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From the Editor-in-Chief

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Dear colleagues:

At the expense of repeating myself, it has become important to clarify, once more, the challenges of the paper review process. I do that in good faith, with the aim to provide answers to your questions and concerns. It is true that all of us, authors, want our papers to be reviewed.... yesterday. I wish this were the case, but it is not.

The paper review process is a tedious one and takes time, quite often more than initially anticipated. This is an undeniable fact. The handling editors do their best to speed up the review process, and they usually request reviews from more than a 'sufficient' number of reviewers. To be specific, since I look at the Editorial Manager on a regular basis, I report to you that I have seen as many as 8 'decline' reviewer requests for the same paper. Therefore, I kindly request for your understanding. We work relentlessly to improve the review process, and we can use your help. Be a responsible reviewer and ask one of your colleagues to be one, too.

Enjoy the issue.

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