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It is a convention in many journals to publish acceptance rates as an indication of the journal's quality, but this is an approach that sits uneasily with our aims. As editors, our approach is to support authors in developing and improving their submissions to *ALT-J* through a constructive, iterative process; simple statistics about rejection rates undercut this intention. Consequently, we will provide a fuller picture of the reviewing process.

Our reviewers are vital to our efforts at dialogue with authors, providing detailed and considered feedback. This is reflected in our submission statistics, where only 15% of submissions to *ALT-J* in 2005 were accepted subject to minor amendments. Reviewers recommended that a further 35% of submissions in 2005 were suitable for publication after major amendments; of these submissions, 70% were eventually

published. This gives a total acceptance rate of about 40%, but shows the value of the reviewing process in raising the quality of the majority of articles we publish.

Collectively, our reviewers have contributed to enhancing the quality of *ALT-J*, and we are extremely grateful to them.

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