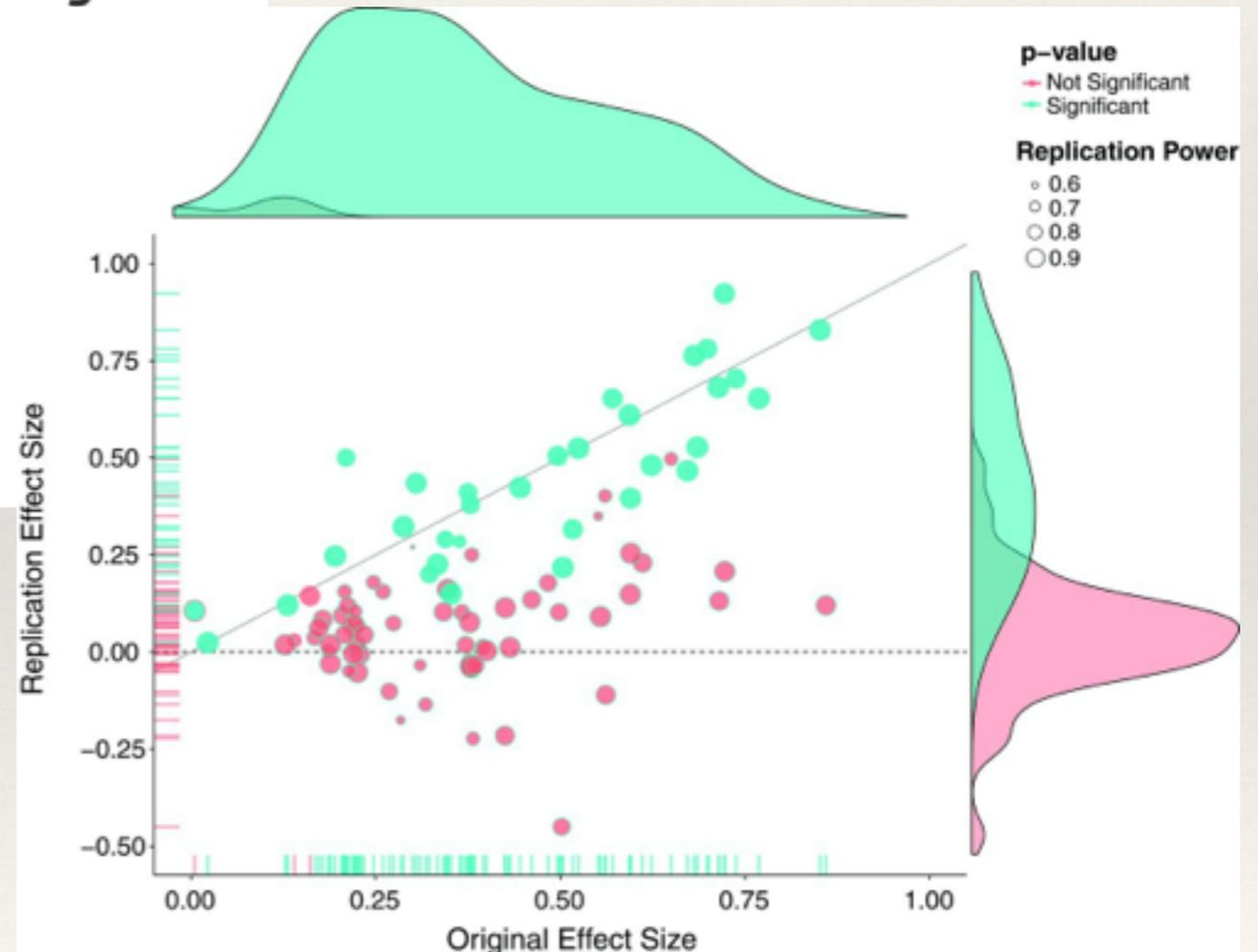
Estimating the reproducibility of psychological science

Open Science Collaboration^{*,†}

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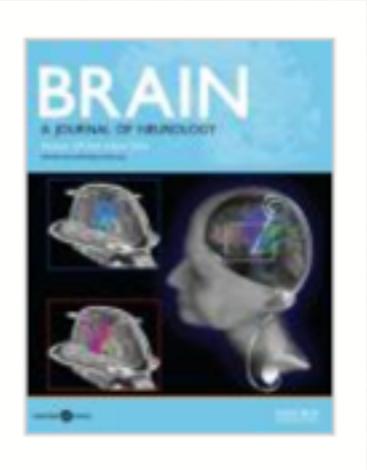
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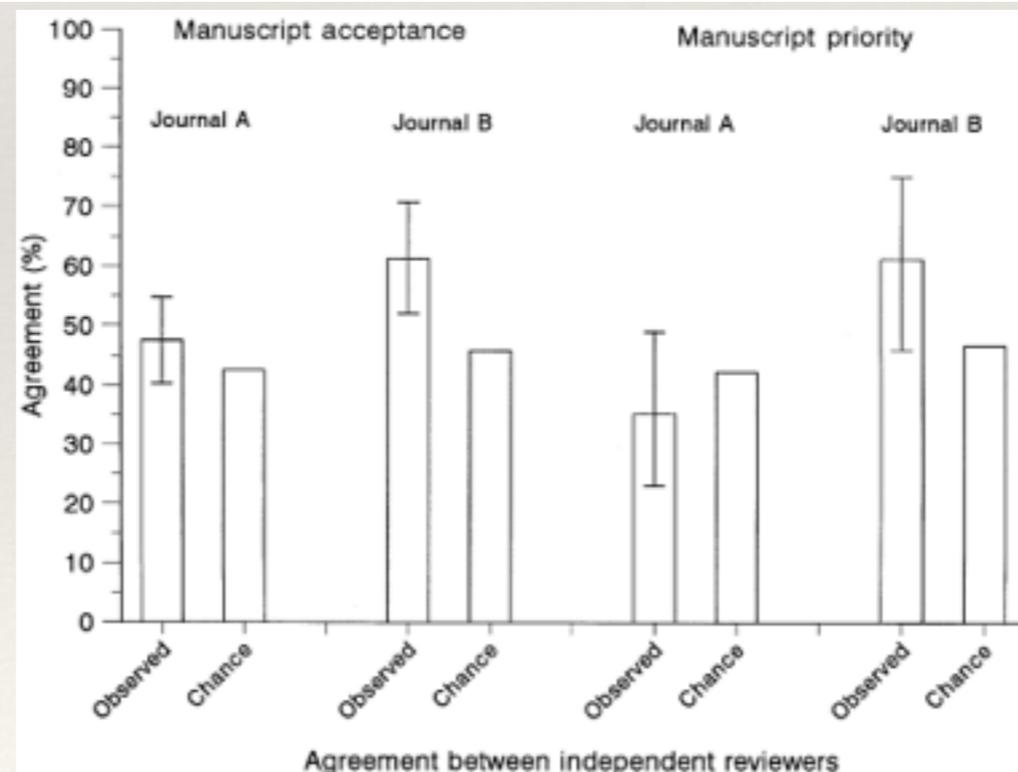
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Reproducibility of peer review in clinical neuroscience: Is agreement between reviewers any greater than would be expected by chance alone? 

