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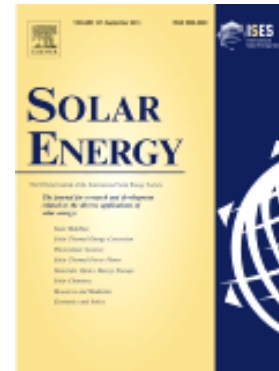
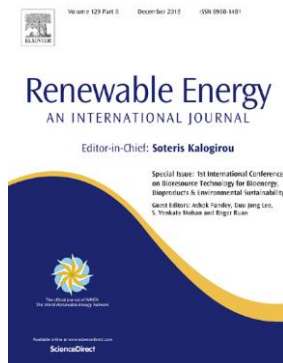
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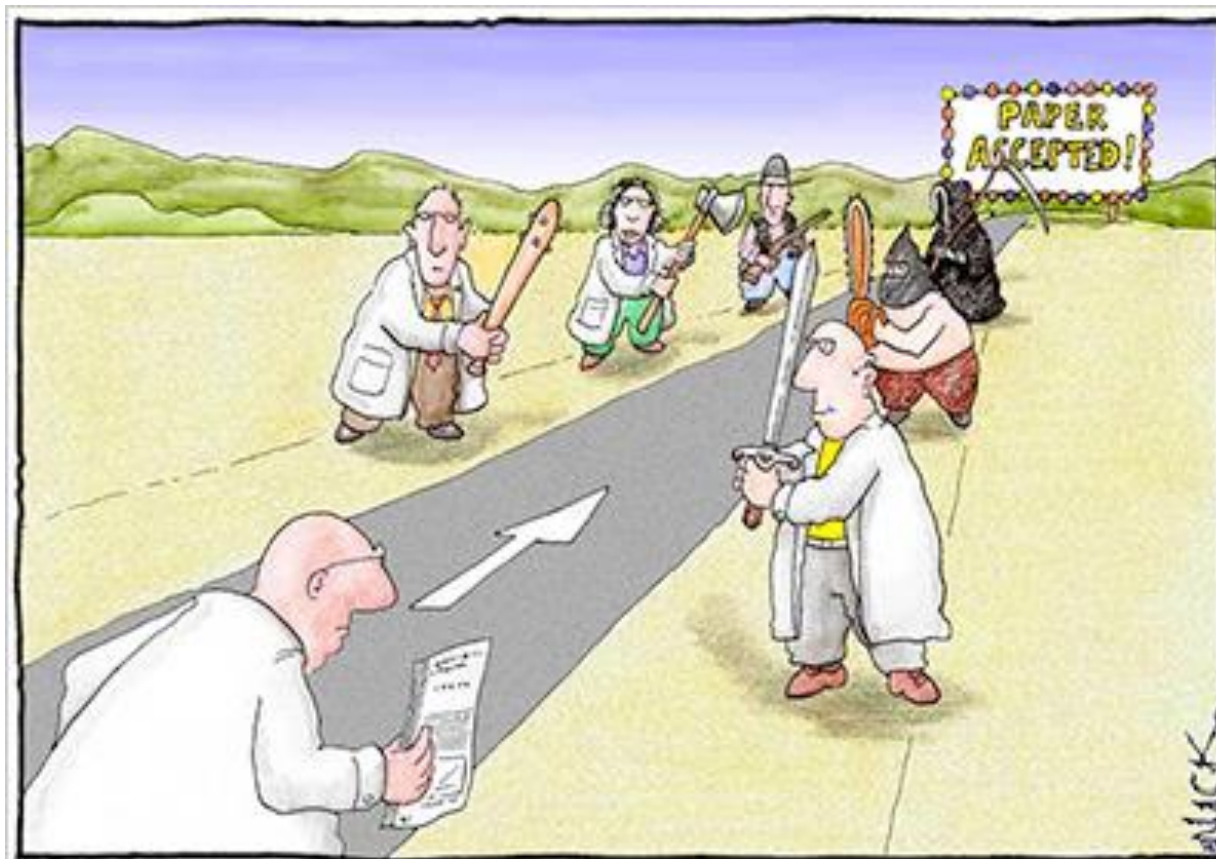
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# The role of a publisher (me)

- A.k.a. “publishing editor” or “journal publishing manager”
- Focus on a particular, but quite broad subject area
- Oversee editorial office, submission system, production of journal, distribution, legal issues, ethics issues, recruitment, outreach budgeting & payments, contracts etc.
- **No hands-on work on peer review**
- Editorial independence



