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Abstract

Abstract: "Research Tools" can be defined as vehicles that broadly facilitate research and related activities. Scientific tools enable researchers to collect, organize, analyze, visualize and publicized research outputs. Dr. Nader has collected over 700 tools that enable students to follow the correct path in research and to ultimately produce high-quality research outputs with more accuracy and efficiency. It is assembled as an interactive Web-based mind map, titled "Research Tools", which is updated periodically. "Research Tools" consists of a hierarchical set of nodes. It has four main nodes: (1) Searching the literature, (2) Writing a paper, (3) Targeting suitable journals, and (4) Enhancing visibility and impact of the research. Several free tools can be found in the child nodes. In this workshop some tools as examples from the part 3 (Targeting suitable journals) will be described. The e-skills learned from the workshop are useful across various research disciplines and research institutions.

Keywords: H-index, Improve citations, Research tools, Bibliometrics, Literature review

Upskill Programme: Research Tools - Workshop Series

- 1. Research Tools: Literature Search and Scientific Source Comparison
- 2. Research Tools: Scientific Writing Tools for Writing Literature Review and a Paper
- 3. Research Tools: Choosing the Right Journal for Your Research
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learning outcomes

- Ability to distinct between peer-reviewed and other forms of journals
- Ability to find journal ranking according to Thomson Reuters
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- Ability to comprehend and deal with complex research issues in order to communicate their scientific results clearly for peer review
- Ability to work through the peer-review process

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Cover letter

Dear Professor Katsuhiko Ariga, Good Day!

Enclosed is a paper, entitled " Small and Medium Enterprises; Virtual R&D (Research and Development) Teams and New Product Development: A Literature Review." Please accept it as a candidate for publication in the Advanced Science Letters Journal.

Below are our responses to your submission requirements.

- 1. Title and the central theme of the article.
- Paper title: "Small and Medium Enterprises; Virtual R&D Teams and New Product Development: A Literature Review." This study reviews the concepts of new product development and distributed teams in small and medium enterprises. It proposes the state-of-the-art literature review in order to provide an overview on the structure and dynamics of R&D collaboration in SMEs.

2. Why the material is important in its field and why the material should be published in the **Advanced Science Letters Journal?**

- The necessity of having an effective virtual team network is rapidly growing alongside the implementation of information technology. Finding an appropriate virtual teams management has become increasingly important today's distributed environment. However, the conventional centralized architecture, which routinely requests the information by face to face meeting, is not sufficient to manage the growing requests for new product, especially in small and medium enterprises.
- Recently, a new phenomenon that uses virtual teams to assist the distributed R&D teams has emerged. The virtual teams reduce timeto-market, distribute SMEs risk in new product development, and improve SMEs operational performance. Given today's virtual teams demand over the SMEs, it is important for the "Advanced Science Letters Journal" readers to understand this new phenomenon and its benefits. This study gives a comprehensive literature review on different aspects of virtual R&D teams collected from the reputed publications. It is the first in the literature that reports the analysis of proceeding about the topic. We strongly believe the contribution of this study warrant its publication in the "Advanced Science Letters Journal".

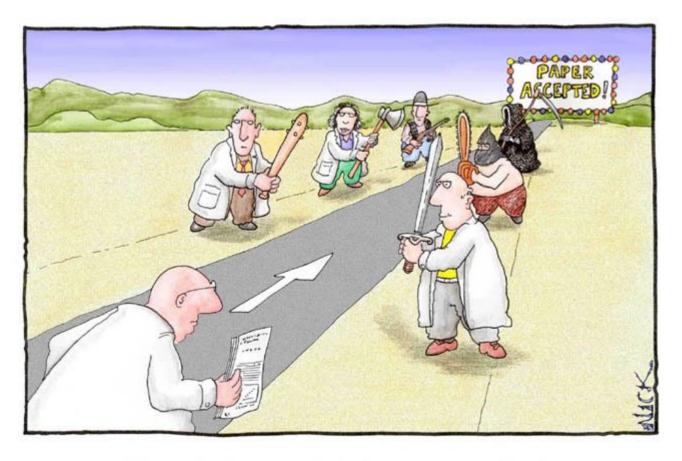
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Best Regards, N. Ale Ebrahim PhD Candidate Department of Engineering Design & Manufacture Faculty of Engineering, University of Malaya (UM) Kuala Lumpur 50603, Malaysia http://www.researcherid.com/rid/C-2414-2009

