

Dear Colleagues.

We are excited to announce that we are adding two new departments. Adding two new departments is part of our growth strategy which aims to publish relevant, timely, and rigorous research.

Details about the two new departments tenets, orientation, scope, and editorial team appear below.

We welcome submissions to these departments and all of our other departments! You can submit a paper via this link: <https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/dsj>

Thanks for your attention and have a wonderful summer!

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Department of Replication Studies in the Decision Sciences

The first department we are adding is the ***Department of Replication Studies in the Decision Sciences***. The development and growth of scientific knowledge for any discipline is predicated on repeated attempts to falsify previously-reported findings. Scientific knowledge, as such, emerges not from a single study but requires a database of evidence increasing confidence in the replicability of previously-reported findings or demonstrating how, when, where, and why previous-reported findings may not hold. Sadly, the value of research endeavors whose explicit intent is to replicate previously-reported findings tends to be marginalized in our search for “breakthrough” results. The ***Department of Replication Studies in the Decision Sciences*** remedies this bias by inviting submissions reporting rigorous results about previously-reported findings.

An ideal submission is one of the following:

- An Exact Replication Study (published as a refereed “Research Note”)
 - A new study designed and executed to re-analyze the previously-evaluated conceptual model and theoretical associations of an earlier published study, using the same methods and procedures, the same measures for independent and dependent variables, and the same population, albeit *with a different sample from the same population*.
- A Methods-Only Replication Studies (published as a refereed “Research Note”)
 - A new study designed and executed to re-analyze the previously-evaluated conceptual model and theoretical associations but varies one or more methodological aspects of an earlier published study (e.g., data collection, measurement, populations, etc.).
- A Bounded Conceptual Extension Replication Study
 - A new study designed and executed not only to re-analyze the previously-evaluated conceptual model and theoretical associations of an earlier published study but also, at the same time, to identify, hypothesize, and examine associations that could have been but had not been subject to empirical scrutiny in the earlier published study. Such a new study may choose to either replicate or alter (with justification) methods of the earlier study.
- A Transformative Replication Study
 - A new study designed and executed not only to re-analyze the previously-evaluated conceptual model and theoretical associations of an earlier published study but also, at the same time, to identify, hypothesize, and examine newly-added model parameters and consequent associations. Such a new study may choose to either replicate or alter (with justification) methods of the earlier study.

Department Editors:

Johnny Rungtusunatham, York University

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Associate editors for the Department can be found here:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/19mrnhyDb5s0gfZX9LsYNt6Yp5Nnci7LMnBhlgjlvW0/edit#gid=1531924082>

Editorial Review Board Members for the Department can be found here:

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Department of Fast Track

The second department is the ***Fast Track*** department. The Fast Track department is established to encourage short and timely papers with high-impact, and high-quality. The objective of this department is to publish and disseminate important business insights in a timely fashion while keeping the same *Decision Science's* regular publication standards. In terms of the topics, we welcome *any* topics relevant to the broad audience of the journal. We are open to a variety of methodologies include empirical, analytical, optimization, and experiments with important contributions and concise presentations. Papers should have a strong motivation, preferably attained via direct interactions with relevant constituents.

Manuscripts submitted to the Fast Track Department may not exceed 25 double-spaced pages (including tables, figures, and references). We will use a fast review cycle to handle the submissions to this department. The authors should expect either a Conditional Acceptance, Minor Revision, or Reject decision within five weeks. Authors who receive a revision decision should revise their work and submit the revised paper within a month. The editorial team will make the final decision within three weeks after that. There will not be a distinction of the published look between the regular paper and fast track paper (i.e., a fast track paper is not a research note).

This department strives to publish papers which can clearly demonstrate at least one of the following distinctive perspectives: (1) The topic of the study is extremely timely and has not been published or accepted to be published (i.e., “articles in advance”) in the peer journals; (2) The study will very likely open up new research areas or directions, which can attract immediate follow-up work; (3) The study solves a real-world practical problem and the findings can be generalized to other companies; (4) The findings of the paper can attract a broad range of audience and has been or has the potential to be reported by the major news outlets (i.e., Financial Times, Business Week) or major industry trade press.

Department Editor

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