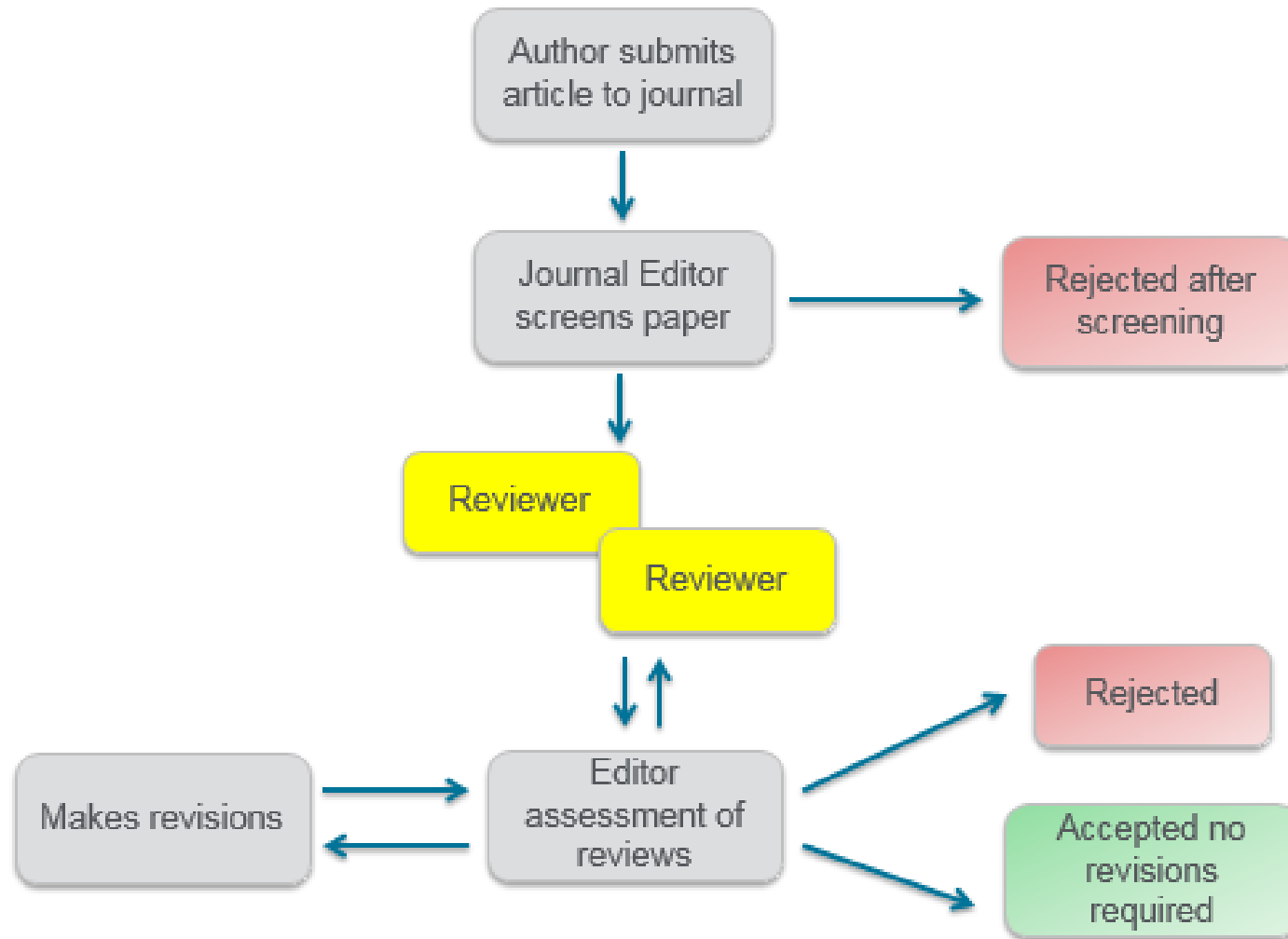
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## “Typical” peer-review process



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- Find it on the journal homepage of the publisher
- Editors do not like wasting time on poorly prepared manuscripts
- Each journal can have unique, or specific requirements (e.g. about reporting of data, word length etc)
- Submitting to an incorrect journal costs you time, and effort, think carefully and then submit!

