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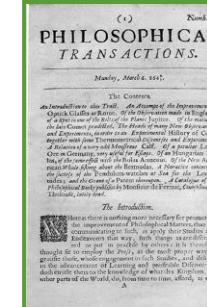
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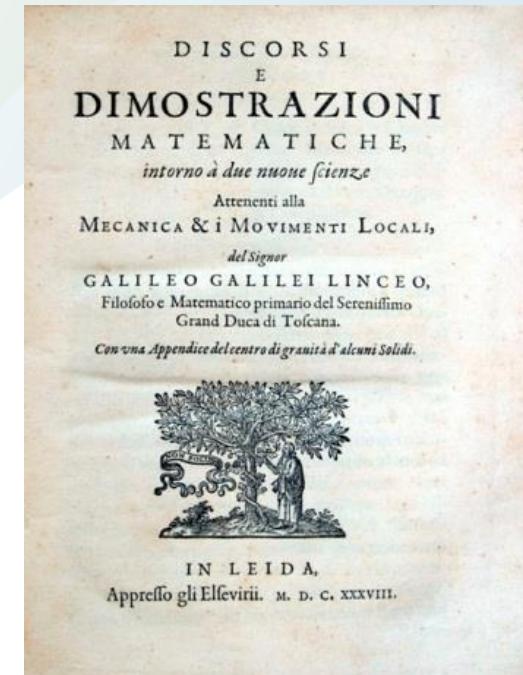


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THE LOWEST BOUND STATES OF TRIPLET (BH_2)⁺

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Ab initio SCF (self-consistent field) and CI (configuration interaction) calculations on the 1^3B_1 and 1^3B_2 states of $(\text{BH}_2)^+$ have been performed. The geometries, vibrational and rotational constants, as well as the dissociation energies for optimized equilibrium geometries, are compared with DIM (diatomics in molecules) model results.