Peter M. Rothwell, Christopher N. Martyn

DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1093/brain/123.9.1964> 1964-1969 First published online: 1 September 2000



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nature International weekly journal of science

Published online 5 October 2011 | *Nature* **478**, 26-28 (2011) | doi:10.1038/478026a

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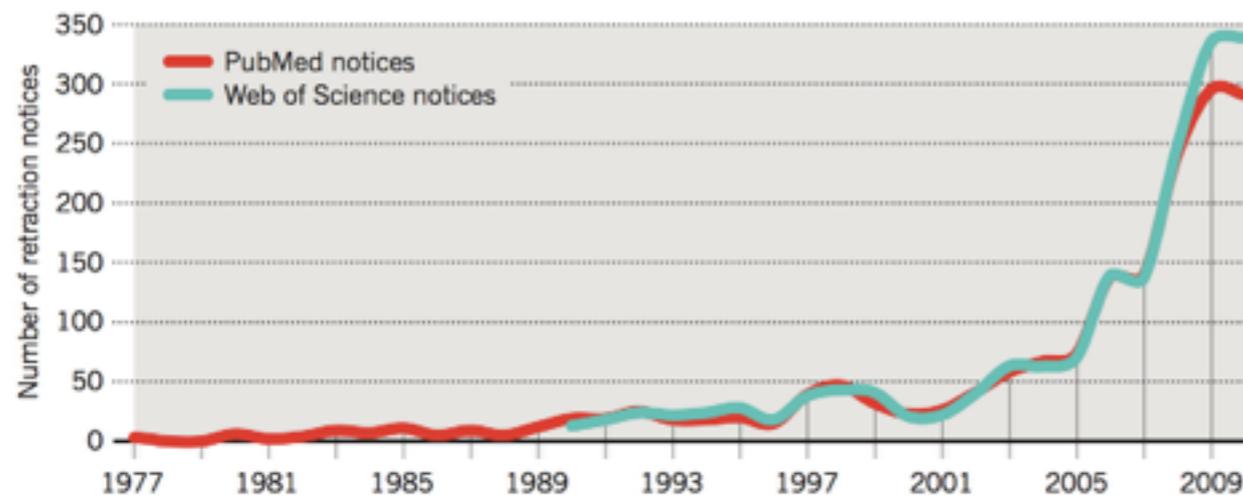
Science publishing: The trouble with retractions

A surge in withdrawn papers is highlighting weaknesses in the system for handling them.

Richard Van Noorden

RISE OF THE RETRACTIONS

In the past decade, the number of retraction notices has shot up 10-fold (**top**), even as the literature has expanded by only 44%. It is likely that only about half of all retractions are for researcher misconduct (**middle**). Higher-impact journals have logged more retraction notices over the past decade, but much of the increase during 2006–10 came from lower-impact journals (**bottom**).



<http://www.nature.com/news/2011/111005/full/478026a.html>

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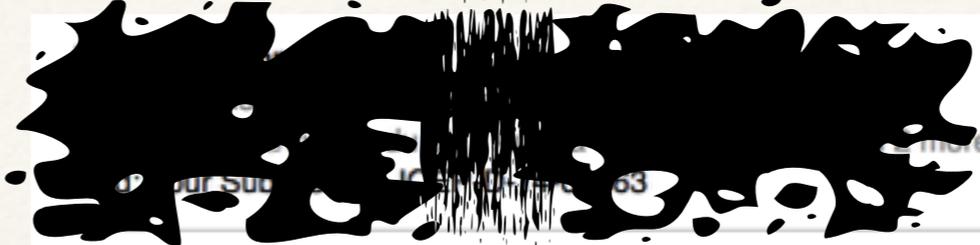
Does the system promote ethical conduct?



Pandelis, I have good news. [redacted] says he will send the [redacted] paper to ...a very good friend of ours

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Does the system promote ethical conduct?



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Dear Editor,

Thanks for your prompt reply and short commets.

I have some points, though, which drive this unusual decision of mine to reply to such a clear desk rejection:

As you can check from the records of the journal, I have reviewed over 10 (11?, 12?, not sure) papers in a relatively short period and have even received very recently a Recognition for Review Excellence, by this very same journal.

I have been forwarded usually longer papers as you mention, which have mostly received a recommendation (if any) for a shorter version. I think short papers reporting totally novel results are higher value, but I understand this is not your view. Also, I think that psychopathic personality alone is more than sufficient an explanation of what we find, but I also understand this is for you to judge as an associate editor.

However, I have not received even ONE paper conforming to anything else but the usual requirements that papers have to satisfy at submission.

I would ask you to check if you want if the papers I was asked to review were conforming to the style you mention, including one I reviewed last week.

Given that I appreciate the journal's dilligence on this, I would ask you to inform The Editor that I will not further accept to review any paper which does not conform to the aforementioned standards.

Thanking you again for your input to our research,



Validation

Does it recognise quality?

