

Editorial Note

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In this Editorial Note we review the main features of *Economics and Business Letters*, an online letter-type journal launched in 2012 and free for authors and readers. We consider indexing, journal statistics, metrics, most cited papers and acknowledgements, especially to the referees of the journal, 137 in 2019. We welcome high quality letters both for the General Section as for the Special Issues.

1. Indexing

Economics and Business Letters (EBL, Econ Bus Lett) is indexed in ESCI - Emerging Sources Citation Index (Web of Science, Clarivate Analytics) since 2015 and in Scopus since 2017. EBL is also included in the Academic Journal Guide 2018 among the 336 journals selected in the category "Economics, Econometrics and Statistics", with a rating of 1. Finally, EBL is included in Econlit since 2017, ERIH Plus and other databases and repositories.

2. Statistics

Table 1 provides an overview of all the manuscripts received. Since 2012, EBL has handled 643 manuscripts, with an acceptance rate of 30.33%. To cope with a significant growth in the number of submissions since 2018, we have decided to increase the number of desk-rejections. We think this benefits both authors and referees by making the review process more agile.

Table 1. Activity report 2012-2019

	2012		2013		2014		2015	
	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%
Received	81	100	45	100	50	100	65	100
Accepted	25	30.86	21	46.67	30	60.00	20	30.77
Rejected	56	69.14	24	53.33	20	40.00	45	69.23
In Review								

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Table 1. Activity report 2012-2019 (cont.)

	2016		2017		2018		2019(P)	
	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%
Received	55	100	43	100	108	100	196	
Accepted	24	43.64	11	25.58	30	27.78	24	14.72
Rejected	31	56.36	32	74.42	78	72.22	139	85.28
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3. Metrics

As of 24 January 2020, the key metrics of EBL in the most relevant databases are summarized below:

Scopus:

- SJR 2018: 0.104
- CiteScore 2018: 0.18
- CiteScoreTracker 2019 (Jan 2020): 0.28

ESCI (WoS, Clarivate Analytics):

- Cites/articles 2018 (2years): 0.297

Google Scholar¹:

- Citations: 660
- h-index: 13
- i10-index: 19
- h5-index: 9
- h5-median: 13

4. Most cited papers

Computing only the citations in journals included in SSCI/SCI and/or Scopus, the most cited papers are those reported in Table 2:

Table 2. Most cited articles (as of January 2020)

Paper	Citations
A.Y. Javid, M. Javid and Z.A. Awan (2013) Electricity consumption and economic growth: evidence from Pakistan , <i>Economics and Business Letters</i> , 2(1), 21-32	13
Lansink, A.O. and A. Wall (2014) Frontier models for evaluating environmental efficiency: an overview , <i>Economics and Business Letters</i> , 3(1), 43-50	12
Aiello, F. and Bonanno, G. (2013) Profit and cost efficiency in the Italian banking industry (2006-2011) , <i>Economics and Business Letters</i> , 2(4), 190-205	9
Grosskopf, S., Hayes, K. and Taylor, L.L (2014) Applied efficiency analysis in education , <i>Economics and Business Letters</i> , 3(1), 19-26	8

¹ The Google Scholar profile is accessible via <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=syBPq1AAAAAJ&hl>. The h5-index and h5-median metrics can be consulted in https://scholar.google.bg/citations?view_op=list_hcore&venue=AqLf7Ny-vPEJ.2019.

Table 2. Most cited articles (as of January 2020) (cont.)

Paper	Citations
Alvarez, A. and C. Arias (2014) Some important issues in applied stochastic frontier analysis , <i>Economics and Business Letters</i> , 3(1), 3-11	8
Patuelli, R., M. Mussoni and G. Candela (2014) Cultural offer and distance in a spatial interaction model for tourism , <i>Economics and Business Letters</i> , 3(2), 96-108	7
Angulo, A., J. Mur and J. Trivez (2014) Measure of the resilience to Spanish economic crisis: the role of specialization , <i>Economics and Business Letters</i> , 3(4), 263-275	6
Ntim, C.G. (2012) Does the South African stock market value independent dual board leadership structure? , <i>Economics and Business Letters</i> , 1(1), 35-45	6
Whitehead, J.C., D.S. Noonan and E. Marquardt (2014) Criterion and predictive validity of revealed and stated preference data: the case of Mountain Home Music concert demand , <i>Economics and Business Letters</i> , 3(2), 87-95	5
Filippini, M. and L. Orea (2014) Applications of the stochastic frontier approach in Energy Economics , <i>Economics and Business Letters</i> , 3(1), 35-42	5
Siegel, C., S.B. Caudill and F.G. Mixon (2013) Clear skies, dark waters: The Gulf oil spill and the price of coastal condominiums in Alabama , <i>Economics and Business Letters</i> , 2(2), 42-53	4
Zhao, J. and P.J. Barry (2013) Implications of different income diversification indexes: the case of rural China , <i>Economics and Business Letters</i> , 2(1), 13-20	4
Castellani, M., P. Pattitoni and A.E. Scorcu (2012) Visual artist price heterogeneity , <i>Economics and Business Letters</i> , 1(3), 16-22	4

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Table 3. List of referees 2019.

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