# The main forms of peer review

- **Single or double blind peer review**
  - Varies massively across disciplines
  - Single most common
- **“Sound science” peer review**
  - PLOS One, Heliyon, Frontiers, etc
- **Pre-publication or post-publication**
  - Pre-pub: vast, vast majority
  - Post-pub: e.g. F1000, Copernicus

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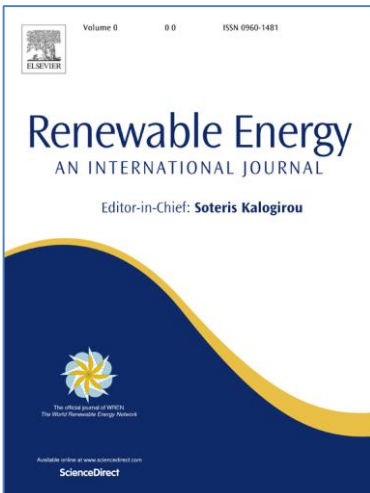
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- What is the **hypothesis**? Is it unique and **novel**? Did you actually prove it in the paper?
- Did you check for **similarity**?
- Can your **English** be easily understood?

# Ethics in publishing

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# Important things to note:

- Do not copy parts from other papers.
  - Plagiarism is a scientifically wrong behavior.
  - Similarity is now checked as part of the initial screening and papers are rejected automatically because of that- including even own papers.
- Cite properly material taken from other papers.
- Cite equations taken from other sources not derived by the authors.
  - This does not apply to standard well-known relations.
- A usual cause of problems is self-plagiarism – usually involving papers initially presented in conferences.

# Similarity check

- All papers pass through similarity check.
- The tool used is iThenticate which compares the paper with millions of other published sources.
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- Some examples.....

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This activity was

due to Y- zeolite catalyst contained sufficient acidic active sites on its surface thereby accelerated tar cracking reaction.

Moreover, by

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## Abstract

Import of a huge proportion of electricity from the Southern African Power Pool, and the geographical location and population distribution of Botswana stimulated the need to consider renewable energy as an alternative to imported power. The paper describes a systematic experimental study on a mini-solar chimney system. Particular attention is given to measurements of air velocity, temperature and solar radiation. The results for the selected 5 and 6 clear days of October and November, respectively, are presented. These results enable the relationship between average insolation, temperature difference and velocity for selected clear days to be discussed.

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## 1. Introduction

Botswana Power Corporation (BPC) oversees electricity generation, transmission, distribution and import from abroad. The Morupule electricity generating plant is the sole electrical generating plant in the country. The facility is a coal-fired steam plant with a maximum generating capacity of 132 MW. The plant employs an air-cooled condenser system, owing to the shortage of a clean water supply for an evaporative cooling system. Although the same system is used the world over, it is believed that relatively high summer air temperatures (above 33°C) in most parts of Botswana adversely affect the overall performance of the plant. Such observation is based on the fact that the water outlet temperature from the condenser is believed to be above 100°C.

It should be noted that presently the electrical system's maximum demand for the entire country is around 402 MW, that is, 270 MW more than the local generating capacity [10]. The data in Fig. 1 show the maximum electrical demand projected into the year 2012. It should be noted that the data for 2005–2012, as shown in Fig. 1, are predicted data.

It is evident that the future demands for electrical energy in Botswana will continue to increase. This raises several questions, the primary one being how the local power generating company (BPC) plans to achieve the demand mentioned earlier. In response to some of the above observations, it is pertinent to mention that Botswana is a signatory to the Southern African Power Pool (SAPP), which was created in 1995 (SAPP annual report 2005). It is noted that some SAPP member states presently generate electrical energy above their maximum demand. The data in Fig. 1 demonstrate maximum electrical generation and demand levels for selected SAPP member states.

Currently, Botswana's internal generation at the Morupule coal-fired power plant satisfies only 33% of its demand [1]. The country imports its additional electrical energy requirements to meet its maximum demand from Eskom of the Republic of South Africa and NamPower of Namibia. It is noted that the installed capacity and maximum demand for power from the Republic of South Africa, are the largest among the SAPP community. As of 2006 its installed capacity stands at 42 GW, while its maximum demand

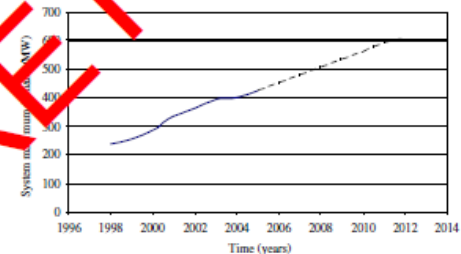


Fig. 1. Botswana's electrical system maximum demand and projection data. Source: Southern African Power Pool (SAPP) annual report 2005.

