Is There a New Journal Hiding in Your Rejections?

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Rejected Article Tracker

- Part of Impact Vizor from Highwire
- Analyzes cited research
- Compares data with other journals
- Pulls from several sources: Crossref, Scopus, social shares, etc
- Works with multiple manuscript submission systems
Uses

- Determine which topics are being rejected and accepted/cited elsewhere
- General knowledge for the editors— are we letting good papers go?
- Find new competitors
- Evaluate papers suggested to resubmit to spoke journal
- New editors coming in— content may shift

Cohort Comparison
Type of Rejection

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<th>By Status</th>
<th>Avg Cites / Published Article by Reject Reason</th>
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<td>Published &amp; Cites</td>
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Which Journals Are Getting Our Papers?
Why We Use it

- Rejection rate increasing, and we were losing good papers
- Which journals were publishing our papers
- Were there enough papers we were getting to support another journal?
- Possible case report journal

Caveats

- Despite letting “good” papers go, the field may be saturated with specialty journals in that area
- Rejected papers might not have been in the scope of your journal
- Caution is needed when looking at the results—e.g. one editor might have a higher number of papers being published elsewhere
- Papers that are “not found” could skew results
- Editors not always willing to change behavior
Thank You.