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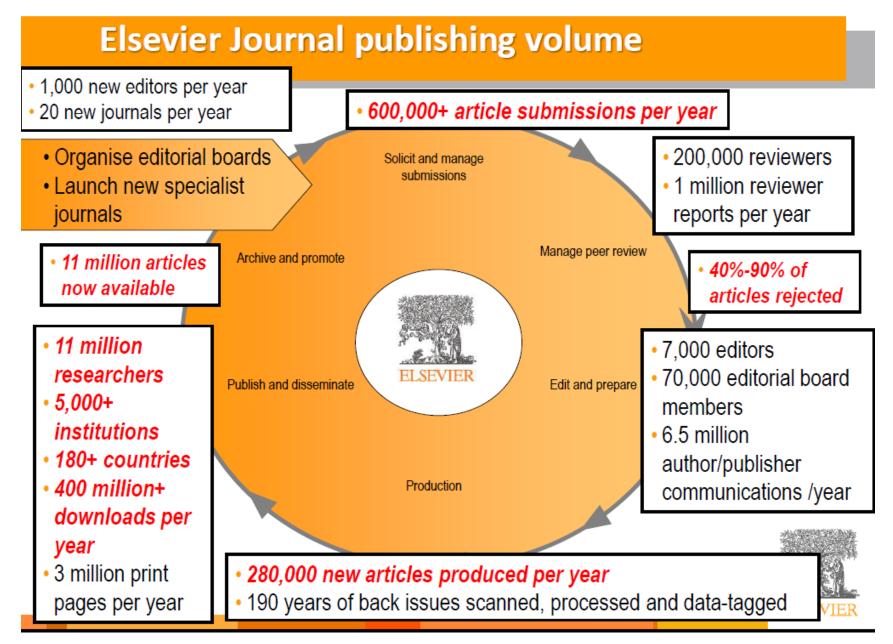
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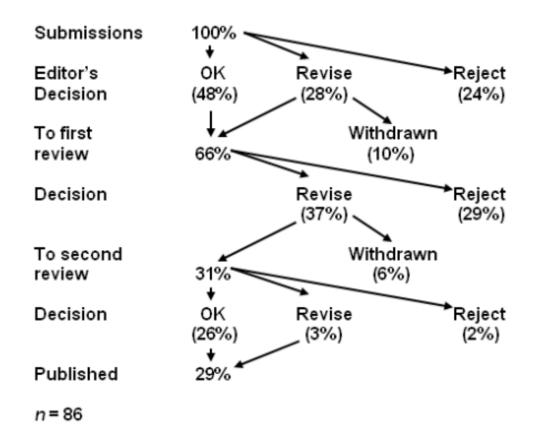
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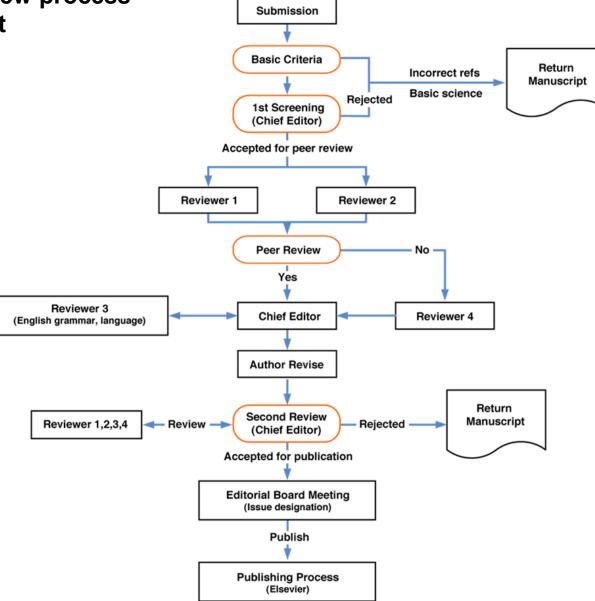
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 - What is the author contribution?