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  - These are usually not identified by authenticate unless proceedings are published internationally but as the reviewers are experts in the field usually they were present at the conference.
- Not as serious as plagiarism – copying materials from other people and claim it as yours
- Still problematic because:
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- Using inappropriate data
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- Authorship problems
  - Authors added or subtracted between resubmissions
  - Both publisher and the editor/s are against “gift-authorship”
  - Usually problems between supervisors and students
- Salami publishing
  - Basically the same paper published with minor additions, not necessarily of high similarity – attempt to increase the number of papers
- Submission of the same paper in two different journals
  - Impossible for the tool to identify similarity....
- Cases where similarity is low but most of the tables and figures are the same.



# Ethical problems related to the review process

- Reviewers asking authors to cite their papers
  - Most of the times the papers are irrelevant to the paper under evaluation.
  - Sometimes it is very difficult to identify in the review comments – many tricks are used.
  - We send a warning letter to such reviewers – and removed if this behaviour is repeated.
- Preparation of a discussion paper just to reduce the credit of an author or to publish even in this way a “paper”.

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**I will be happy to answer any questions.....**

**Professor Soteris Kalogirou**

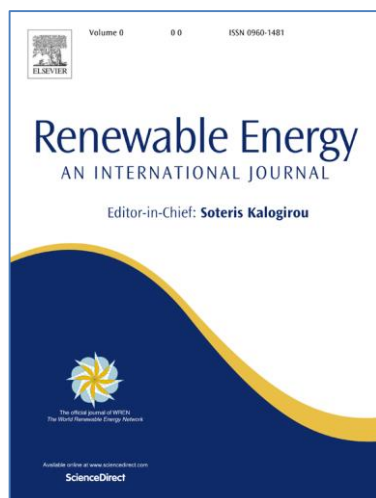
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# Peer Review

- One of the main outputs of research work.
- Important to maintain the integrity of science by filtering out invalid or poor-quality papers
- **R-index (Logan 2014)**
- There can be various **R-indices: R-factor, R 5 - over 5 years, R 2 - over two years and R 1- over a calendar or running year**
- The quality of content is not captured by quantitative measures
- Poor reviewers usually do not get re-invited, delay reviewing process

# Peer Review Process

## Peer review

...is critical because it

- Improves the quality of the published paper
- Ensures previous work is acknowledged
- Determines the importance of findings
- Detects plagiarism and fraud
- Plays a central role in academic career development

...adheres to the principles that

- It is a well understood concept
- Without it there is no control in scientific communication
- Journal editors evaluate and reject certain articles prior to external peer review

Why should you review?



- ✓ **Novelty**
- ✓ Clear research gaps
- ✓ Clear scope
- ✓ Concise abstract
- ✓ Clear conclusion
- ✓ Presentation and structure
- ✓ Scientific English
- ✓ Formatting
- ✓ Similarity check

## Editors' view: what makes a good reviewer?

- Provides a thorough and comprehensive report
- Submits the report on time
- Provides well-founded comments for authors
- Gives constructive criticism
- Demonstrates objectivity
- Provides a clear recommendation to the editor

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## Your ultimate checklist for reviewing a paper

### First impressions

- Is the research original, novel and important to the field?
- Has the appropriate structure and language been used?

### Abstract

- Is it really a summary?
- Does it include key findings?
- Is it an appropriate length?

### Introduction

- Is it effective, clear and well organized?
- Does it really introduce and put into perspective what follows?
- Suggest changes in organization and point authors to appropriate citations.
- Be specific – don't write "the authors have done a poor job"

### Methodology

- Can a colleague reproduce the experiments and get the same outcomes?
- Did the authors include proper references to previously published methodology?
- Is the description of new methodology accurate?
- Could or should the authors have included supplementary material?

