

Supplementary file

Methods

Data were extracted from the Journal of Dairy Research submissions database, comprising the first 25 successful (published) entries after April 1st 2015, the first 25 unsuccessful entries from the same period, the 25 most recent (up to the beginning of October 2016) submissions and the 25 most recent accepted manuscripts. The total length of each submission was calculated in text equivalents (TEQ), where each word counts as one TEQ and each figure or table counts as 250 TEQ. Data were analysed using the General Linear Model of Analysis of Variance in Minitab release 11.

Results

Supplementary table S1. Manuscript length as submitted

Submission group	TEQ (mean±se, n=25)	P
Oldest successful	6390±286	<0.05
Oldest unsuccessful	5951±306	
Newest submitted	5436±344	
Newest successful	5066±342	