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Challenges in Academic Publishing: Editors' Views

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ABSTRACT The study sought to establish editors' views on why articles are normally not accepted for publication. A survey design was used. Three (3) editors participated in the study. The data were content analysed. The study revealed that inability to adhere to journal style, poorly organised content and structure of the paper, lack of language editing, poorly structured arguments, inattention to reviewers' comments are some of the keys factors contributing to lack of acceptance of journal articles for publishing. The editors suggested improved language proficiency and writing style, reading to write, adherence to journal requirements and themes, and mentoring by established researchers as ways to improve acceptance of written articles.