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Rejecting and resisting Nobel class discoveries: accounts by Nobel Laureates

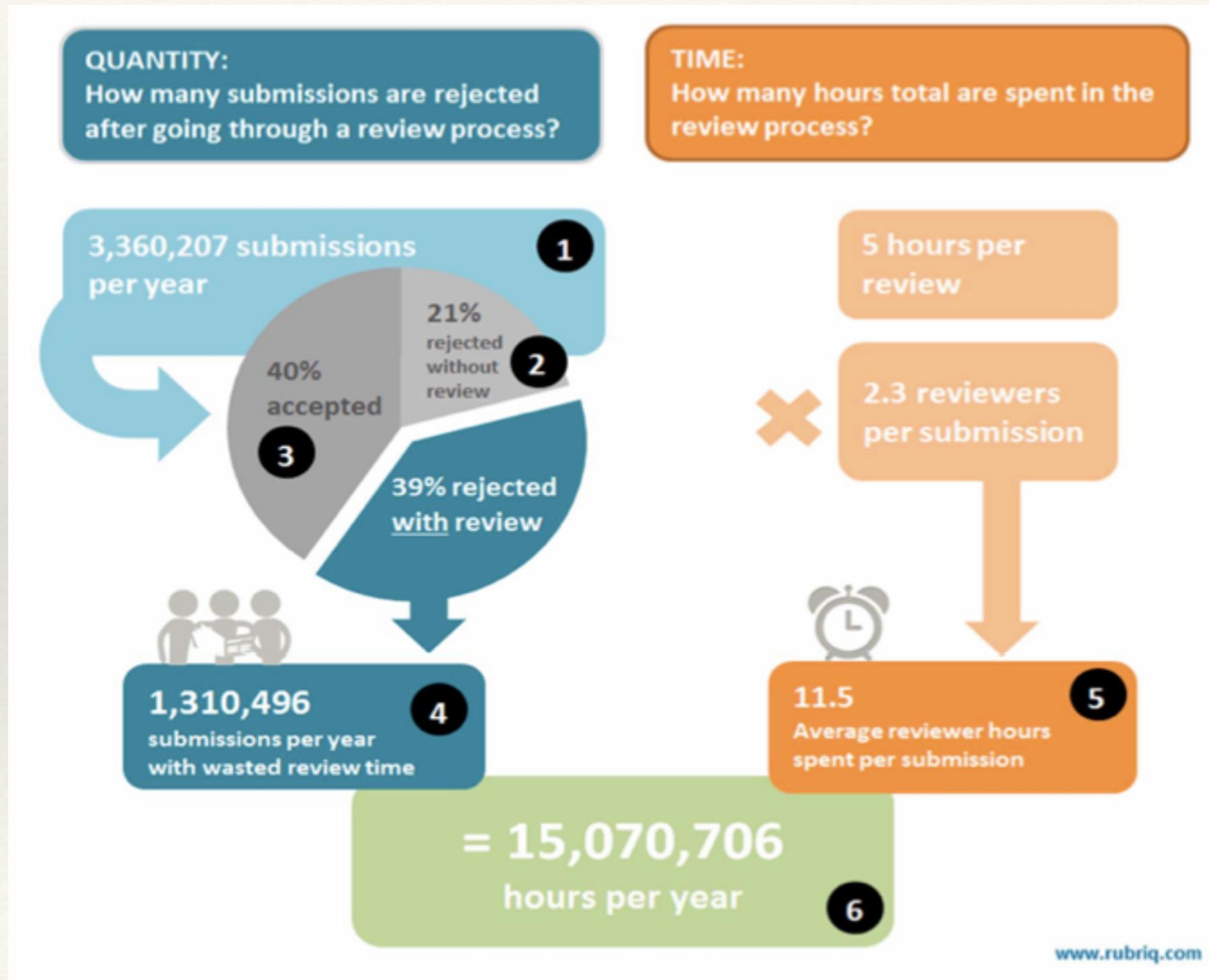
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I review and discuss instances in which 19 future Nobel Laureates encountered resistance on the part of the scientific community towards their discoveries, and instances in which 24 future Nobel Laureates encountered resistance on the part of scientific journal editors or referees to manuscripts that dealt with discoveries that later would earn them the Nobel Prize.

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What is the cost in time and money?



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Unpaid peer review is worth £1.9bn

May 29, 2008

Study tallies 'hidden subsidy' of global scholarly communications system. Zoe Corbyn reports

Activities, costs and
funding flows in the scholarly
communications system in the UK
Report commissioned by the Research
Information Network (RIN)

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/unpaid-peer-review-is-worth-19bn/402189.article>

Validation

What we need:

- ✓ Many reviewers
- ✓ Experts in the field(s)
- ✓ Open reviews
- ✓ Transparent dialogue
- ✓ Reviewer recognition

What we have:

- ✓ 2-3 reviewers
- ✓ Anonymous
- ✓ Non-public reviews
- ✓ Editorial decision
- ✓ System of favours

Evaluation

Receive credit based on “where” instead of “what”

