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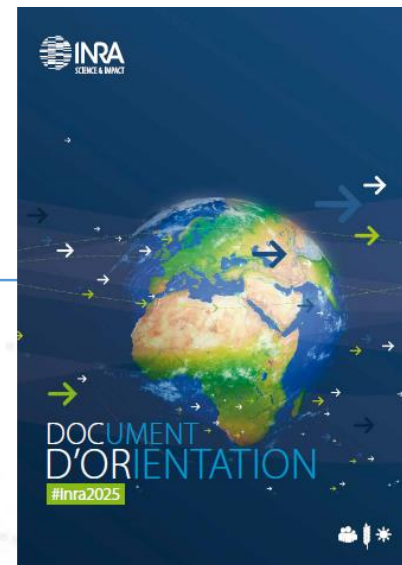
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- **2016 INRA : #OpenScience-4 - De nouveaux modes de diffusion de la connaissance**
 - Adapter le modèle éditorial et économique des revues académiques dont l'Inra est propriétaire aux principes d'une science ouverte
 - Explorer et encourager des modèles alternatifs de publication
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- **Aujourd'hui : soutien de la DiPSO**



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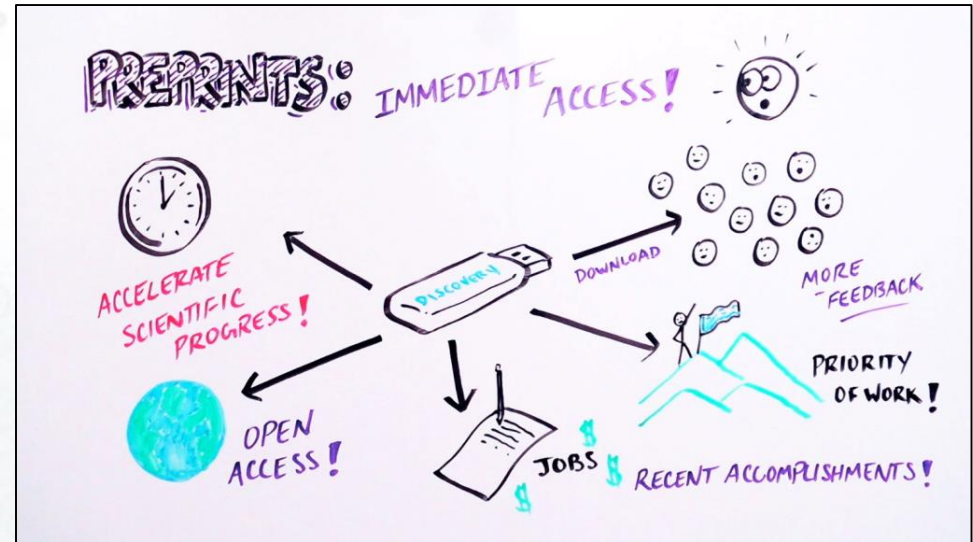
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- **not transparent**
- **too expensive**
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 - extraordinary profit margin (30-40% for the 5 big publishers)
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 - turnover positively linked to the number of accepted articles

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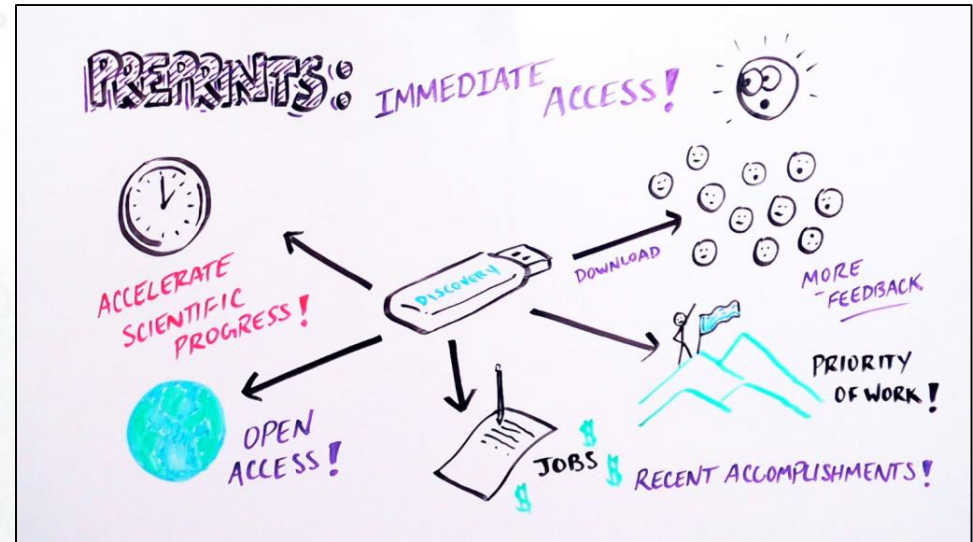


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 **We therefore need preprint evaluation**



The Peer Community In... initiative

The aim of PCI

Communities of researchers handling the **evaluation** of (through peer review) and **recommending preprints** in their scientific field.

