

Supplementary Table 6. Numbers of reviews with each level of author satisfaction score for helpfulness of peer review (1=very poor, 5=very good)

Score	1	2	3	4	5	No response	p-value
<i>BMC Infectious Diseases</i> (open peer review)	4	13	72	323	265	7	
<i>BMC Microbiology</i> (single-blind peer review)	8	24	106	376	224	3	0.00008
<i>Journal of Inflammation</i> (open peer review)	0	1	2	25	21	0	
<i>Journal of Inflammation</i> (single-blind peer review)	0	1	6	18	20	2	0.73