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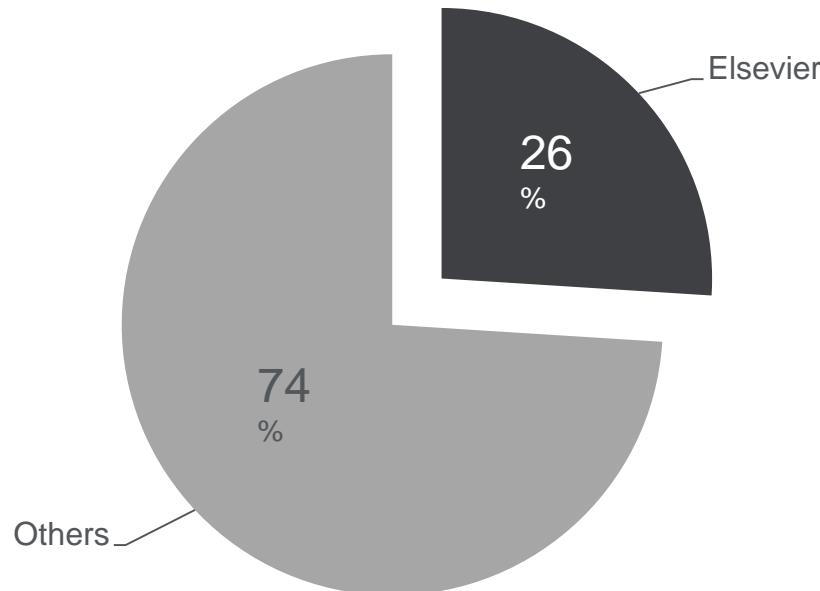
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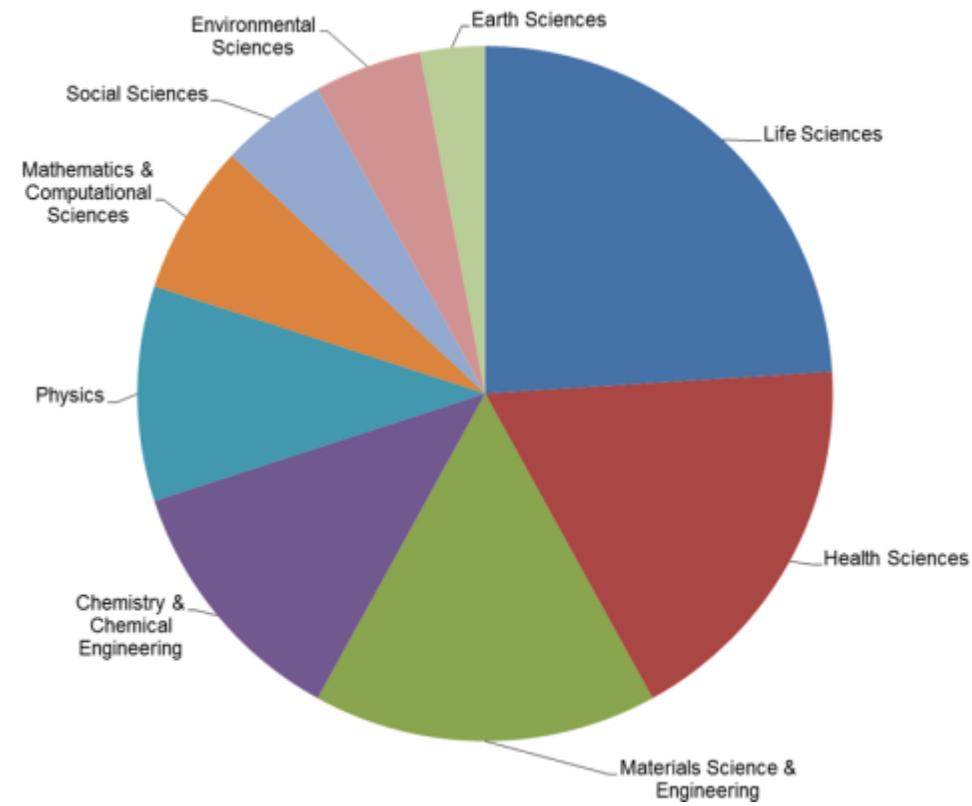
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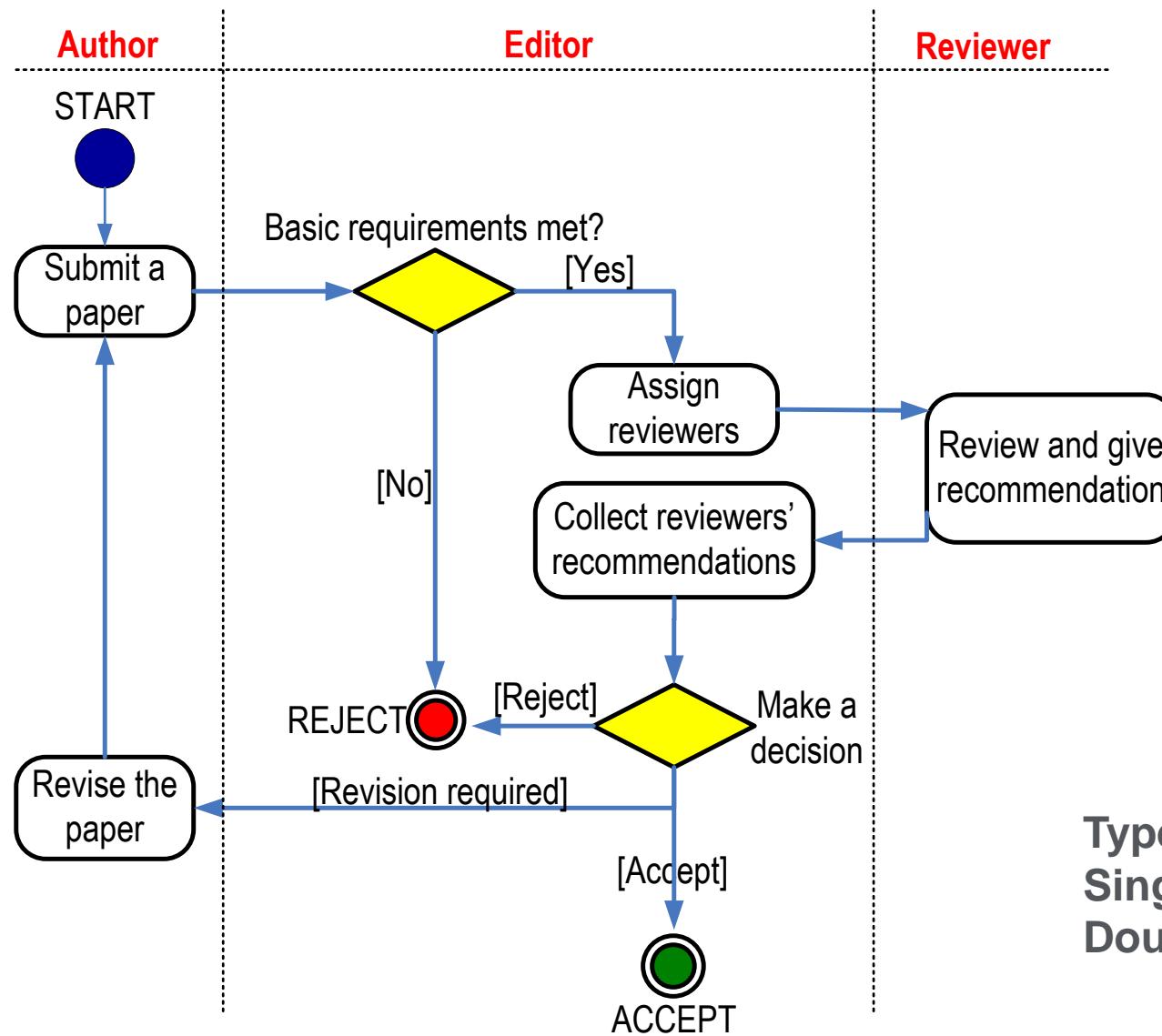
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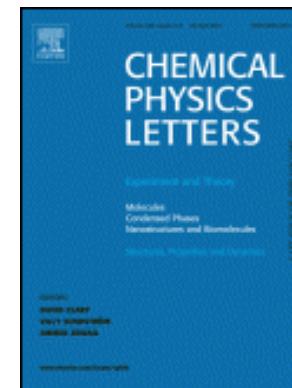
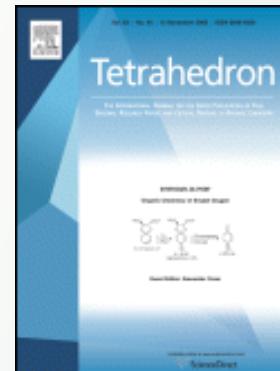
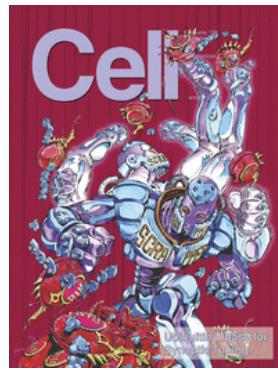
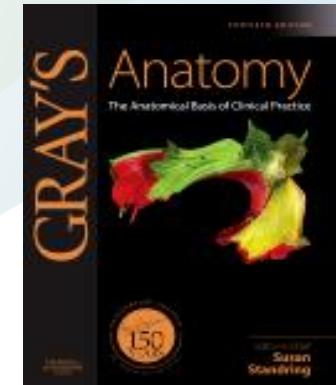
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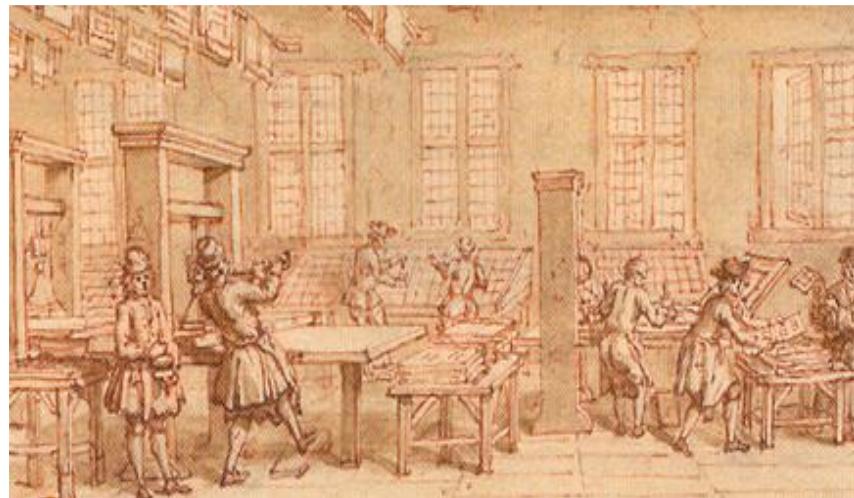
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Review

Production of liquid biofuels from renewable resources

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ABSTRACT

This article is an up-to-date review of the literature available on the subject of liquid biofuels. In search of a suitable fuel alternative to fast depleting fossil fuel and oil reserves and in serious consideration of the environmental issues associated with the extensive use of fuels based on petrochemicals, research work is in progress worldwide. Researchers have been re-directing their interests in biomass based fuels, which currently seem to be the only logical alternative for sustainable development in the context of economical and environmental considerations. Renewable bioresources are available globally in the form of residual agricultural biomass and wastes, which can be transformed into liquid biofuels. However, the process of conversion, or chemical transformation, could be very expensive and not worth-while to use for an economical large-scale commercial supply of biofuels. Hence, there is still need for much research to be done for an effective, economical and efficient conversion process. Therefore, this article is written as a broad overview of the subject, and includes information based on the research conducted globally by scientists according to their local socio-cultural and economic situations.