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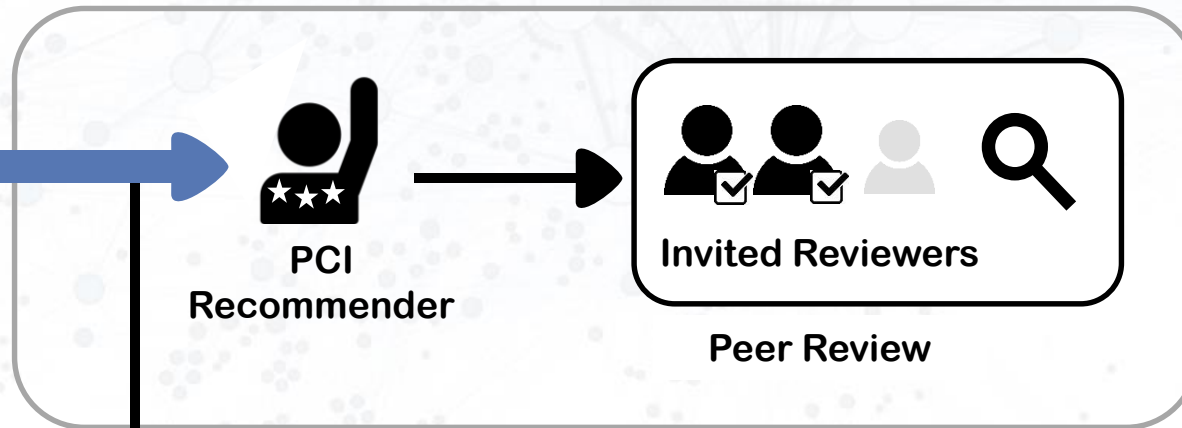


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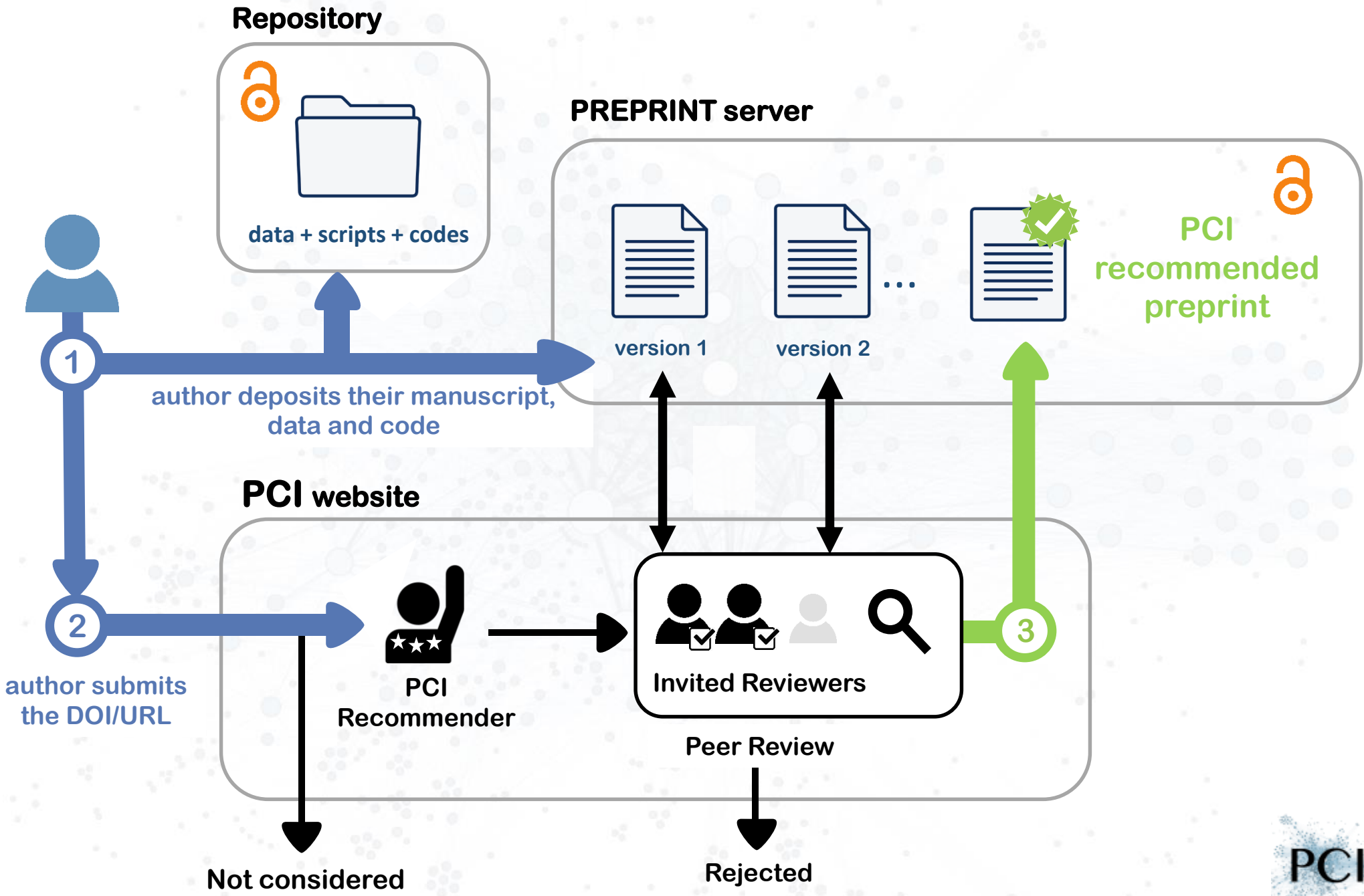