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University Rankings

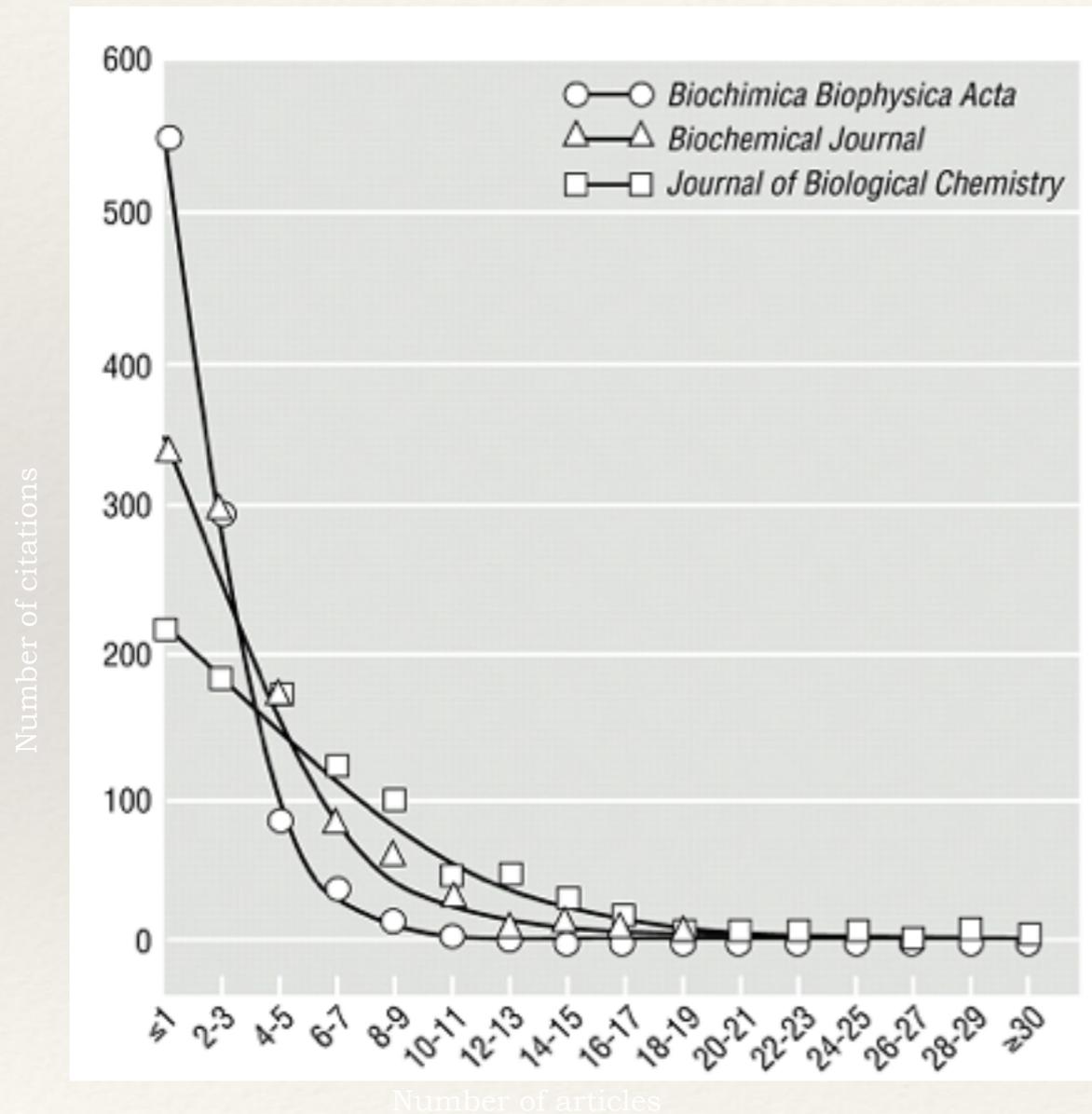
Indicators and Weights for ARWU

Criteria	Indicator	Code	Weight
Quality of Education	Alumni of an institution winning Nobel Prizes and Fields Medals	Alumni	10%
Quality of Faculty	Staff of an institution winning Nobel Prizes and Fields Medals	Award	20%
	Highly cited researchers in 21 broad subject categories	HiCi	20%
Research Output	Papers published in Nature and Science*	N&S	20%
	Papers indexed in Science Citation Index-expanded and Social Science Citation Index	SCI	20%
Per Capita Performance	Per capita academic performance of an institution	PCP	10%
Total			100%

* For institutions specialized in humanities and social sciences such as London School of Economics, N&S is not considered, and the weight of N&S is relocated to other indicators.

Evaluation

What does the name of the journal say about its articles?



“THE SKEWNESS OF SCIENCE IN 219 SUB-FIELDS AND A NUMBER OF AGGREGATES”

