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Dear PLOS staff,

I hereby submit my manuscript ‘Publication cycle: A study of the Public Library of Science (PLOS)’ I would appreciate it if you could consider my work for publication in *PLoS ONE*. This is an original manuscript, and is not under consideration elsewhere. The main text of the manuscript is 1,556 words long and is accompanied by 2 figures, 2 tables, and 2 supplementary files.

This paper is the first, to my knowledge, to move beyond describing data on publication times across journals. More specifically, I model the time it takes for a submitted manuscript to be accepted and published based on metadata available for all research papers published in PLoS journals. The results indicate article metadata does not systematically predict the length of the review process, except for the year the paper was published in. Besides providing insight into the publication cycle, the article is also a new application of the data available in the PLoS API.

Please note I made all research files available on the Open Science Framework (OSF). The link to this OSF page is provided in the manuscript. Hence, it is likely reviewers will find out I am the author. Personally, I do not consider this problematic.

I look forward to your reply and hope you will find my study of publication time across PLoS journals intriguing for review.

Kind regards,



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