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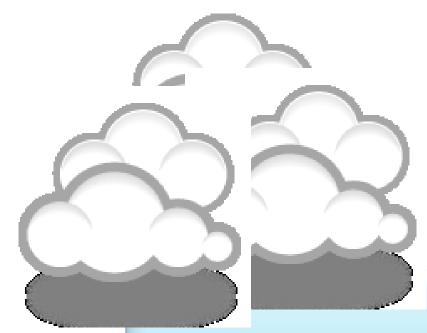
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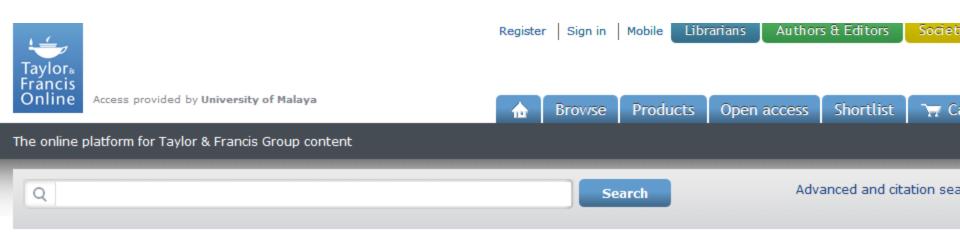




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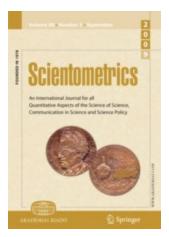


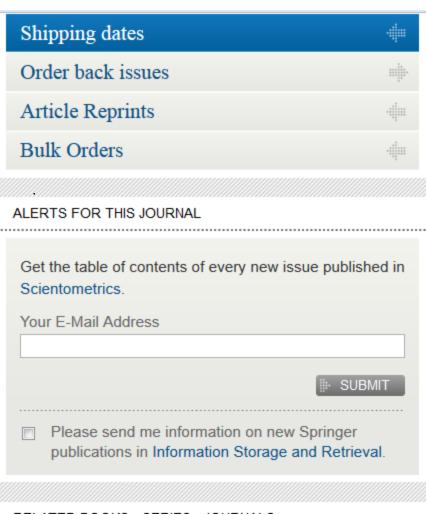


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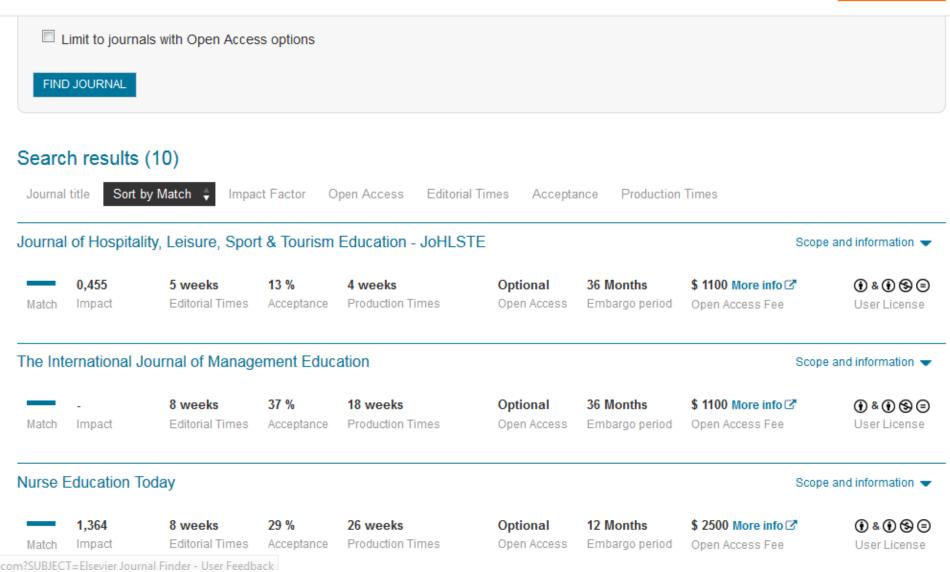
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