### Results and discussion

- Suggest improvements in the way data is shown
- Comment on general logic and on justification of interpretations and conclusions
- Comment on the number of figures, tables and schemes
- Write concisely and precisely which changes you recommend
- List separately suggested change in style, grammar and other small changes
- Suggest additional experiments or analyses
- Make clear the need for changes/updates
- Ask yourself whether the manuscript should be published at all

### Conclusion

- Comment on importance, validity and generality of conclusions
- Request toning down of unjustified claims and generalizations
- Request removal of redundancies and summaries
- The abstract, not the conclusion, summarizes the study

### References, tables and figures

- Check accuracy, number and citation appropriateness
- Comment on any footnotes
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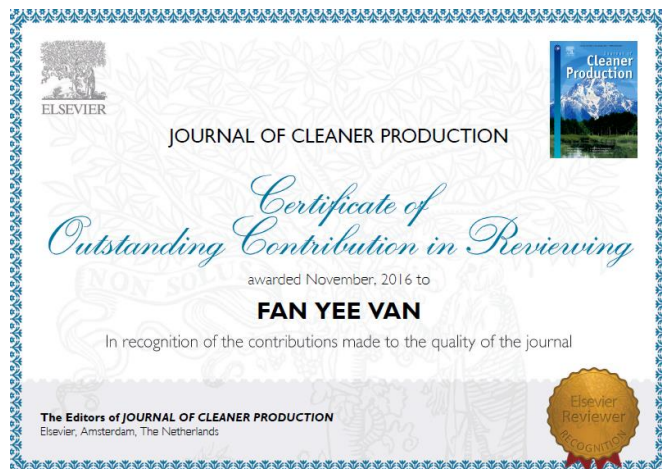
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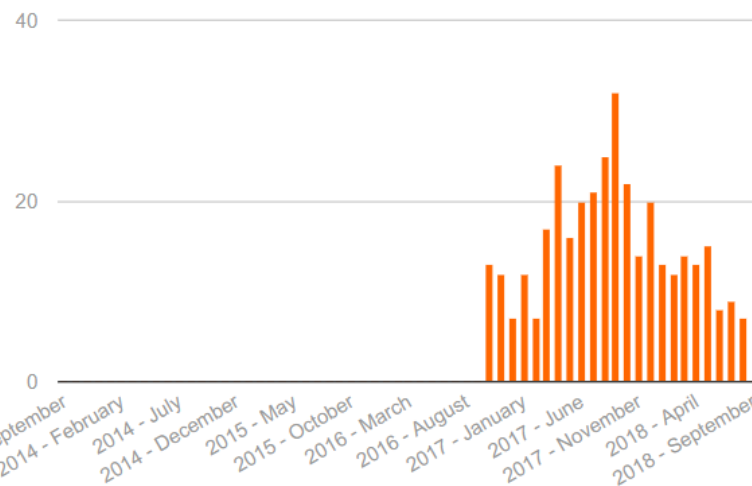
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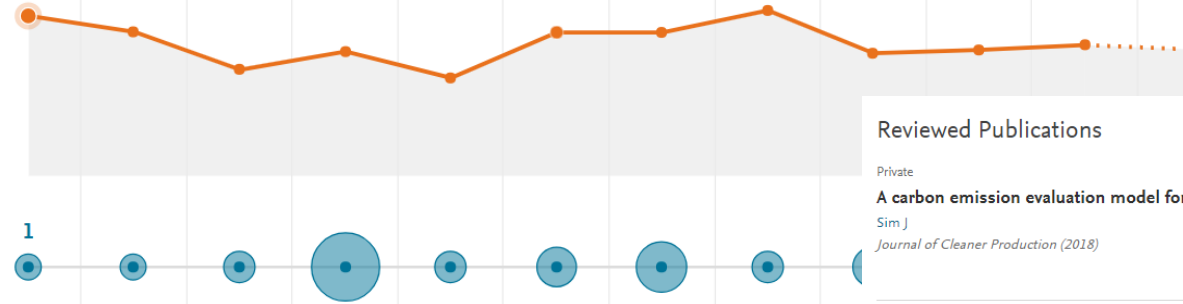
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## Reviewed Publications

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**A carbon emission evaluation model for a container terminal**

Sim J

*Journal of Cleaner Production* (2018)

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Tricase C, Lamona E, Ingrao C et al. [See more](#)

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**A critical review of the life cycle assessment studies on solid waste management in Asian countries**

Yadav P, Samadder S

*Journal of Cleaner Production* (2018)

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**A novel HAZOP approach for literature review on biomass supply chain optimisation model**