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This study presents the integrated layout optimization of multi-component systems using a fixed mesh. The optimization formulation is established under the framework of the extended finite element method (XFEM). The level set method is used to represent components and is combined with the XFEM to describe material discontinuities across elements. Sensitivity analysis is proposed with respect to geometric variables of components and pseudo-densities of the basic structure. An analytical shape sensitivity analysis method with respect to positions and shapes of components is developed. Both solid and void components are considered to show the efficiency and accuracy of the proposed shape sensitivity analysis method. Furthermore, a revised finite circle method that adapts shape changes of elliptical components is proposed for the definition of non-overlapping constraints. Finally, numerical examples of maximizing the structural stiffness are tested to demonstrate the proposed method.

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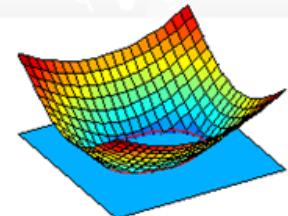
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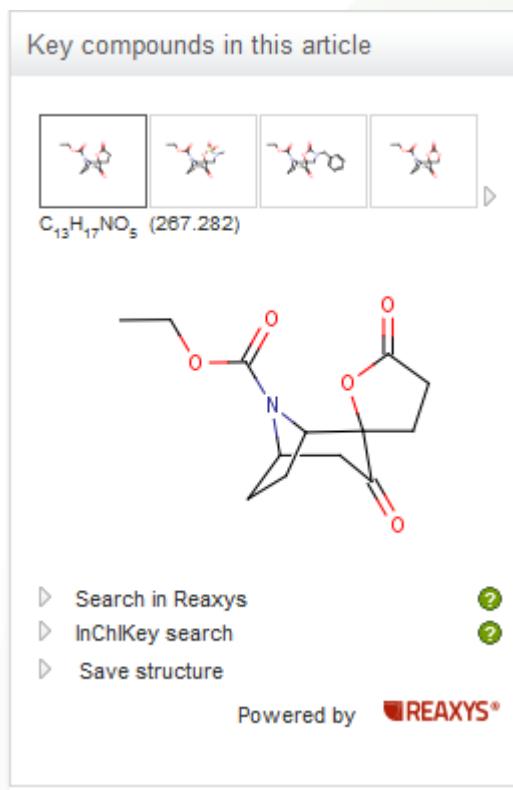
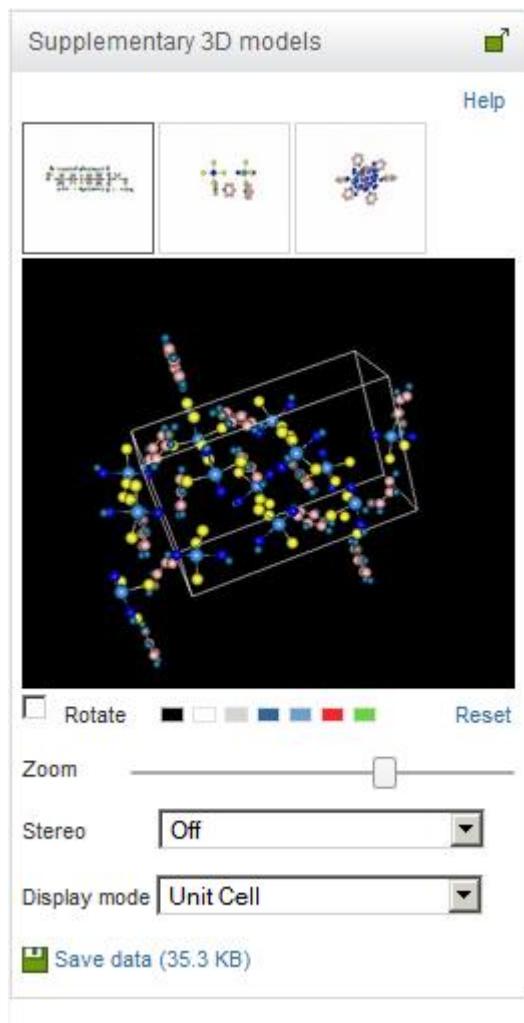
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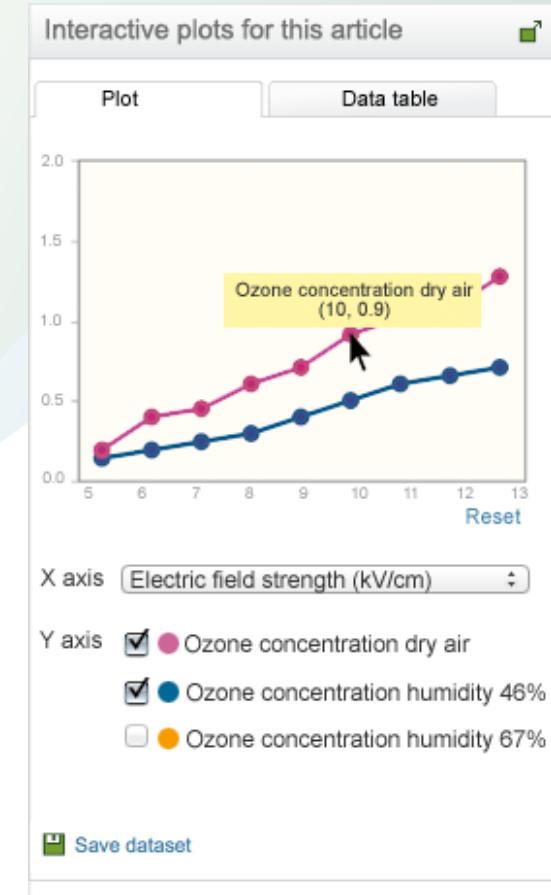
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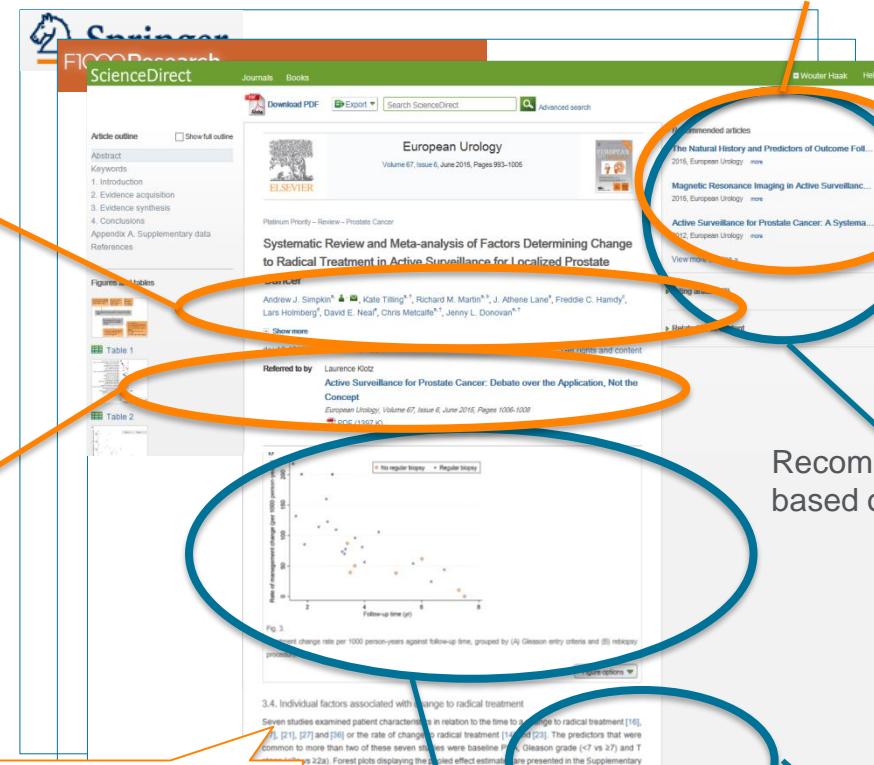
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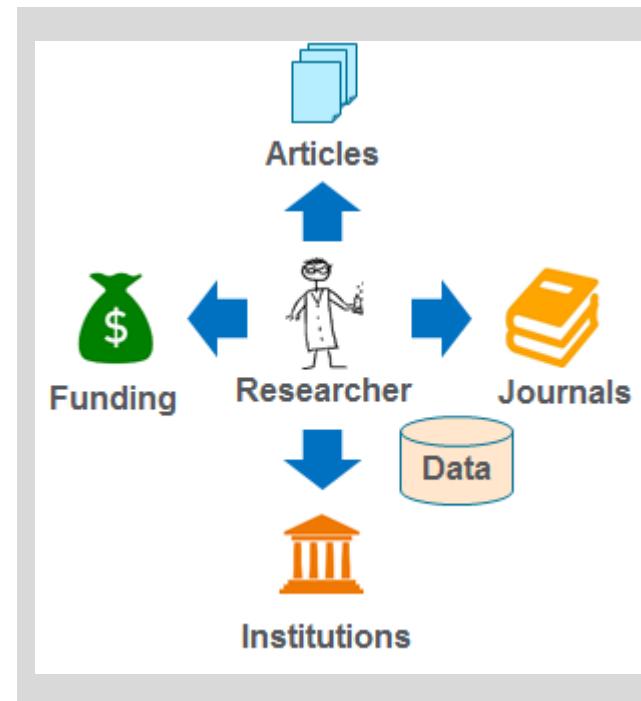