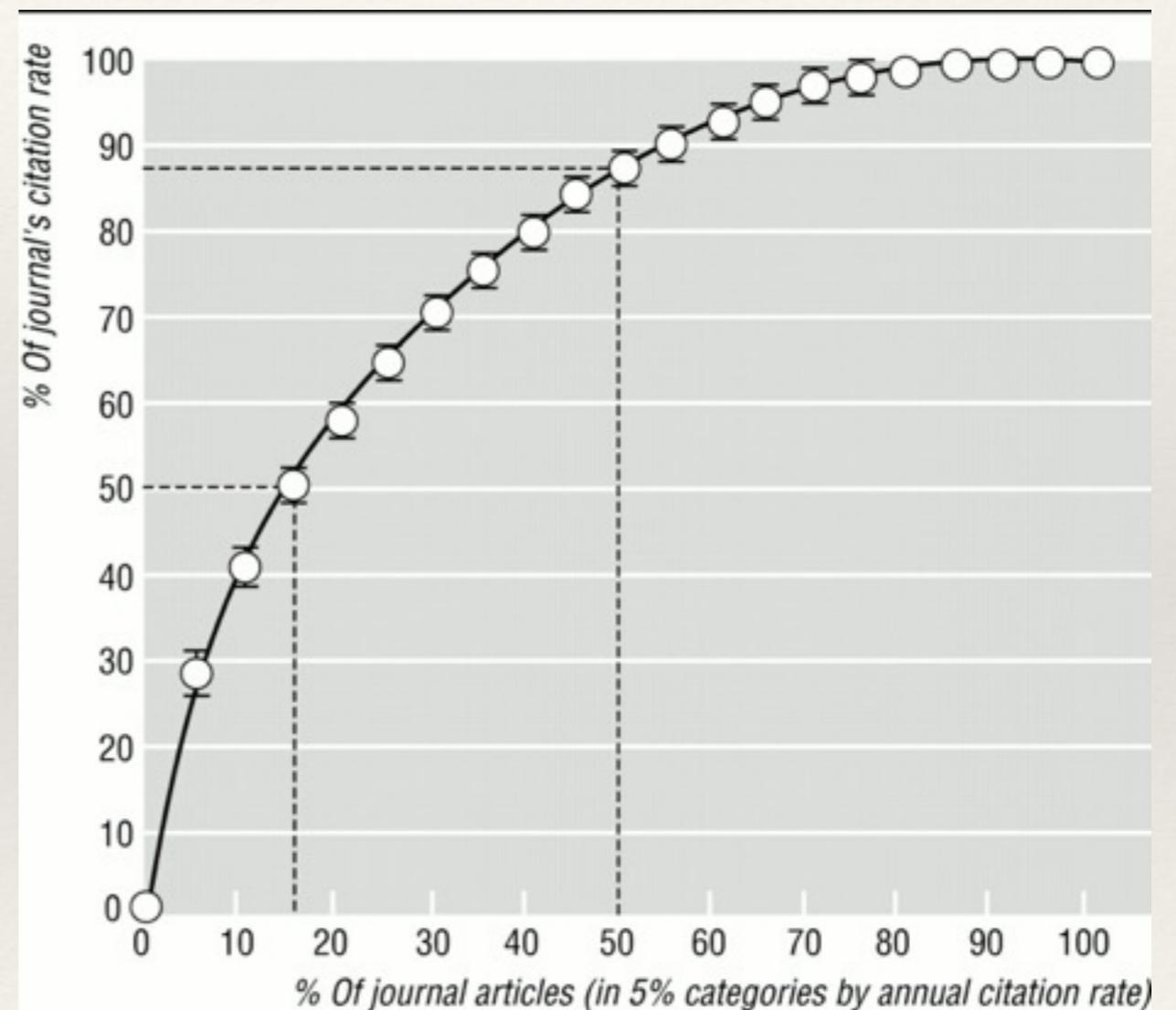
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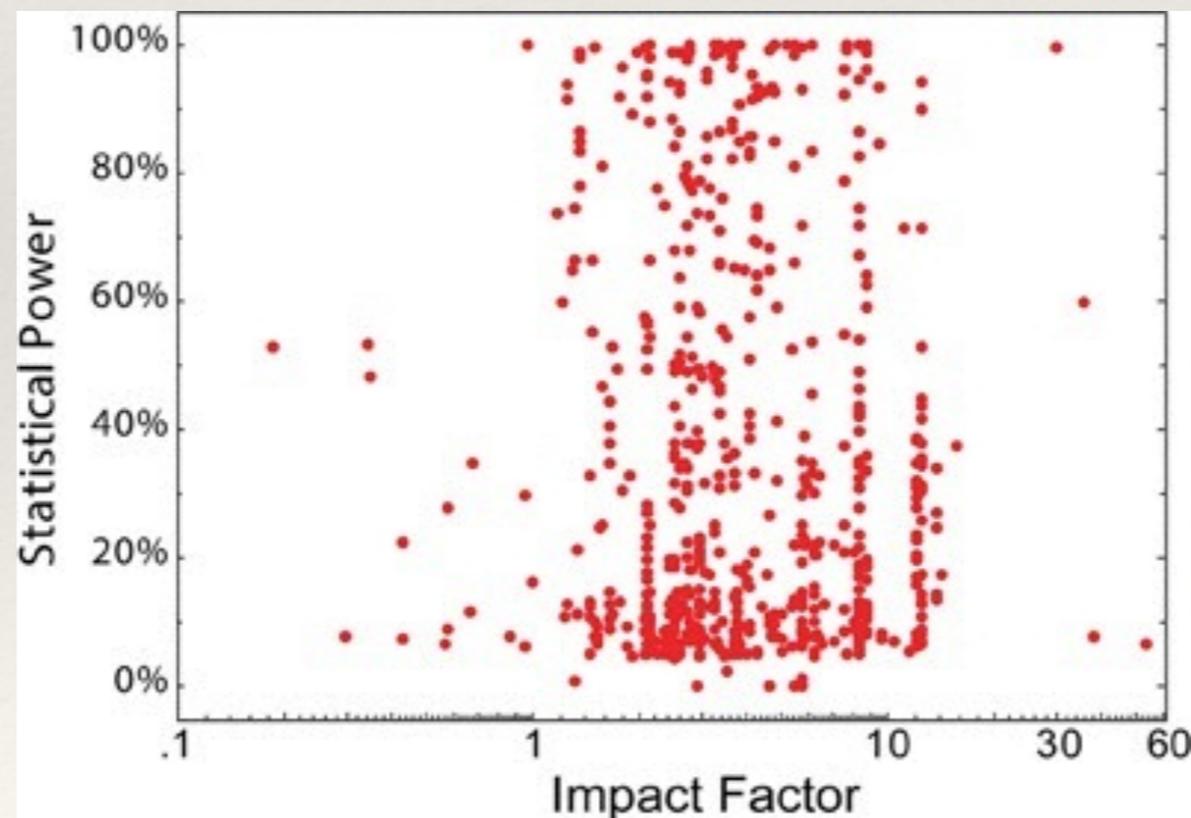
What does the name of the journal say
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Front. Hum. Neurosci., 24 June 2013 | <http://dx.doi.org/10.3389/fnhum.2013.00291>

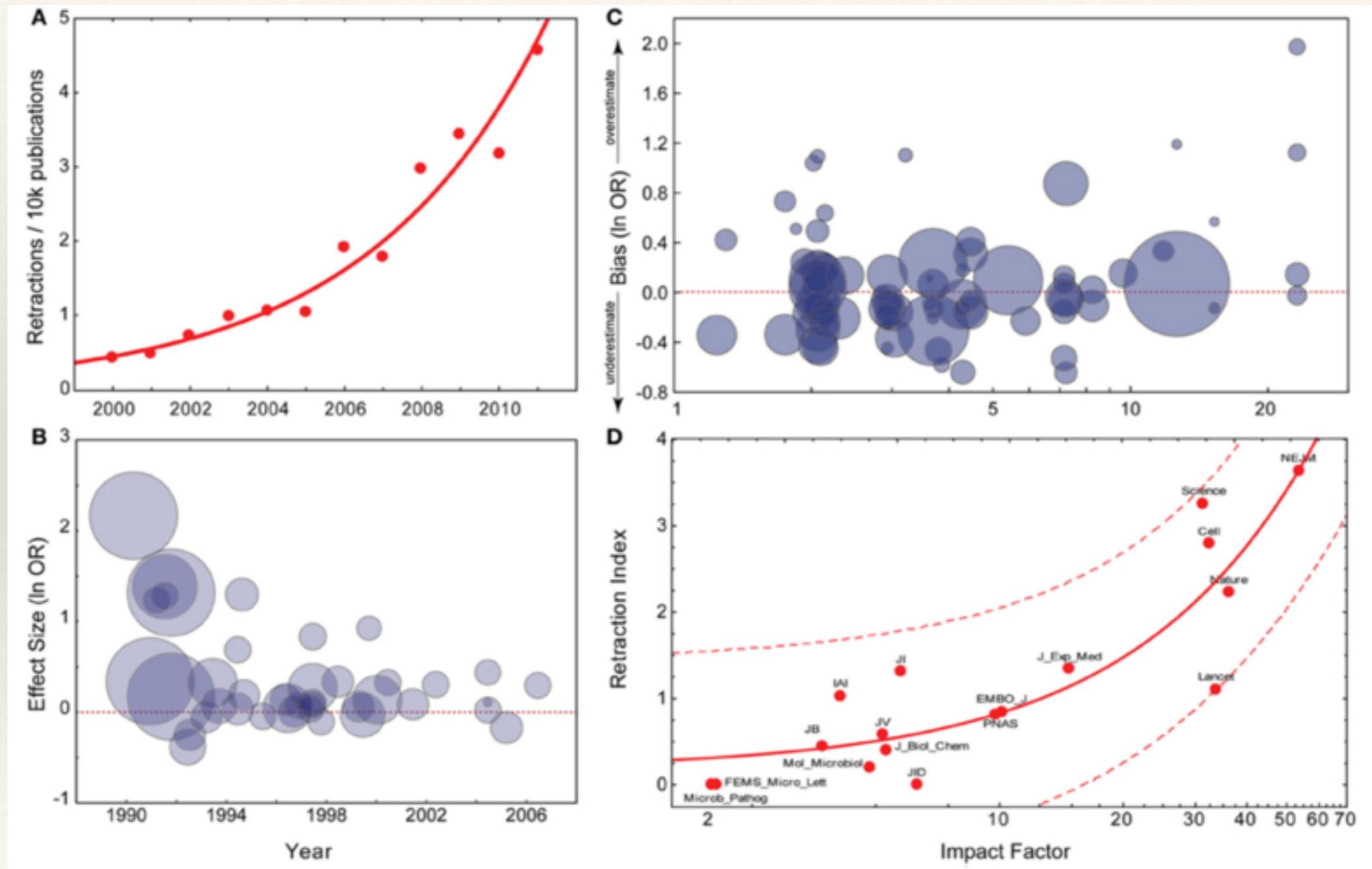
Deep impact: unintended consequences of journal rank

