

Quality Assurance Session: Managing peer review at a large scale

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Since its launch seven years ago, PLOS ONE has broken all records of growth and scale, becoming the largest journal in the world within just five years. The journal now receives thousands of submissions each month, and publishes over 600 new research articles every week. Despite this scale, the journal has managed to maintain a high standard of quality and rigour, by using a combination of internal editorial staff and volunteer academic editors and reviewers. Because of this success, the PLOS ONE model is now widely emulated across the publishing world, with many new players adopting PLOS ONE's editorial policies wholesale.

In this talk I will discuss how the journal manages to maintain quality at scale, and describe some of the challenges it faces as its scope and reputation continue to expand.

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