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# **Accuracy of References in Economics Literature: A Study of Three International Journals**

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**Abstract:** The investigation explores the three international level journals of Economic Subject namely Global Economic Review, International Review of Applied of Economics and International Economic Journal. 150 references were selected for the investigation and verified, and 92 errors were detected in this paper. Total 65 (54%) References were incorrect. 55% (51) minor and 45% (41) major errors were identified. A systematic policy for reference accuracy was implemented in all the three economic journals by editorial board.

**Keyword:** Reference accuracy, citation, economics Journals, errors

## **INTRODUCTION**

As we know fire was one of the first discoveries of human and they gained knowledge of the various ways for life easiness. They achieved the knowledge from routine life problems and searched their solutions and invented techniques. In this process they recorded and wrote everything. In olden days various materials (clay board, stone, leaf, palm, metal) were used for writing. Then human learnt writing skills. The invention of alphabets and printing

techniques has played a very important role in the establishment of libraries. Through libraries, the society has preserved its enriched cultural heritage. (Gupta, 2017).

A reference list in a scientific and research article proves the authenticity of facts and literature. It gives details of information sources used and consulted directly or indirectly during the research work and shows that the author has investigated the paper's topic thoroughly. Reference list plays most important role for creditability and information retrieval. It is most important for the reference list to be accurate.

Despite editorial board instructions for verifying the reference accurately before a article submission for the publication and availability of the various e-resources, this continues to be a major problem in journals. It is the moral duty of a writer to verify the references with original document and to format these according to the policy of the journal editorial board. A good journal needs to be accurate in references cited, moreover it is the right of the reader to be facilitated by providing accurate reference and hence it becomes the shared responsibility of the contributors and editorial board (Adhikari & Acharya 2011).

Error in references is a vital problem in knowledge sharing among scholars, scientific articles and publication.

## **LITERATURE REVIEW**

Many studies compared the references to the original article for accuracy (Sutherland et al., 2000; Faunce and Job, 2001; Lok et al., 2001; O'Connor and Kristof, 2001; Lukic' et al., 2004). A few studies compared the references to other resources, such as PubMed/Medline (Holt et al., 2000; Siebers and Holt, 2000; Siebers, 2001) or Medline/EMBASE/CINAHL (Raja and Cooper, 2006) or Medline/Web of Science/CINAHL (Siebers, 2000). This research utilizes the electronic table of contents for the journals, which is not a methodology that has been utilized for multiple journals in any previous research.

MacRoberts and MacRoberts (1986) determined overlooked research by investigating 15 papers on the "History of genetics," and showed only 216 (30%) among these 719 were genuinely cited in their sample. individual paper cited between zero and 64% of relevant reference.

**Vargas-Origel, Gómez-Martínez, and Vargas-Nieto (2001)** analysed accuracy of 12 issues of four paediatric journals i.e., Acta Paediatrica, Archives of Disease in Childhood, Journal of

Pediatrics, and Pediatrics. which were published in 1999. Randomly selected 100 references each journal and exclude the non-indexed reference. Output showed the overall error frequency of errors for the four analysed journals analysed was 29.7% (119) out of 400, of which considered 2% as major (8), and 27.7% (111) as minor.

**Harinarayana, Chikkamanju and Vasantha (2011)** investigated the accuracy of citations in five psychology theses, university of Mysore, India. They investigated the 923 citations from the multiple sources, including journal's website, Google scholar, Library of congress databases, and other sources. In this research, they found that 39.54% references had major errors and also suggested for conducting training programmes for new research scholars so that they can follow a single citation standard to maintain the reference accuracy.

**Guraya (2014)** examined the accuracy of 450 citation in ten English language MEDILINE indexed biomedical journal. The output showed 81 errors in 450 citations which were major (33) and minor (48) error. Error rate was 18%, major errors were in non-retrievable references (4.7%) and inaccuracy in author name spelling and author name sequence (1.1%). The citation's accuracy rate increased in 2005 from (70.6%) to (901%) in 2011.

**Gupta (2017)** citations appended in two Indian library and information science journals. Viz. "Annals of Library and Information studies" and "DESIDOC Journal of Library and Information Technology." In this analysis, the average number of errors was 1.28. Out of 118 citations checked, only 33% (39) were correct while 67% (79) were incorrect. Among 79 inaccurate citations, there were 151 errors detected in which 53% (80) were minor errors and 47% (71) errors were major. Accurate citations enhance the credibility of the authors, manuscripts and the journal. The bibliographical references are major element of scholarly publication. This investigation revealed citation accuracy (i.e., 33%) in the two Indian library and information science journals.

**Gupta (2019)** examined the accuracy of Malaysian Journal of Library and Information Science, result indicate that 67% reference in MJLIS contained no errors, while only 33% (33) references were erroneous. In 33 defective references, total 51 inaccuracies were detected, out of which 26 were minor and 25 were major. The highest errors (13) were detected in the article title elements, while lowest errors (2) were found in the year elements. The average number of errors in references was 0.51.

## **OBJECTIVES OF INVESTIGATION**

The main objectives of the present investigation are:

- To evaluate the number of errors in references.
- To identify the major and minor errors in references.
- To find out the Reference accuracy level
- To identify the errors in citing name of authors.
- To find out the errors in article titles.
- To evaluate the errors in journal name.
- To evaluate the errors in year and page number.
- To identify the errors in volume and issue numbers.

## **METHODOLOGY**

Three economics journals were chosen for assessment: Global Economic Review (Year 2020, Volume-49, Issue 3-4 (2020), International Review of Applied of Economics (Year 2020, Volume 34, Issues 1-2); and International Economic Journal (Year 2020, Volume- 34, Issue 3-4). 50 references of randomly selected each journal, which linked by Web of Science. These 150 references were related only of journal articles because other references were not easy to verify.