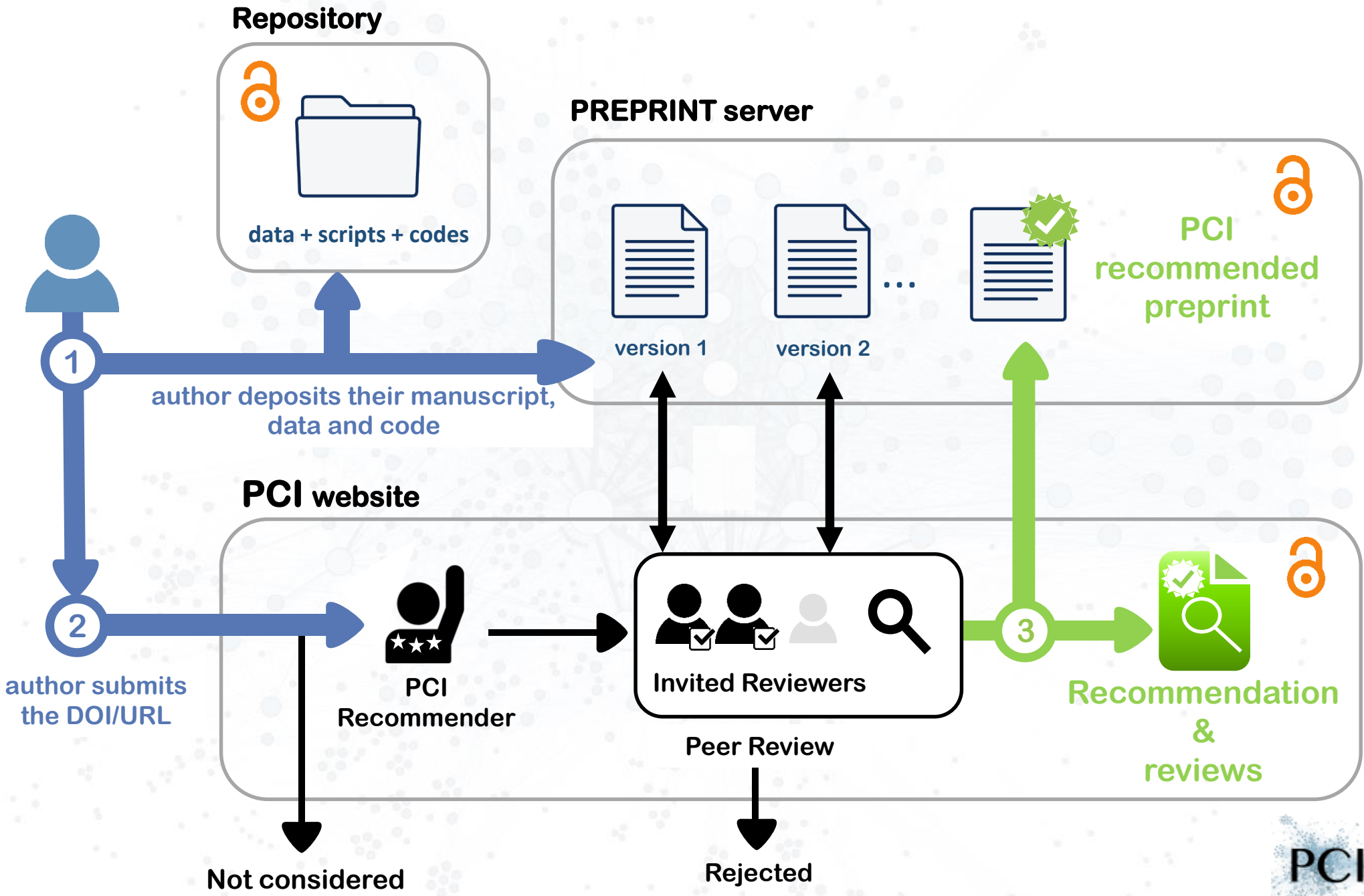
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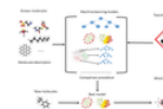
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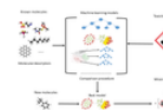
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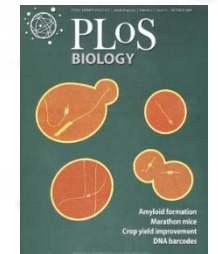
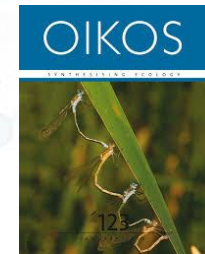
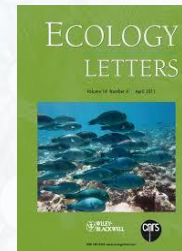
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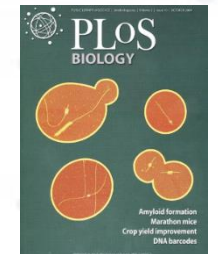
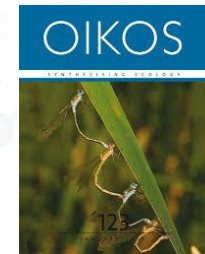
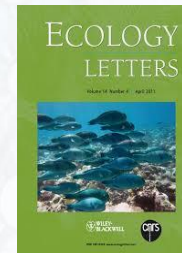
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Evolutionary Biology

