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**Subject: Submission of Review Article: “On The Current State of Scholarly Retrieval Systems”**

Dear Editor

We have the pleasure of sending the **review** manuscript entitled “**On The Current State of Scholarly Retrieval Systems**” authored by **Shah Khalid**, **Shah Khusro**, **Irfan Ullah** and **Godfrey Dawson-Amoah** and to be considered for publication as a review article in your prestigious journal – **Engineering, Technology & Applied Science Research (ETASR)**.The manuscript is containing original research and has not been published earlier in any journal and is not being considered for publication elsewhere. All the authors have seen and approved the manuscript and have contributed equally and significantly to the paper.

**Summary of the Paper**

The domain of scholarly search is big, complicated, and growing at a fast rate. It is, therefore, challenging to process and find relevant papers effortlessly in digital libraries using the on-hand traditional scholarly retrieval systems. Several digital libraries and scholarly retrieval systems including Google Scholar, Microsoft Academic Search, Semantic Scholar, Baidu Xueshu, and publisher websites provide access to these publications in an attempt to mitigate the problem of information overload by getting to the intended resource precisely, accurately, and timely. However, besides being successful up to some extent, several issues and challenges need the attention of the researchers. To mitigate these issues, researchers have attempted to find out ways for supporting scholarly search and making it more accessible. In this regard, the literature is full of many techniques and methods, however, to the best of our knowledge, we find no state-of-the-art review article that surveys the search techniques of the available scholarly retrieval systems, the potential role a citation network may play, and a differentiation between the general web users and scholars to better understand the needs of the latter. To fill this gap in the literature, the authors searched the major digital libraries and scholarly databases including Google Scholar, ScienceDirect, IEEE Xplore, Springer, Willey Publications, and others using different keywords to identify and collect all the relevant literature. The accumulated literature was reviewed carefully, critically, and analytically to give an in-depth exploration of the topic under discussion. We believe that the article best matches to the audience of the ETASR journal. The paper covers several important topics regarding scholarly retrieval systems and citation networks with implications for researchers working on developing usable and efficient scholarly retrieval systems.

**Ethical Procedure**

* The research meets all applicable standards about the ethics of experimentation and research integrity, and the following is being certified/declared true.
* As an expert scientist and along with co-authors of the concerned field, the paper has been submitted with full responsibility, following due ethical procedure, and there is no duplicate publication, fraud, plagiarism, or concerns about animal or human experimentation.

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