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#### **EDITORIAL**



# Recent developments of the Journal of Management Control

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## 1 Editorial status report

The year 2023 was a remarkable year for the Journal of Management Control. We achieved new record of submission numbers, and increased our geographical spread in the area of management accounting and control. Some key figures summarize this development:

Total submissions: 225.

Growth submissions since 2019: +76%.

Days between submission and first decision: 42.

Countries of corresponding authors: 53.

Total reviewers: 253.

Countries of reviewers: 30. Total downloads: 243,910.

Growth in downloads since 2019: +254%.

Journal impact factor (2023): 2.1. 5-year impact factor (2023): 3.0. CiteScore (2023): 3.6.

The average time between the receipt of the manuscript and the first decision (submission to first decision) is only 42 days and fairly stable over the years. While we aim for a fast decision, we do not want to further drive down this relative low response time for the first decision. That is, we want to encourage and enable

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reviewers to thoroughly review a paper without too much time pressure, and allow editors to make solid final decisions which are helpful for authors to further develop their papers. The rejection rate is 83% and relatively stable over the years, indicating the high standards of our journal and the rigor in our review processes.

The Journal of Management Control is currently covered by the following abstracting and indexing services:

ABS Academic Journal Quality Guide, ANVUR, Australian Business Deans Council (ABDC) Journal Quality List, BFI List, Baidu, CLOCKSS, CNKI, CNPIEC, Dimensions, EBSCO, Emerging Sources Citation Index, Google Scholar, Naver, OCLC WorldCatDiscovery Service, Portico, ProQuest, Research Papers in Economics (RePEc), SCImago, SCOPUS, TD Net Discovery Service, UGC-CARE List (India), Wanfang.

## 2 Article requests in 2023

The table below shows the article requests for 2023 of the TOP 5 articles published during the years 2021 - 2023, mostly for open access papers:

Title	Author	Volume	Issue	Year*	Article Requests 2023
A literature review on the impact of digitalisation on management control	Jochen Fähndrich	34	1	2023	8,831
The illusion of data-driven decision making –The mediating effect of digital orientation and controllers' added value in explaining organizational implications of advanced analytics	Ágnes Szukits	33	3	2022	5,160
Banks' risk culture and man- agement control systems: A systematic literature review	Jennifer Kunz, Mathias Heitz	32	4	2021	4,556
The use of non-financial performance measures for managerial compensation: evidence from SMEs	Iryna Alves, Sofia M. Lourenço	33	2	2022	4,491
Strategies for data analytics projects in business performance forecasting: a field study	Maël Schnegg, Klaus Möller	33	2	2022	3,829

In spring 2024, we were informed that the Journal of Management Control was upgraded in the recent VHB PMR-rating 2024 of the *German Academic Association for Business Research* to a B-journal. This adds to the upgradings in 2023 to an A-journal by the *Australian Business Deans Council (ABDC)* and by the Italian Board of Directors of the *Accademia Italiana di Economia Aziendale (AIDEA)* that recommended that the Journal of Management Control should be on the list of foreign journals that they deem highly qualified (authoritative) in their respective scientific domains.



We are grateful for the recognition of the Journal of Management Control in these prestigious rankings, and hope that the recognition by these institutions will further increase the circulation of the journal in the scientific community.

#### 3 Thanks to our reviewers

The editors of the Journal of Management Control want to express our gratitude and appreciation for one of the most valuable resources of a journal: our highly skilled reviewers that help to bring papers to their final publication. We are very grateful for the continuous support of so many respected scholars from all around the world. We list all reviewers who finished a review report in the calendar year 2023 below in alphabetical order, and would like to thank them for their excellent services to the journal:

First Name	Last Name	Institution	Country
Heba	Abdel-Rahim	The University of Toledo	UNITED STATES
Paulo	Afonso	University of Minho	PORTUGAL
Chris	Akroyd	University of Canterbury	NEW ZEALAND
Bakr	Al-Gamrh	Rennes School of Business	FRANCE
Roy-Ivar	Andreassen	BI Norwegian Business School	NORWAY
John	Azure	University of Essex Business School	UNITED KINGDOM
Kevin	Baird	Macquarie University	AUSTRALIA
Rúben Silva	Barros	ISCTE-Instituto Universitário de Lisboa	PORTUGAL
Rainer	Baule	FernUniversität in Hagen	GERMANY
David	Bedford	University of Technology Sydney	AUSTRALIA
Lucia	Bellora-Bienengräber	Rijksuniversiteit Groningen	NETHERLANDS
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Enrico	Bracci	University of Ferrara	ITALY
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Alexander	Brueggen	Maastricht University	NETHERLANDS
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Michael	Burkert	University of Berne	SWITZERLAND
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Terhi	Chakhovich	LUT University	FINLAND
Vincent	Chong	The University of Western Australia	AUSTRALIA
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Chiara	Crovini	Aalborg University	DENMARK
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Florian	Fuchs	University of Kaiserslautern	GERMANY
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Robert	Gillenkirch	University of Osnabrück	GERMANY
Michael	Grüning	Technische Universität Ilmenau	GERMANY
Benita	Gullkvist	University of Vaasa	FINLAND
Ahsan	Habib	Massey University	NEW ZEALAND
Sven	Hartlieb	University of Innsbruck	AUSTRIA
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Xaver	Heinicke	Technische Universität Dresden	GERMANY
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Alessandra	Huydts	University of St. Gallen	SWITZERLAND
Awad	Ibrahim	Portsmouth Business School	UNITED KINGDOM
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Stefan	Mayr	University of Linz	AUSTRIA	
Anita	Meidell	Norges Handelshoyskole	NORWAY	
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Sophia	Su	Macquarie University	AUSTRALIA
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Sandra	Tillema	Rijksuniversiteit Groningen	NETHERLANDS
Rouven	Trapp	University of Ulm	GERMANY
Andreas	Ulfsten	NHH Norwegian School of Economics	NORWAY
Timur	Uman	Jönköping University	SWEDEN
Marjo	Väisänen	Oulu University	FINLAND
Alexandra	van den Abbeele	Katholieke Universiteit Leuven	BELGIUM
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Christine	Weigel	University of Siegen	GERMANY
Barbara E	Weissenberger	Heinrich-Heine-Universität Dusseldorf	GERMANY
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Martin	Wiener	Technische Universität Dresden	GERMANY
Chaminda	Wijethilake	University of Essex	UNITED KINGDOM
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Ramona	Zharfpeykan	The University of Auckland	NEW ZEALAND

Both the authors and the editors appreciate the tremendous support of our reviewers, their outstanding input in time and their guidance in improving author submissions. The editors of the Journal of Management Control believe that the comments



and recommendations given by reviewers contribute strongly to making good papers even better.

#### 4 Best reviewer award 2023

For 2023, the editors of the Journal of Management Control are happy to honour five scholars in particular. They are representative for the above list of reviewers, as they have shown continuous high-quality support of our review processes and have consistently delivered high quality review reports which help the authors to further develop their papers:

Best Reviewer Award 2023:	Chaminda Wijethilake, University of Essex, United Kingdom
Distinguished Reviewer Award 2023:	Christoph Endenich, ESSEC Business School, France Jennifer Kunz, University of Augsburg, Germany Arthur Posch, IMC Fachhochschule Krems, Austria Anja Schwering, University of Hohenheim, Germany

Congratulations to our award winners!

## 5 Special issues

Following the highly successful special issues on 'Courageous Risk Governance: Enabling Resilience, Autonomy, and New Thinking' and 'Experiments, Replications and the Advancement of Management Accounting and Control Research' that have recently been published, the editorial board decided to initiate more special issues that focus on areas which are currently at the core of management accounting and control research. In the upcoming years, there are three other special issues coming up (listed in order of deadlines) with their own editorial teams (that includes at least one member of the editorial board of the Journal of Management Control):

- The Impact of Digital Technology on Management Accounting and Control;
- Management Control Research on Sustainability;
- Rising Tide of Operational Risks: Management Controls for Better Risk Management.

The special issues attract a high number of submissions (which also results in substantial work load for the special issue editors; we highly appreciate their efforts!). The editorial board is discussing other special issues for the upcoming years, and is open to suggestions from our readers.



## 6 Closing words

The Journal of Management Control has experienced a remarkable development in the number of paper submissions and download figures since 2019. The editors and the publisher would like to conclude this editorial by expressing our warmest gratitude to all authors, readers, and reviewers of our journal who have contributed to this success. We are looking forward to your submissions and reviews in the years to come!

Utrecht/Dresden, July 2024.

For the team of editors. Frank Verbeeten. Thomas W. Guenther. Managing editors.

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