Björn Brembs^{1*}, Katherine Button² and Marcus Munafò³



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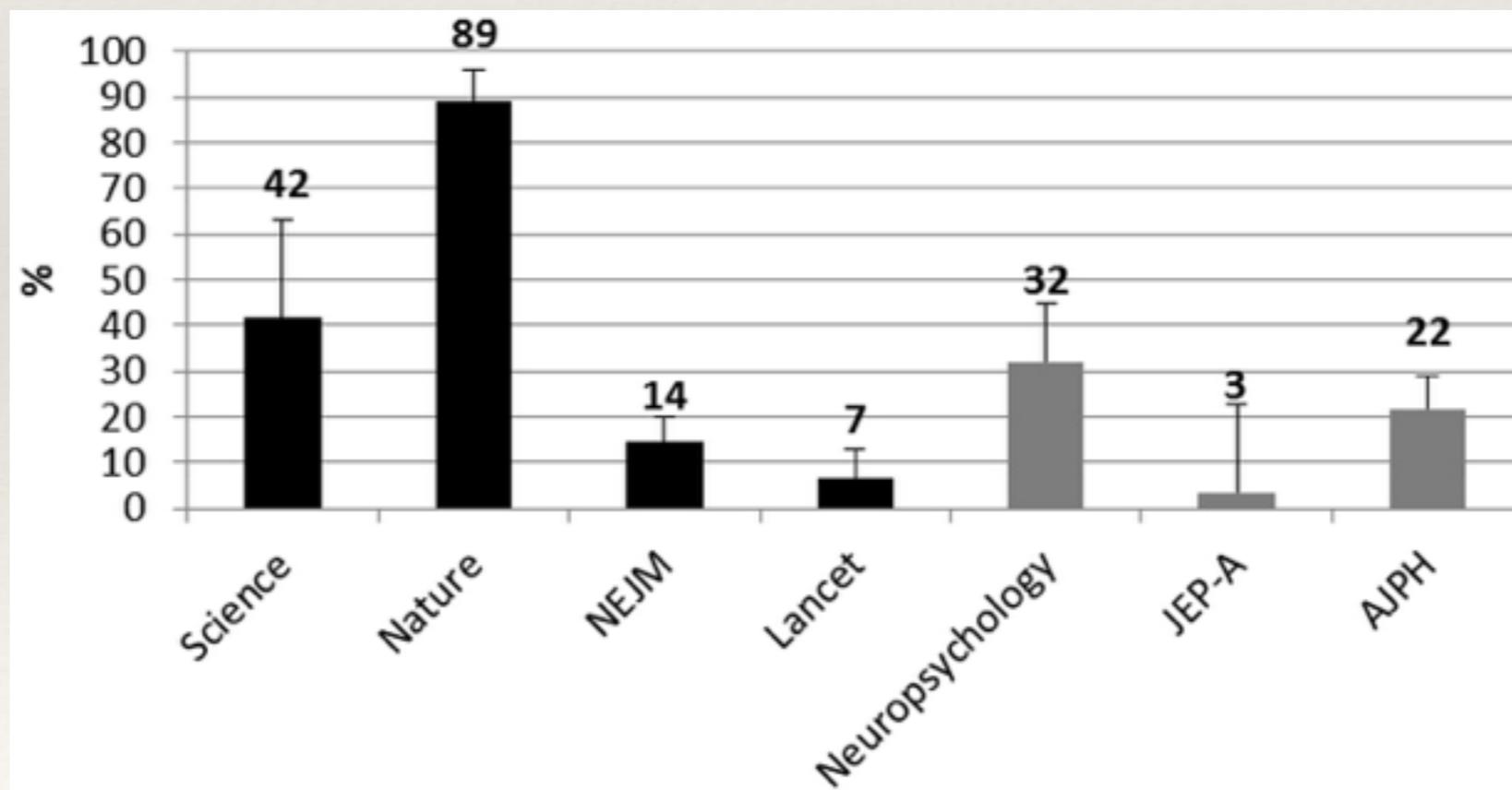
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RESEARCH ARTICLE