Relaxation of purifying selection suggests low effective population size in eusocial Hymenoptera and solitary pollinating bees

Weyna, Arthur ; Romiguier, Jonathan

10.24072/pcjournal.3 - Peer Community Journal, Volume 1 (2021), article no. e2.

With one of the highest number of parasite, eusocial and pollinator species among all insect orders, Hymenoptera features a great diversity of specific lifestyles. At the population genetic level, such life-history strategies are expected to decrease effective population size and efficiency of purifying selection. In this study, we tested this hypothesis by estimating the relative rate of non-synonymous substitution in 169 species to investigate the variation in natural selection efficiency throughout the hymenopteran tree of life. We found no effect of parasitism or body size, but show that relaxed selection is associated with eusociality, suggesting that the division of reproductive labour decreases effective population size in ants, bees and wasps. Unexpectedly, the effect of eusociality is marginal compared to a striking and widespread relaxation of selection in both social and non social bees, which indicates that these keystone pollinator species generally feature low effective population sizes. This widespread pattern suggests specific constraints in pollinating bees potentially linked to limited resource and high parental investment. The particularly high load of deleterious mutations we report in the genome of these crucial ecosystem engineer species also raises

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- **Free for readers** (Open Access)
- **Free for authors** (no APC)
- 80 PCI recommended articles will be published in the weeks following the launch of the journal

- Peer Community Journal <https://peercommunityjournal.org>
- 93 articles were already published on Peer Community Journal
- Peer Community Journal has an ISSN (2804-3871) and is now indexed in DOAJ (<https://www.doaj.org/toc/2804-387>) and in Google scholar. It is currently under evaluation for indexation in Web of Science, CABI; EBSCO, Norwegian register and Sherpa/Romeo. Between 1 and 2 years of anteriority are required by some databases such as Medline/PubMed and Scopus
- Peer Community Journal is indexed in the Journal Checker Tool of CoaS and is planS-compliant

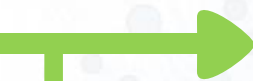
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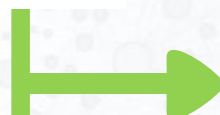
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 - will request or not further peer-review
- **... get 100% chance to publish rapidly** in an indexed and free open access journal (Peer Community Journal)

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441

SUBMITTED
ARTICLES



256

RECOMMENDED
ARTICLES



47

MEDIAN TIME TO
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FOLLOWERS



>5600

REGISTERED
USERS



>1700

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PCI Ecology

PCI Paleontology

2019

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PCI Zoology

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Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology

Societies and doctoral schools



- ABIES, Structure et Dynamique des Systèmes Vivants...