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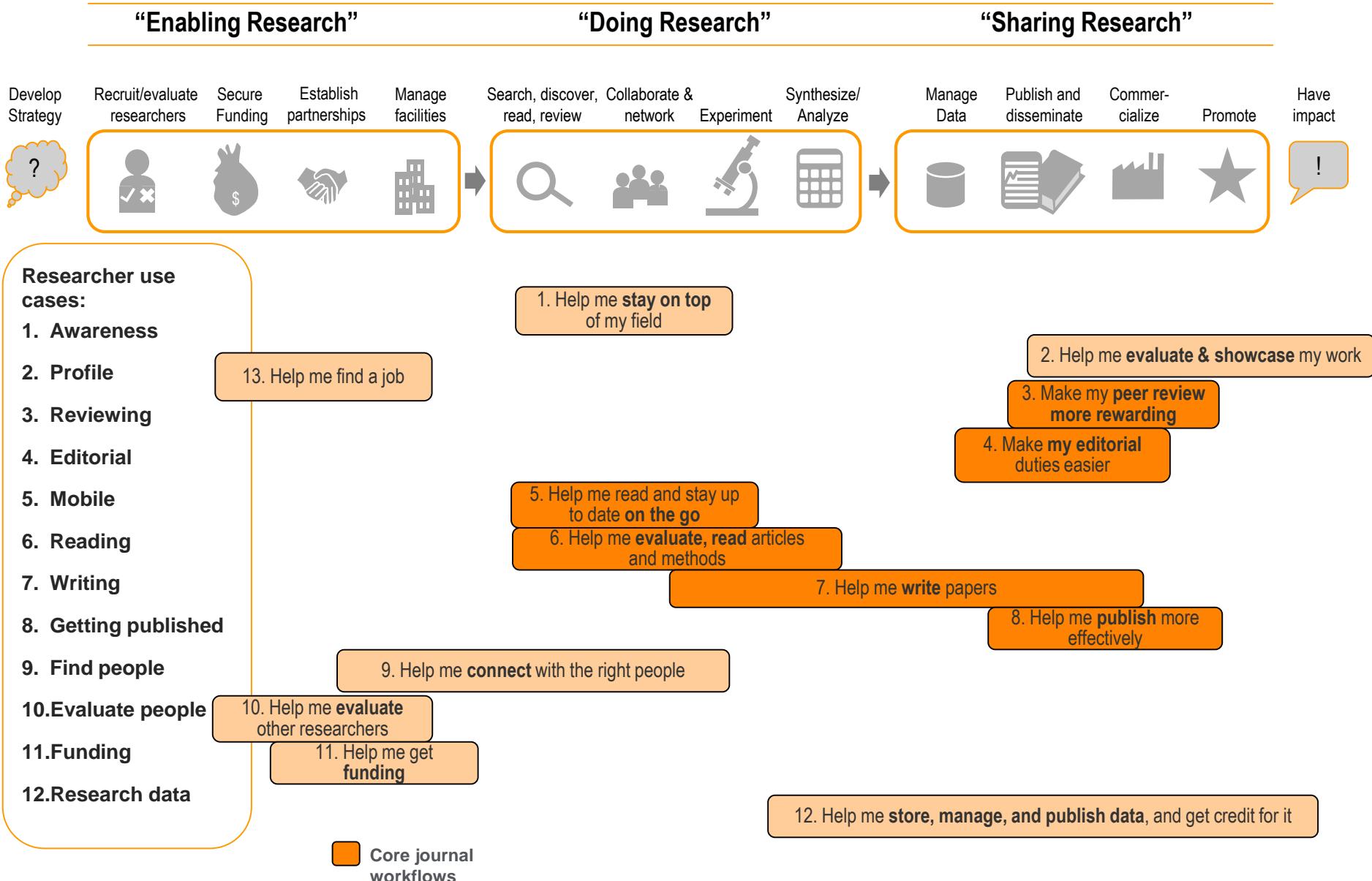


