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PITBULL REVIEWER

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[Virginia Walbot](#) “Are we training pit bulls to review our manuscripts?”

Who hasn't reacted with shock to a devastatingly negative review of a manuscript representing years of work by graduate students and postdoctoral fellows on a difficult, unsolved question? ... dismissing the years of labor and stating that the manuscript can only be reconsidered with substantially more data providing definitive proof of each claim. ... Your manuscript is declined, with encouragement to resubmit when new data are added.

I confess. I'm partly responsible for training the pit-bull reviewer, and I bet you are too.

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