**Editorial for the discussion paper on the P-value Controversy**

 As other journals in the field of statistics for real life sciences data, the Biometrical Journal is involved in a permanent challenge to keep focussed on current and emerging themes in the area, which may help the Biometrical Journal readership to stay tuned on recent developments in the field, either from an empirical and a theoretical perspective. Clearly, some of these themes are determined by the submitted articles and those making it to the publication front.

However, we, the editors of Biometrical Journal, have the responsibility to provide leadership in the strategic development of the Biometrical Journal and have to make sure that important themes and topics are appropriately addressed. In taking up this role, we are delighted to present a new section in Biometrical Journal, *the discussion papers.* These papers address biometric problems of wide and current interest and discuss them in a way that they are accessible to a wide audience and readership, where the target is not only he academic community but also the community of those handling such kind of data in everyday working life. These kinds of papers are common in other journals already and frequently experience wide interest. We start this series with a paper by Stefan Wellek on the current p-value controversy. We have also invited a diversity of colleagues to contribute their opinion to the topic and many followed this invitation.

We hope to continue these discussion papers section with a frequency of 1-2 papers per year. The editorial team will approach competent colleagues to submit a discussion paper to a topic of interest, but is also open to ideas on potential discussion themes that can be of broad enough interest. All discussion papers will undergo the regular reviewing process of Biometrical Journal, and will give rise, we hope, to the widest discussion possible, involving as many scientists from different fields as possible, so to gather our readership with the most authoritative view of the subject currently available

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