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1. Introduction

Multiphase fluid systems undergoing thermal convection are frequently encountered in industry and nature, from boilers and condensers to cloud and atmospheric dynamics. The prevalence of such systems has prompted interest in understanding the complex interaction between phase change and thermal convection and, particularly, how phase change affects the global properties of the flow. The standard and well-studied Rayleigh–Bénard (RB) cell [1]–[4] has been employed in recent numerical and experimental works to address questions about cloud formation in moist convection [5] and heat transport in the boiling process [6, 7]. Experiments performed on ethane near its boiling point by Zhong *et al* [7] showed a significant enhancement of heat transport compared to single-phase transport, consistent with the numerical results from simulations of water near its boiling point performed by Oresta *et al* [6].

Here, we perform simulations of boiling in a cylindrical RB cell to gain further insight into how the phase change can modify the velocity and temperature fields, and turbulence level in thermal convection. As in single-phase RB convection, the dynamics are determined by the strength of the thermal forcing (the Rayleigh number) and the ratio of the kinematic viscosity to thermal diffusivity (the Prandtl number) [1]–[4]. The global response of the system is measured via the total heat transport through the cell (the Nusselt number, Nu) and the turbulence intensity (the Reynolds number, Re). For boiling, a critical additional parameter governing the heat transfer is the Jakob number, the ratio of the sensible heat to the latent heat of vaporization, Ja , which we vary to explore the different ways the phase change affects the response of the system.

When vapor bubbles form in a convecting liquid, it is not *a priori* clear how the velocity field and turbulence intensity will be modified. The dispersed bubbles have complex thermal and mechanical interactions with the liquid phase, see e.g. [8]–[17]. On the one hand, the density contrast between the liquid and vapor will induce motion due to buoyancy, but, on the other hand, the phase change from liquid to vapor removes energy from the liquid phase. It was proposed in [6], which focused on the physics of heat transfer in multiphase RB convection, that destabilization due to buoyancy dominates over stabilization due to thermal smoothing in most situations. In this paper, that idea is directly checked through calculation of the Reynolds number, with and without the thermal and mechanical feedback from the bubble on the flow.

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Issues with ethics in publishing

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- Making up research data

Falsification

- Manipulation of existing research data

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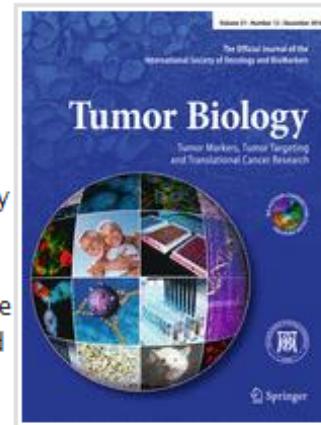
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Springer is [retracting 107 papers](#) from one journal after discovering they had been accepted with fake peer reviews. Yes, 107.

To submit a fake review, someone (often the author of a paper) either makes up an outside expert to review the paper, or suggests a real researcher — and in both cases, provides a fake email address that comes back to someone who will invariably give the paper a glowing review. In this case, Springer, the publisher of *Tumor Biology* through 2016, told us that an investigation produced “clear evidence” the reviews were submitted under the names of real researchers with faked emails. Some of the authors may have used a third-party editing service, which may have supplied the reviews. The [journal is now published by SAGE](#).

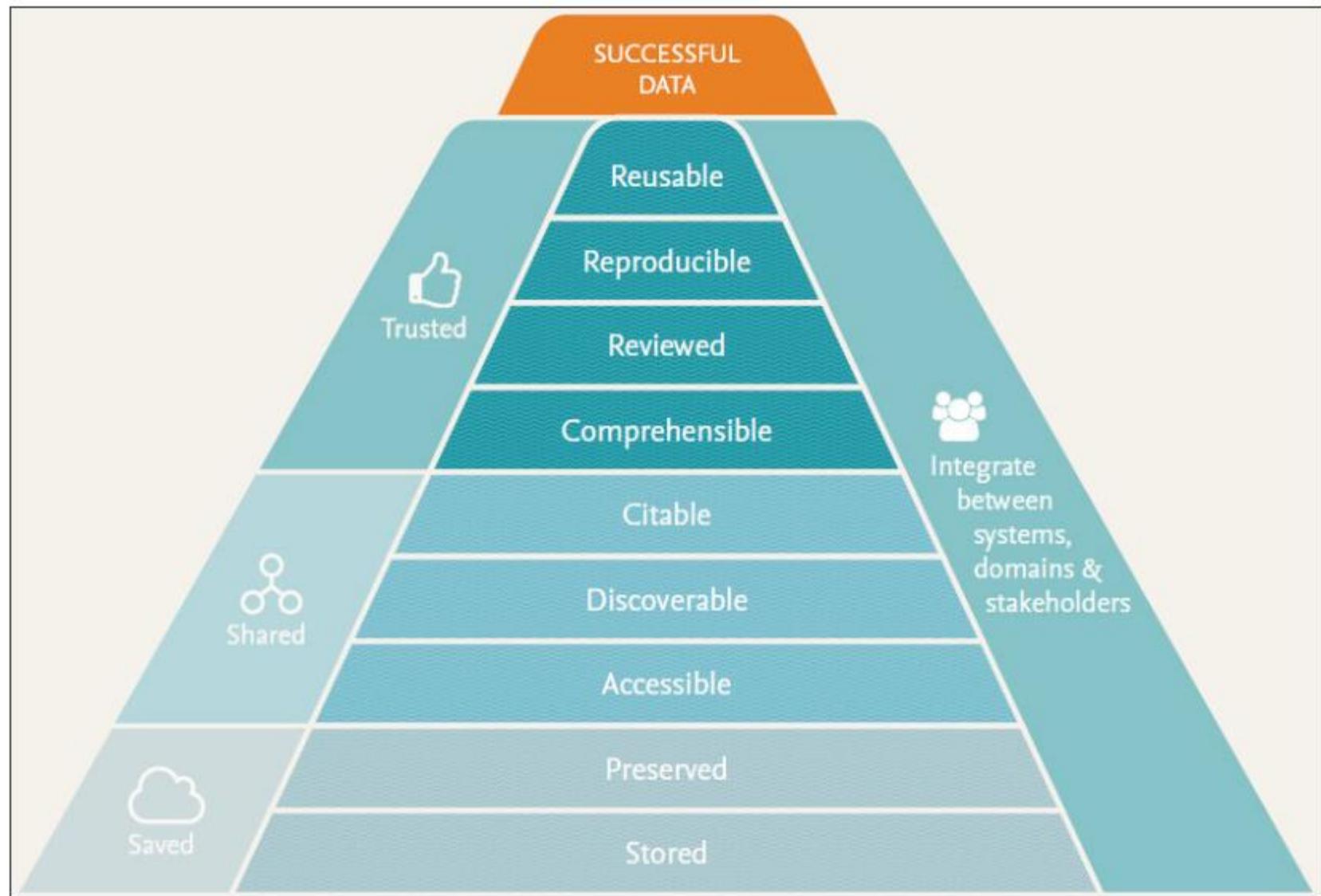


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Here's more from Springer's official statement, out today:

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After the retractions as a result of fake peer review (amongst others) in 2015 and 2016 that involved *Tumor Biology*, the decision was made to screen new papers before they are released to production.



3. Quality - commitment from Editors

- High refereeing standards
- Fast refereeing speed
- Reputation and IF
- Set Direction and scope of the journal
- Build and engage community
- Promotion at conferences

High refereeing standards and fast refereeing speed

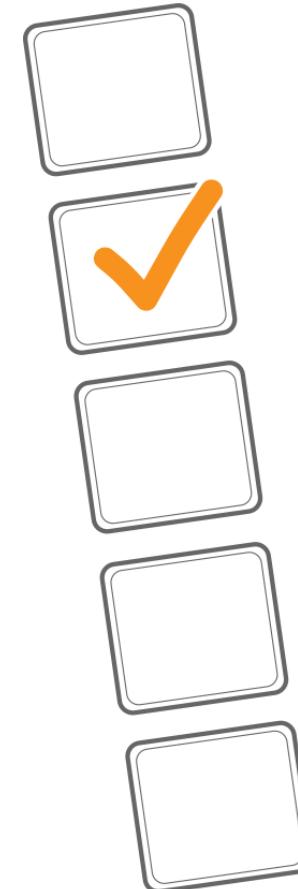
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Journal quality/reputation - content

- Academic contribution to the field – novelty, impact, quality
- Direction and scope of the journal
- Build and engage community
- Clarity of abstracts, English
- Readability of articles
- Fast refereeing speed (Quick first decision)
- High refereeing standards
- Reputation – scope, papers published, subject area
- High IF journal

Reputation and IF

- IF: high IF is directly related to the reputation of the journal
- Content: top content on emerging topics from top scientists
- Editorial Board: international and a good mix of high profile top scientists and younger people – the rising stars. Gender is also important



Set Direction and scope of the journal

- Have a good overview of the new developments in the field
- Try to capture these fields in your journal (Special issues/sections/ conference issues)
- Have a good overview of how competing journals develop scientifically (topics and citations);
- Regular strategic dialogues between the publisher and editors (and editorial board);
- Analyse user behaviour of published articles in the journal (downloads and citations);
- Understand implications of new web based technology and tools for scientific journals and their communities



Build and engage community

- Ensure authors, reviewers and editorial board reflect the target community;
- Frequently renew the editorial board;
- Yearly contact the editorial board (newsletter);
- Engage and **invite authors**, reviewers, guest-editors or editorial board members to cover emerging fields;
- Engage upcoming and key scientists in Journal activities;
- Invite the editorial board to act as ambassadors for the Journal;
- Employ new (social) media to reach out to community;
- Go outside own network.



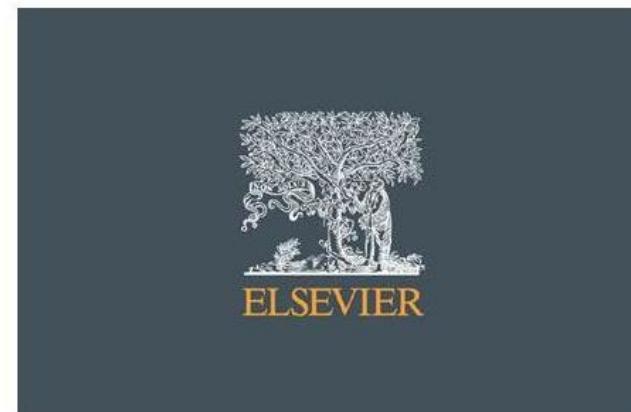
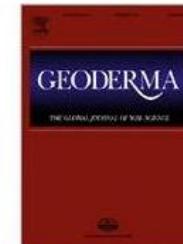
Promotion at conferences

- Engage with attendees, get information on emerging fields and feedback on journal
- Invite scientists who are key note speakers at conferences to write for the journal, or arrange a special issue based on the conference
- Awards in name of the journal
- Mention the journal in your talk
- Leaflets, sponsoring material, special session or reception
- Editorial board meeting