High Impact = High Statistical Standards? Not Necessarily So

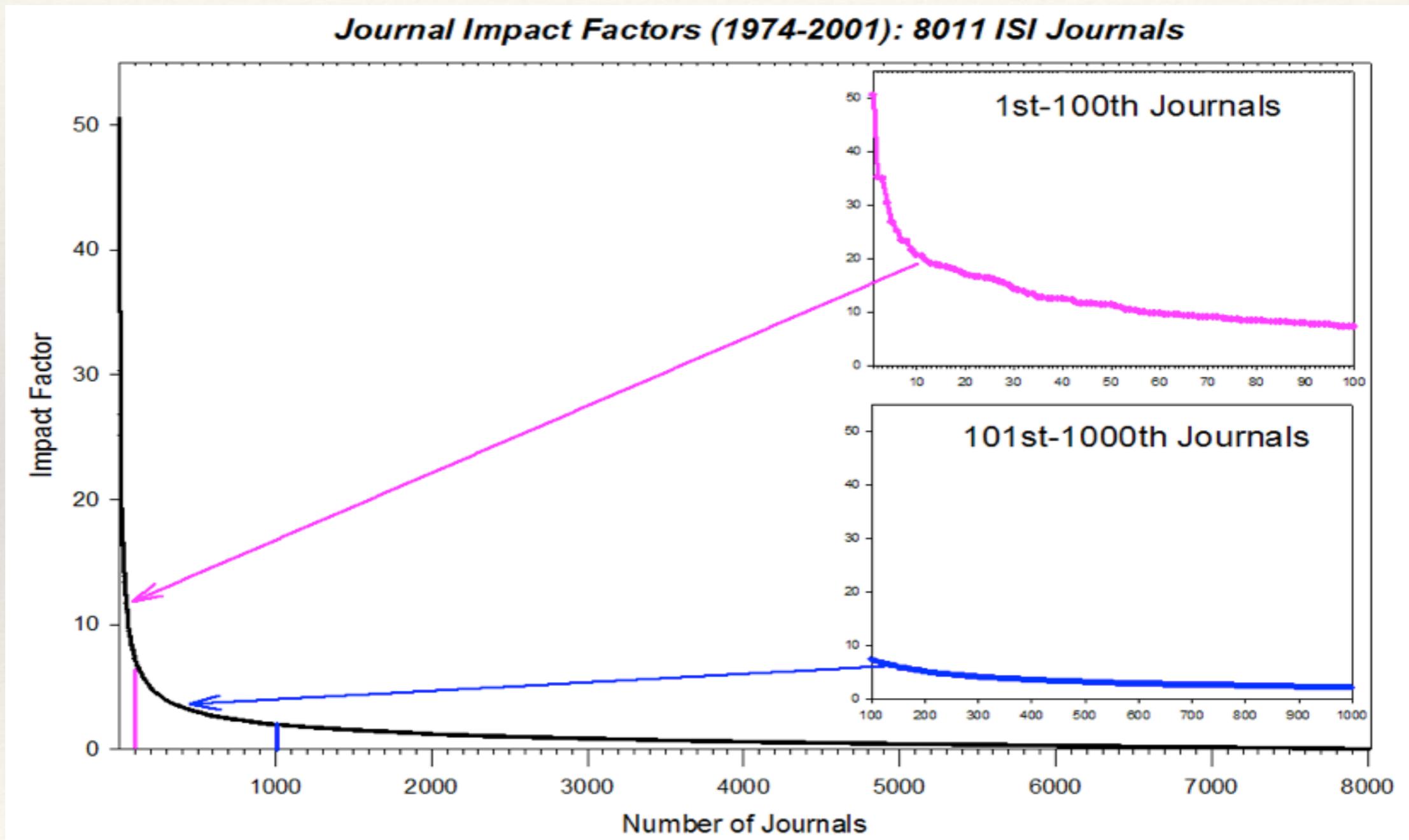
Patrizio E. Tressoldi , David Giofré, Francesco Sella, Geoff Cumming

Published: February 13, 2013 • <http://dx.doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0056180>



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The journal long-tailed hierarchy



Evaluation

What we need:

- ✓ Multi-parametric indexes
- ✓ Overall assessment
- ✓ Dynamic assessment

What we have:

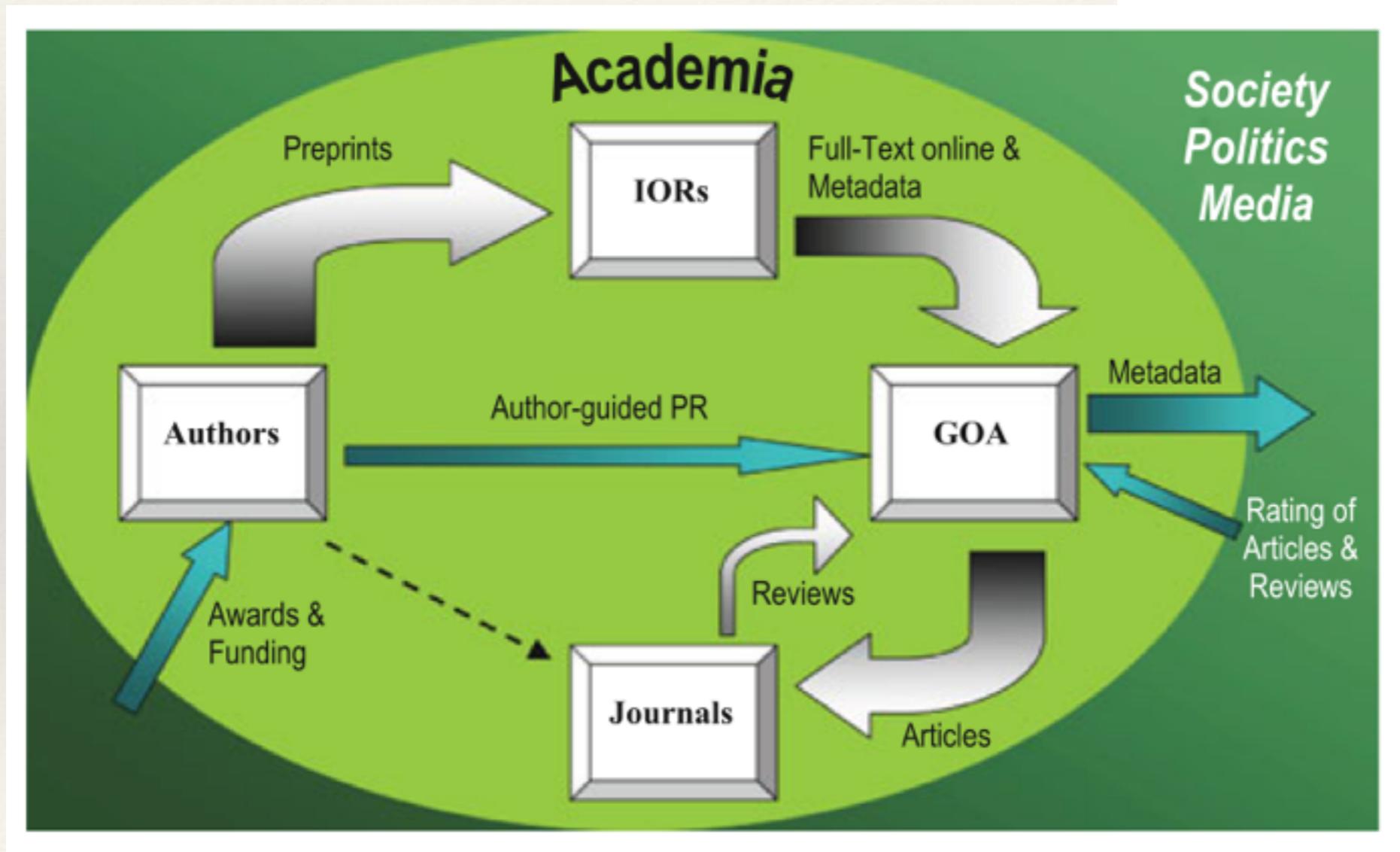
- ✓ Single index
- ✓ Mostly impact
- ✓ Static assessment

