

Editorial Hunger

Editorial hunger refers to the pressure or tendency of academic journals—especially those with frequent publication cycles or commercial incentives—to publish a high volume of content, even when the scientific value is marginal or questionable. It reflects a quantity-over-quality approach that may dilute academic rigor.

□ Key Features of Editorial Hunger: Acceptance of low-yield or redundant papers to fill page quotas

Expansion of “case report”, “technical note”, or “image” sections for easy content

Tolerating vague, unoriginal, or non-reproducible studies

Lowering peer-review standards for speed or output

Publishing “novelty” with no long-term impact

△ Especially prevalent in open-access journals with author-pays models, but also seen in reputation-seeking journals needing regular indexing or citation volume.

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