

Review of: "The Contribution of the Rejection Mechanism to Scientific Knowledge Production: A View from Granular Interaction Thinking and Information Theories"

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This article presents unique insights by linking the rejection mechanism with information theory and quantum mechanics. However, the complexity of the theories and the lack of empirical support may limit its practical impact. Strengthening the application of the theories and incorporating empirical research could make the article's arguments more compelling.

Even though there is a rejection mechanism in the academic publishing process, manuscripts that are deemed unqualified and rejected by editors and reviewers do not necessarily remain unpublished. They may be revised and resubmitted, or submitted to another journal. When discussing the rejection mechanism, the article distinguishes between two scenarios (Scenario 1 and Scenario 2) but does not clearly specify the scope of the rejection. It could refer to rejection within a single journal or the final submission outcome of the manuscript. If the analysis only focuses on rejections within a single journal, it may underestimate the possibility of authors submitting their manuscripts to other journals and its impact on knowledge dissemination. If it refers to the final submission outcome, I believe that most researchers have confidence in their manuscripts and will continue to persevere until their research results are officially published.