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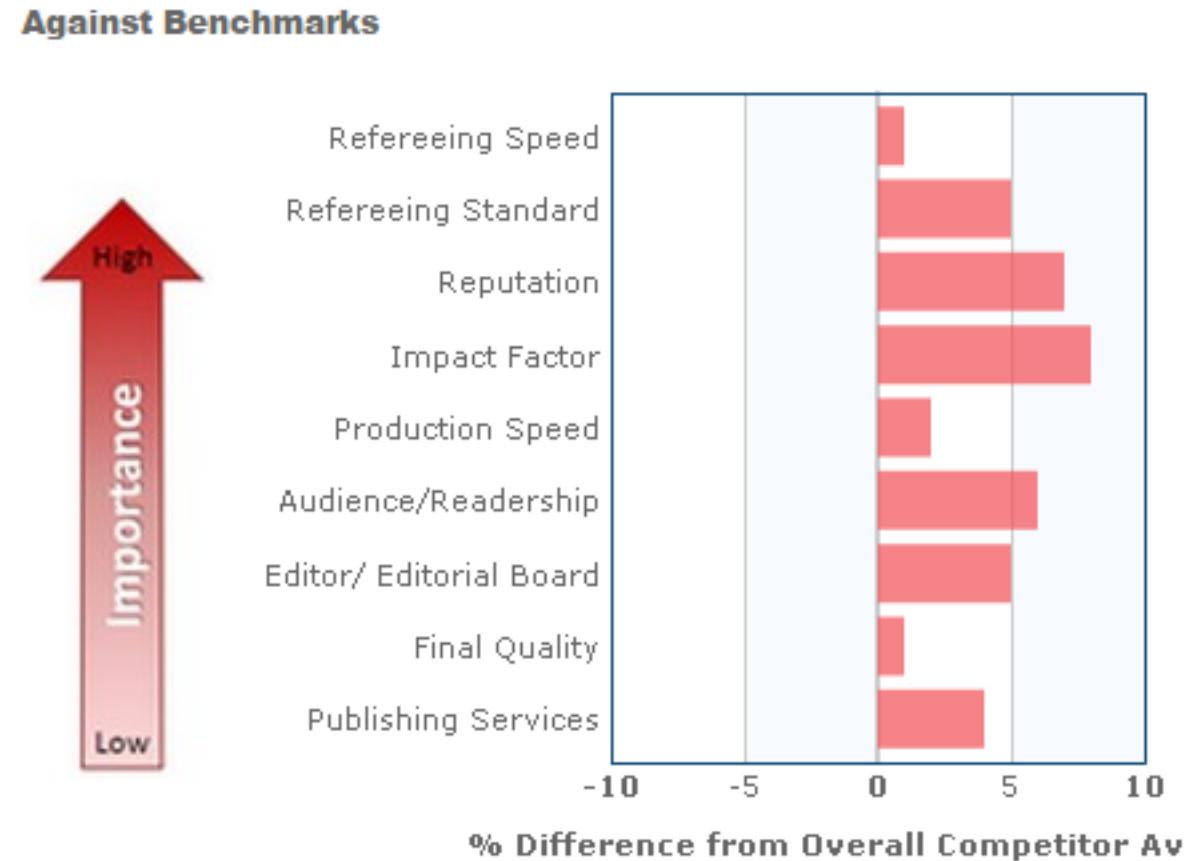


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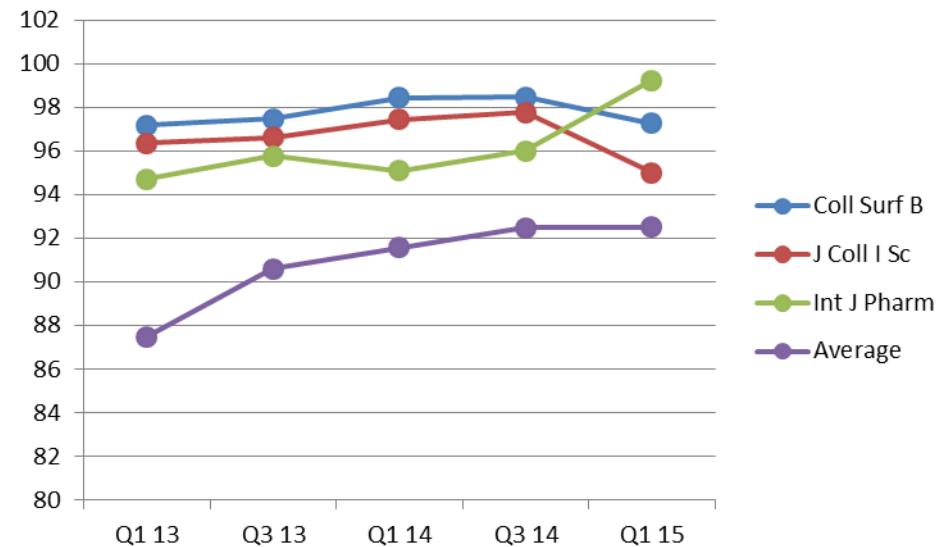
Listening to customers

Authors are our main customers



	COLL SURF B	Diff to Avg	INT J PHARM	J COL L I SC
Refereeing Speed	86	+1	87	89
Refereeing Standard	96	+5	93	91
Reputation	89	+7	87	86
Impact Factor	86	+8	81	70
Audience/Readership	92	+6	92	89
Production Speed	94	+2	97	94
Editor/ Editorial Board	95	+5	95	95
Final Quality	97	+1	95	96
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Overall satisfaction



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- COLL SURF B strength
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(Author from Spain aged 56-65)

The editor's service.
(Author from China aged 46-55)

Detractors

The amount of time that was taken between my initial submission (November 15, 2013) until the time accepted (April 18, 2014). During this time, I had little contact from the editor, and only after my requests. For a journal that boasts a 3 week turn around time (the biggest reason we submitted to the journal), it was unacceptable.
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Quick and professional handling of the peer-review process
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level of research
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4. Indexing - revised

Why getting indexed

- International visibility
- Increased citations for individual researchers, as well as for the journal
- Increased opportunity for collaboration with other researchers from around the world
- The accepted journal will also contribute to the wider scholarly community in the title's subject field.