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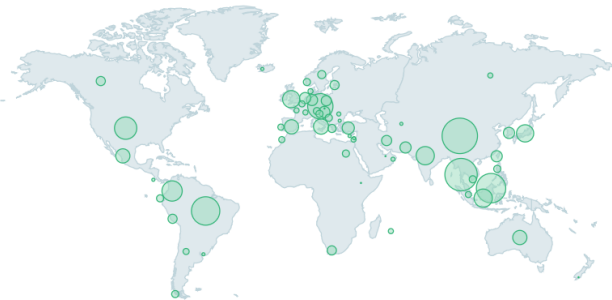
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Brazil	181
Czech Republic	151
United States	112
Colombia	88
Indonesia	71
India	71
Japan	61

## statistics

### Mendeley readers by discipline

Engineering	10
Unspecified	6
Immunology and Microbiology	2
Environmental Science	2
Agricultural and Biological Sciences	1

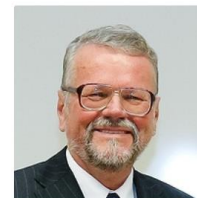
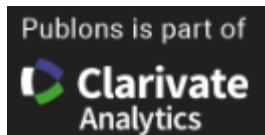
### Mendeley readers by academic status

Student > Master	11
Unspecified	5
Researcher	3
Student > Doctoral Student	1
Lecturer > Senior Lecturer	1



## Reviewer Recognition Platform

Speed up research by harnessing the power of peer review



### • Reviewer profile and merits

#### REVIEWS

1090 Median: 3  
98th percentile

#### REVIEWS (AVERAGE PER YEAR)

86 Median: 2  
98th percentile

#### OPENNESS

0.0% Median: 0.0%  
96th percentile

#### REVIEWS (LAST 12 MONTHS)

164 Median: 1  
98th percentile

#### MERIT

3272 Median: 9  
98th percentile

#### REVIEW TO PUBLICATION RATIO

8.3:1 Median: 1:1



Verified reviewer



3272 Reviewer Merit



1090 reviews



4 papers scored



2546 Editor Merit



2402 editorial records



169 reviews recognised

#### AWARDS

















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- Peer review awards
- Statistics/ ranking (by field of study, by country, by institution etc)

#	RESEARCHER	INSTITUTION	# VERIFIED REVIEWS	# REVIEWS LAST 12 MONTHS	# VERIFIED EDITORIAL RECORDS
1	 Jiří Jaromír Klemes	Brno University of Technology	1,089	164	2,401
2	 Petar Sabej Varbanov	Brno University of Technology	767	146	2
3	 Timothy G. Walmsley	Brno University of Technology	534	453	54
4	 Yee Van Fan	Brno University of Technology	475	224	5
5	 Vaclav Kasicka	Institute of Organic Chemistry and Biochemistry of th...	451	26	-
6	 Bestoun S. Ahmed	Czech Technical University in Prague	254	53	7
7	 Dan Wichterle	IKEM, Prague, Czech Republic	193	15	-
8	 Milan Jirasek	Czech Technical University in Prague	193	29	1
9	 Ondrej Krejcar	University of Hradec Králové	191	59	7
10	 Xuexiu Jia	Brno University of Technology	182	123	-
11	 Kamil Kuca	University of Hradec Králové	170	76	-
12	 Manlio Vinciguerra	Masaryk University	153	93	1
13	 Xuechao Wang	Brno University of Technology	143	142	-
14	 Libor M. Hlaváč	VŠB - Technical University of Ostrava	142	20	-



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# Now that we have seen the reviewers viewpoint.... What if I am reviewed?

Acknowledge and appreciate suggestions and contribution from reviewers

If you have been unclear, admit it and apologize

It is necessary to agree on everything - but if you disagree, try to make a convincing point!

Back up disagreement with reference to the data ("in theory, yes; in practice, no...")

Remind about widely accepted conceptualizations and remind current state of the art

# Now that we have seen the reviewers viewpoint.... What if I am reviewed? (2)

Remind reviewers about the existence of diverging – but equally legitimate – theoretical perspectives

Give reviewers “extra treats” – additional tables, analyses, discussions, etc... not included in the manuscript – that give them extraordinary insight into the methodology.

Explore all the literature they refer to and try to find a way to USE the literature they suggest. Do not just cite it!

Show how their comments pushed you to collect extra data, question your interpretations, apply other analytical methods

Emphasize reviewers' appreciation. Remind the editor and the other reviewers about the good things they saw in your paper

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