Grants, awards and projects

PCI is one of the winners of the first call for projects of the French National Open Science Fund (2020)



Pilote project in « Notify » with COAR, Harvard Library, Los Alamos Lab, HAL, etc...

2020 LIBER Award for Library Innovation



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Peer Community in Ecotoxicology and Environmental Chemistry

- **Launched in 2021 by:**

Christian Mougin

Wilfried Sanchez

Pierre Labadie



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- **Scope: interfaces of environmental chemistry, ecology and environmental toxicology**
- **Currently 22 recommenders and \approx 150 reviewers**

- **Our supports**



- **Our website**

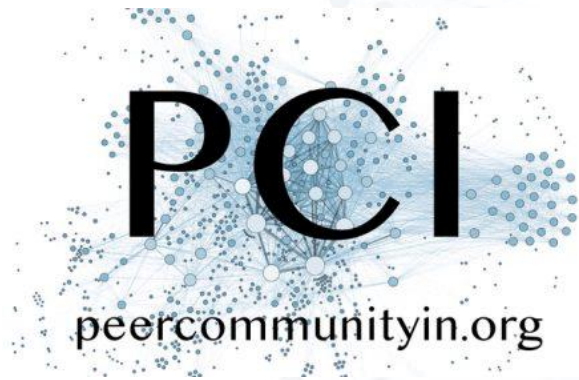
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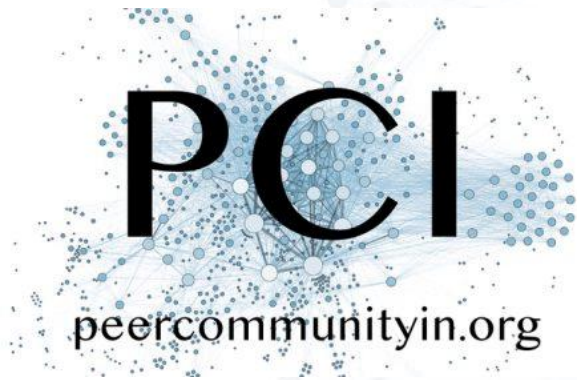
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 - Additional recommenders**

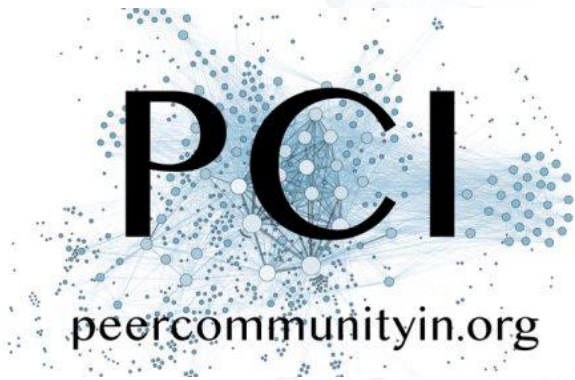
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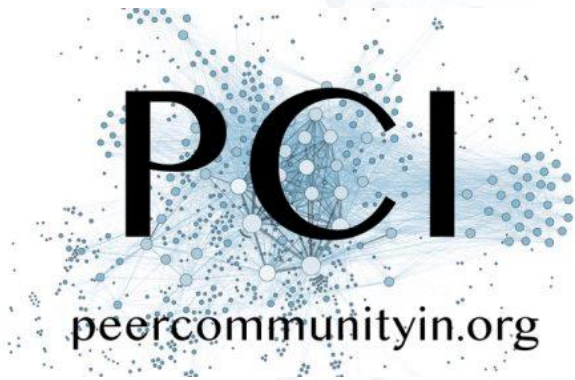
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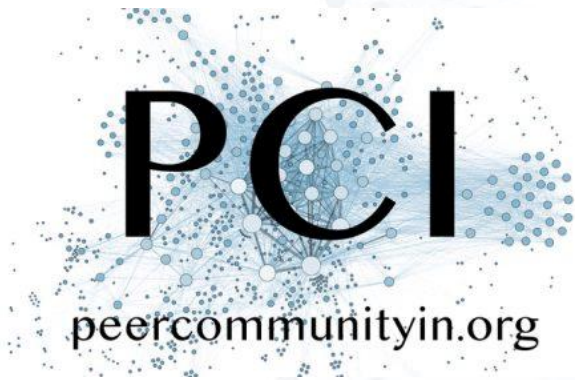
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