Scope Content Overview > Scope

High-quality Data



5,000+
Publishers



69+ M
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12+ M
author profiles



70,000+
affiliation profiles

There are
100,750*
active
scholarly
titles

Of which
43,947*
are peer-
reviewed

Scopus
indexes
22,800+



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22,800+
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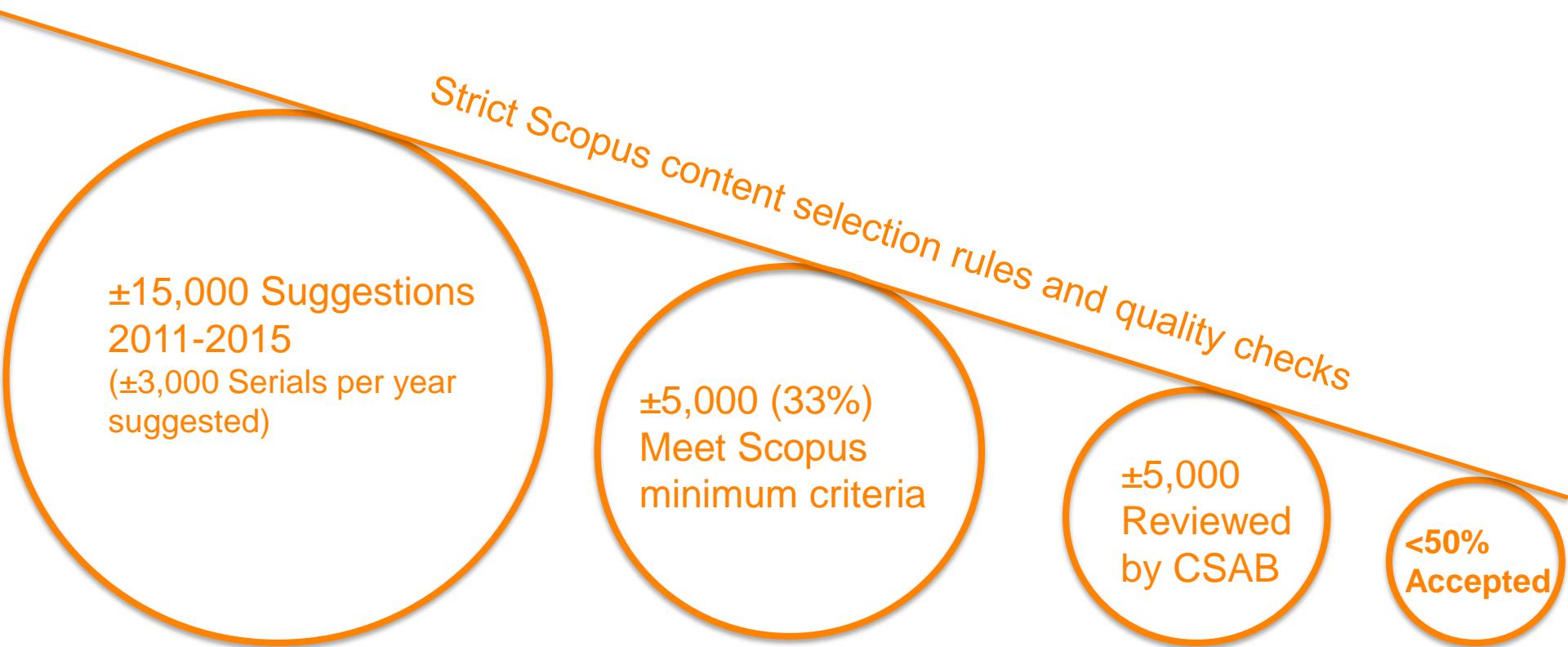
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100,000+
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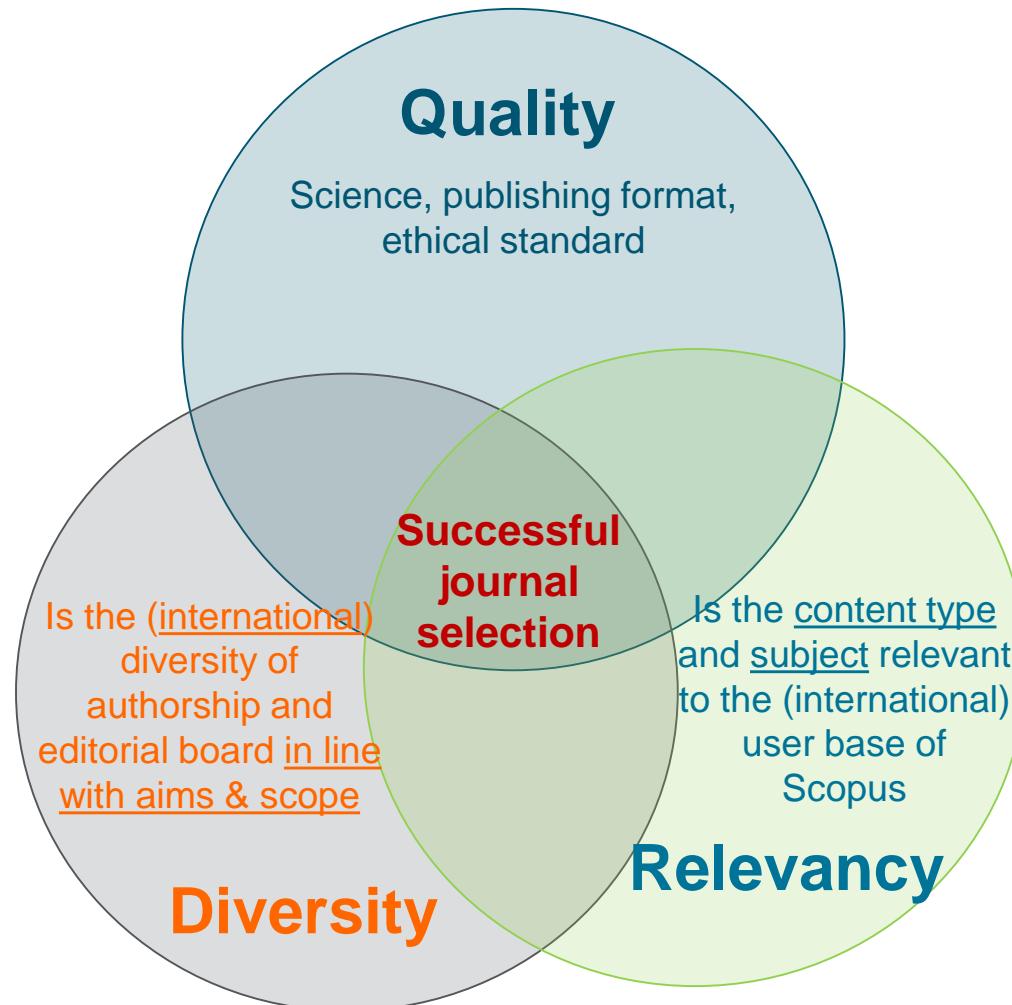
8+ million
conference papers

Scopus journal evaluation

- Less than half of the reviewed titles are selected for Scopus coverage
- The CSAB is selective and strict on quality: in total 5,411 **titles reviewed** (2011 –2015) of which 2,587 (**48%**) **accepted** for Scopus



Successful journal selection is a combination of different aspects



How are journals Selected?

Journals should meet all minimum criteria in order to be considered for Scopus review:

- Peer review
- English abstracts
- Regular publication
- Roman script references
- Publishing ethics statement

The Content Selection & Advisory Board (CSAB) reviews journals on 14 quantitative & qualitative selection criteria grouped in 5 categories:

- Journal Policy
- Quality of content
- Journal standing
- Regularity
- Online availability

Transparent Scopus selection criteria for serial content

Eligible titles are reviewed by the Content Selection & Advisory Board according to a combination of 14 quantitative and qualitative selection criteria in 5 categories:

Journal Policy	Quality of Content	Journal Standing	Regularity	Online Availability
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Convincing editorial concept/policy• Type of peer-review• Diversity geographic distribution of editors• Diversity geographic distribution of authors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Academic contribution to the field• Clarity of abstracts• Quality and conformity with stated aims & scope• Readability of articles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Citedness of journal articles in Scopus• Editor standing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No delay in publication schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Content available online• English-language journal home page• Quality of home page

Pre-evaluation service for Africa

- The pre-evaluation service for Africa will be free of charge and will require editors to complete an online questionnaire. The local team will then check the eligibility and provide feedback.
- This will help to expedite the process – (applications currently take up to one year) and it will also prevent journals from being embargoed (re-application with 2-3 years is prohibited).
- We have to finalize discussions with management and product before we can roll out. But we try to help in constructively.

Thank you!

Questions?

Suggestions?

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