An alternative model

Natural selection of academic papers

Pandelis Perakakis • Michael Taylor •
Marco Mazza • Varvara Trachana

Scientometrics (2010) 85:553–559
DOI 10.1007/s11192-010-0253-1



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Authors: Ruiz Amaya, Jesús, Delgado-Restituto, Manuel, Fernández-Bootello, Juan Francisco, Brandano, Davide, Castro-López, R., Rosa, José M. de la

Keywords: Digital-to-Analog Converters
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Abstract: This paper describes the design of a 12-bit digital-to-analog converter for a wireline modem chip implemented in a 0.13 μ m digital CMOS technology. Transistor-level simulations from extracted layout at the nominal modem data rate of 80MS/s show an Spurious-Free Dynamic-Range (SFDR) better than 62dB at Nyquist rate under industrial operation conditions (-40 to 85 $^{\circ}$ temperature range and \pm 10% supply variations) and for all technology process corners. Additionally, the converter achieves a Multi-Tone Power Ratio (MTPR) higher than 59dB for different Discrete MultiTone (DMT) test patterns consisting of 1536 carriers that fall in the Nyquist band. Simulation results at a higher data rate of 200MS/s are also shown in the paper. The converter dissipates less than 150mW from a mixed 3.3/1.2V supply and occupies less than 1.7mm².

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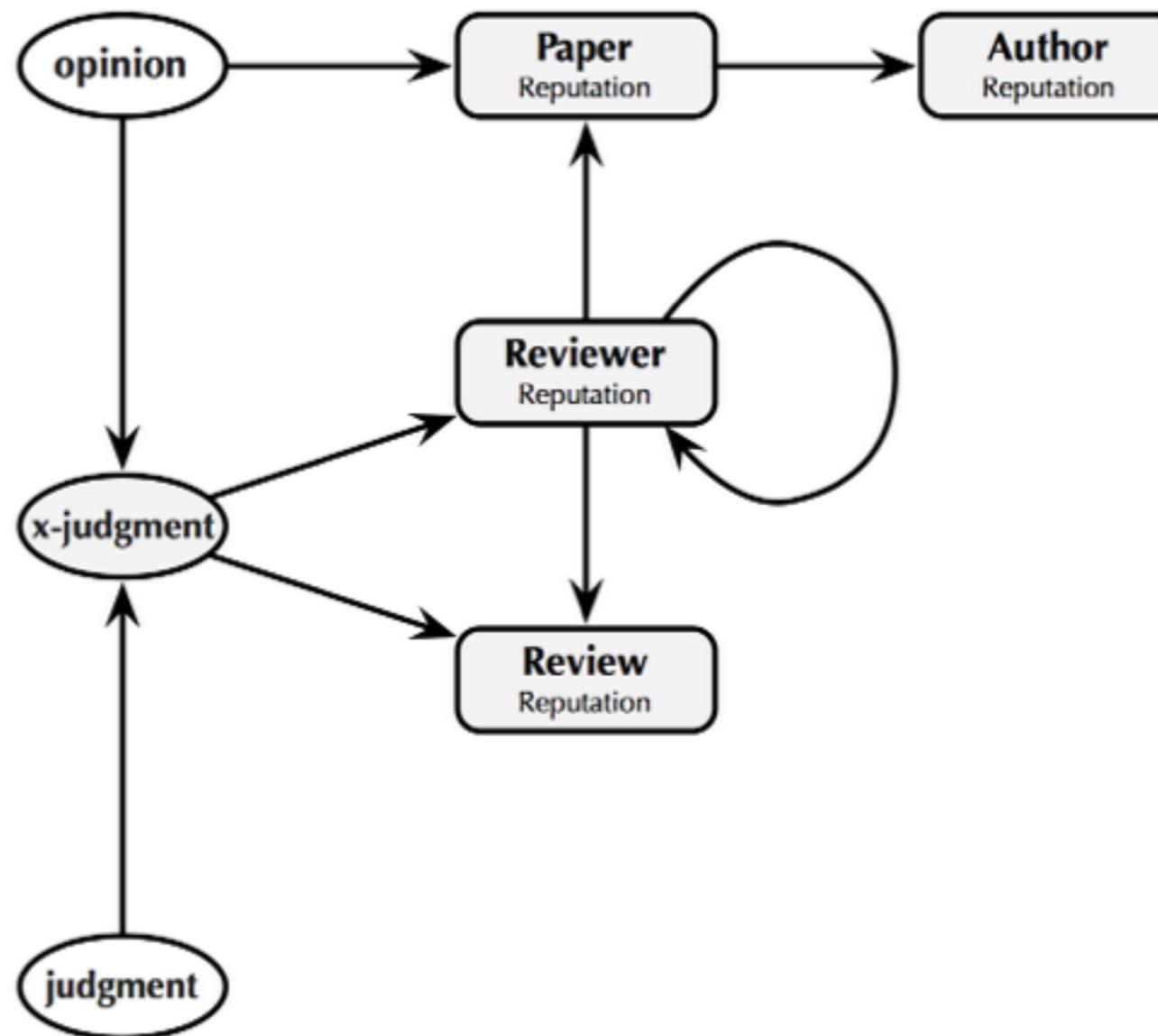
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