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This editorial presents some information regarding the peer-review of manuscripts submitted to RBO in 2016 and 2017. The idea is to share RBO data evaluation, such as number of submitted and rejected manuscripts and duration of the peer-review process, showing to authors, reviewers and readers the journal's current status, which meets the trend of scientific publication worldwide.

Table 1 presents the main information regarding the RBO peer-review process in 2016 and 2017.

Table 1. RBO peer-review process in 2016 and 2017

DATA	2016 (n* = 4)	2017 (n* = 3)
SUBMITTED MANUSCRIPTS	148	158
ACCEPTED MANUSCRIPTS	74 (50%)	42 (26%)
REJECTED MANUSCRIPTS	74 (50%)	109 (69%)
TIME BETWEEN SUBMISSION AND PUBLICATION (days)	80	91

*n = volume

As observed in the table, the rejection rate is above 60%. This result means that it is not unusual for authors to receive a rejection letter, which should be understood as natural occurrence in such a rigorous process. Scientific journals receive a huge number of new submissions on a monthly basis and, in order to maintain a high-quality scientific standard, not even 50% of received submissions can be published. In this sense, RBO has increased its refusal rate in an initial moment, as a consensual decision of the editorial board.

During the preliminary analysis of new submissions, we thoroughly review the abstract, to confirm whether the subject is within the journal's scope, whether there is scientific relevance and methodological consistency and whether the instructions for authors have been strictly followed. The preliminary analysis reduces the workload of the reviewers, allowing an evaluation with increased scientific quality.

We try to give a fast response to the authors, so that they do not wait up to several months for a negative reply and can resubmit the manuscript to another journal within a reasonable amount of time. Ideally, the justification for rejection should be fully given, but RBO does not currently have sufficient financial resources or personnel to provide a detailed written opinion to all authors that receive immediate refusal. We are working on this...

Finally, we would like to thank everyone who contributed and cooperated with the journal in 2017, wishing an excellent 2018, with good health, peace, joy and...papers, of course!

Happy Holidays!



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