A summary of failed attempts in 2020

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I was rejected 62 times in 2020 (Table 1):

Table 1. My rejection in 2020

No.	Date	Journal – Publisher	Manuscript ID
1	December 18, 2020	<i>Strategic Entrepreneurship Journal</i> – Wiley	SEJ-20-3749
2	December 17, 2020	<i>Journal of Environment and Development</i> – SAGE	JED-20-0262
3	December 12, 2020	<i>Social Science Computer Review</i> – SAGE	SSCR-20-0116
4	November 25, 2020	<i>Journal of Research in Reading</i> – Wiley	JRIR-2020-09-0143
5	November 09, 2020	<i>Post-Communist Economies</i> – Taylor & Francis	209739612
6	November 06, 2020	<i>Health Policy and Planning</i> – Oxford University Press	HEAPOL-2020-Oct-0816
7	November 05, 2020	<i>Significance</i> – Wiley	N/A
8	November 04, 2020	<i>Heliyon</i> – Cell Press	HELIYON-D-20-08136
9	October 31, 2020	<i>Journal of Asia Business Studies</i> – Emerald	JABS-10-2020-0419

10	October 28, 2020	<i>Journal of International Students</i> – School of Education, University of Louisiana at Monroe	N/A
11	October 20, 2020	<i>Management in Education</i> – SAGE	MIE-20-115
12	October 19, 2020	<i>British Journal of Educational Technology</i> – Wiley	BJET-0706-Oct-2020-OMS
13	October 13, 2020	<i>Research in Economics</i> – Elsevier	RIE-D-20-00020
14	October 11, 2020	<i>Journal of Environmental Psychology</i> – Elsevier	JEVP-D-20-00075
15	October 10, 2020	<i>Social Science & Medicine</i> – Elsevier	SSM-D-20-04617
16	October 10, 2020	<i>Big Data and Cognitive Computing</i> – MDPI	BDCC-796435 (Withdrawn)
17	October 8, 2020	<i>Royal Society Open Science</i> – Royal Society	RSOS-201732 (Withdrawn)
18	September 22, 2020	<i>Games Studies</i> – The Swedish Research Council (Vetenskapsrådet); The Joint Committee for Nordic Research Councils for the Humanities and the Social Sciences; Blekinge Institute of Technology; IT University of Copenhagen; Lund University	N/A (Withdrawn)
19	September 20, 2020	<i>One Earth</i> – Cell Press	ONE-EARTH-D-20-00290
20	September 17, 2020	<i>Global Environmental Change</i> – Elsevier	GEC-D-20-00670
21	September 16, 2020	<i>Journal of Risk and Financial Management</i> – MDPI	jrfm-927795
22	September 16, 2020	<i>MethodsX</i> – Elsevier	MEX-D-20-00498
23	September 15, 2020	<i>Reading Research Quarterly</i> – Wiley	RRQ-2020-09-0213
24	September 15, 2020	<i>Environment & Behavior</i> – SAGE	E&B-20-0560

25	September 14, 2020	<i>Heliyon</i> – Cell Press	HELIYON-D-20-06160
26	September 10, 2020	<i>Games and Culture</i> – SAGE	GAMES-20-0207
27	September 2, 2020	<i>Scientometrics</i> – Springer	SCIM-D-20-01147
28	August 29, 2020	<i>Nature Sustainability</i> – Nature	NATSUSTAIN-20087253
29	August 26, 2020	<i>Journal of Informetrics</i> – Elsevier	JOI_2020_498
30	August 26, 2020	<i>Information Processing and Management</i> – Elsevier	IPM-D-20-00849
31	August 25, 2020	<i>Higher Education Policy</i> – Palgrave	HIEP-D-20-00214
32	August 23, 2020	<i>IEEE Access</i> – IEEE	Access-2020-41172
33	August 23, 2020	<i>Minerva</i> – Springer	MINV-D-20-00128
34	August 23, 2020	<i>Library and Information Science Research</i> – Elsevier	LIBINF_2020_292
35	August 21, 2020	<i>IEEE Access</i> – IEEE	Access-2020-41276
36	August 17, 2020	<i>Journal of Risk and Financial Management</i> – MDPI	JRFM-861193
37	August 12, 2020	<i>Business Research Quarterly</i> – SAGE	BRQ-20-0330
38	August 12, 2020	<i>Information Development</i> – SAGE	ID-20-0241
39	August 09, 2020	<i>Compare</i> – Taylor & Francis	CCOM-2020-0255
40	August 07, 2020	<i>Palgrave Communications</i> – Nature	PALCOMMS-02767R1
41	August 06, 2020	<i>Nature Human Behaviour</i> – Nature	NATHUMBEHAV-200812069
42	August 04, 2020	<i>Higher Education Research & Development</i> – Taylor & Francis	CHER-2020-0565
43	July 30, 2020	<i>Asia Pacific Education Review</i> – Springer	APER-D-20-00483
44	July 15, 2020	<i>Science Editing</i> – Korean Council of Science Editors	SE-20-044

45	July 15, 2020	<i>Science Advances</i> – AAAS	abd6622
46	July 10, 2020	<i>Studies in Higher Education</i> – Taylor & Francis	CSHE-2020-0887
47	July 9, 2020	<i>Higher Education</i> – Springer	HIGH-D-20-00831
48	July 9, 2020	<i>Journal of International Students</i> – School of Education, University of Louisiana at Monroe	
49	July 5, 2020	<i>Science and Public Policy</i> – Oxford University Press	SPP-2020-110
50	July 04, 2020	<i>Science</i> – AAAS	abd4132
51	June 26, 2020	<i>Quantitative Science Studies</i> – MIT Press	QSS-2020-0054
52	June 22, 2020	<i>Research Evaluation</i> – Oxford University Press	RESEVAL-2020-0078
53	June 17, 2020	<i>PNAS</i>	MS# 2020-11338
54	May 27, 2020	<i>Asia Pacific Journal of Education</i> – Taylor & Francis	CAPE-2020-0146
55	May 15, 2020	<i>Journal of Informetrics</i> – Elsevier	JOI_2020_278
56	May 14, 2020	<i>Learned Publishing</i> – Wiley	LEAP-20-May-0058
57	April 17, 2020	<i>Mathematical and Computational Applications</i> – MDPI	mca-785831
58	March 31, 2020	<i>Palgrave Communications</i> – Nature	PALCOMMS-02811
59	March 30, 2020	<i>Big Data and Cognitive Computing</i> – MDPI	BDCC-764207
60	March 19, 2020	<i>Science Editing</i> – Korean Council of Science Editors	SE-20-016
61	March 2, 2020	<i>Higher Education Policy</i> - Palgrave	HIEP-D-20-00039
62	January 13, 2020	<i>Scientometrics</i> - Springer	SCIM-D-19-01190

Climbing over this mountain of failures, I was fortunate to co-authored 19 articles in 2020 [1-19], not to count one paper that was assigned to 2021 volume [20].

If I want to achieve more, I will have to climb over a bigger mountain of rejection, failed attempts, and other hardships. Even though failure is a natural part, learning to accept it is never easy.

Moving on to 2021, I wish for strength to welcome failures as an old friend.

“Failure, I think this is the beginning of a beautiful friendship.”

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