First of all, references were categorised into two sets: accurate and inaccurate. An accurate reference means that was completely identical to the original source (Gupta, 2018).

These errors were divided into seven elements (Author Name, Year, Title, Journal, Volume, Issue, Page Number -both pagination). Doms (1989) techniques was formulated with a minor change by adding the missing issue number count as major error. Set of Minor error accepted the minor author's Name initial missing/ wrong, minor article title errors, inaccurate last page number, and punctuation mark errors.

## **SET OF MAJOR ERRORS**

### **ANALYSIS**

Which references' component (author's Name, Article title, journal name, Volume, Issue, year and Page Number) have more than one error, that counts only single error. Those which consisted error in two or more components were regarded to have two or more errors

References that contained an error or more than one error in only one component (i.e. author's name, title of article, journal name, volume, issue, year, and page) were considered to have

one error; and which contained an error in two or more components were considered to have two or more errors.

**Table 1- Errors in References**

<b>Journal name</b>	<b>Total Number of References verified=a</b>	<b>Number of errors=b</b>	<b>Average number of errors C=b/a</b>	<b>% of errors D=(b/∑b)*100</b>
International Review of Applied Economics (IRAE)	50	36	0.72	39.13
Global Economic Review (GER)	50	28	0.56	30.43
International Economic Journal (IEJ)	50	28	0.56	30.43
<b>Total</b>	<b>∑a=150</b>	<b>∑b=92</b>	<b>0.61</b>	<b>100</b>

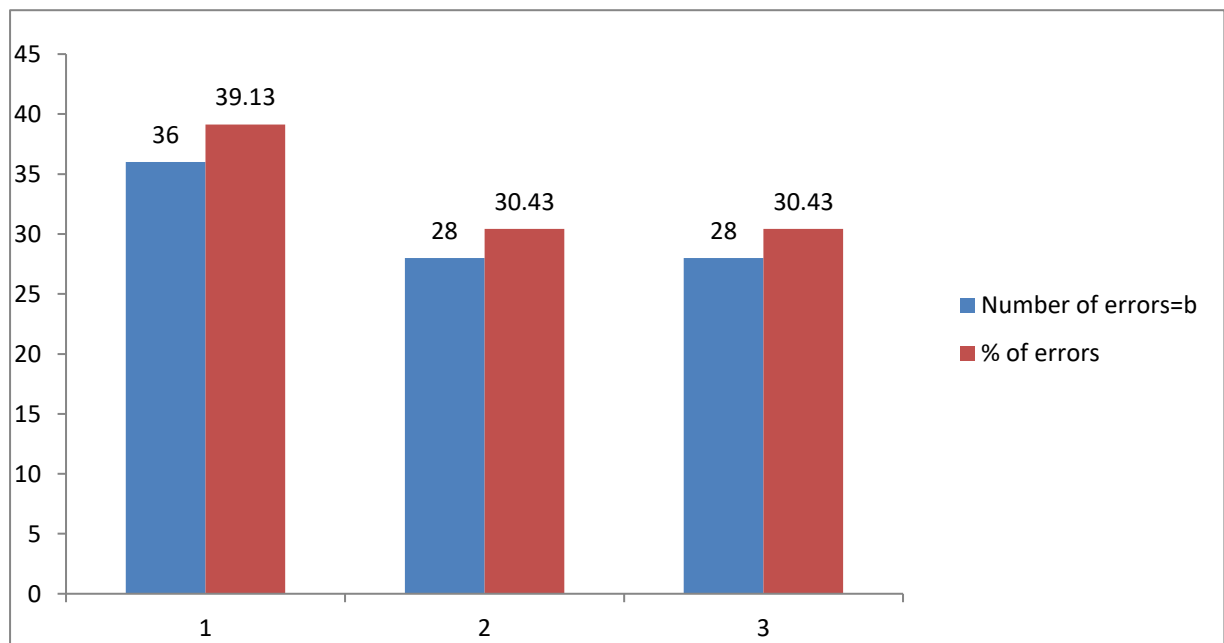


Figure-1: Errors in References

### **Number of Errors**

The Present scenario is ICT based and references is the most valuable part in academic writing. These days various online bibliographic database and citation management software are available via internet (Google Scholar, Index Copernicus, ERIC, Web of Science, Scopus and so on. References are definitely important, useful and vital in detecting and calculating the authors in academic field (Gupta, 2017 & Gupta, 2018).

Table-1 shows the number of errors cited by the author in three international level economic journals. It is revealed 92 errors out of 150 references and average rate of errors 0.61.

### **Major Errors**

**Table 2- Major Errors in References**

Journal name	Total Number of References verified=a	Major Error=b	% of major errors= $c = (b/\sum b)*100$
International Review of Applied Economics (IRAE)	50	19	46.34
Global Economic Review (GER)	50	08	19.51
International Economic Journal (IEJ)	50	14	34.14
<b>Total</b>	<b><math>\sum a=150</math></b>	<b><math>\sum b=41</math></b>	<b>100</b>

Table-2 shows the details of major errors in selected references. Among 150 references from three economic streams journal, 41 major errors were found in selected journals of the study. After the analysis the minimum (08) major errors were found in Global Economic Review Journal and maximum error (19) in International Review of Applied Economics.

### **Minor Errors**

**Table -3 Minor Errors in References**

Journal name	Total Number of References verified=a	Minor Error=b	% of minor errors= $c = (b/\sum b)*100$
International Review of Applied Economics (IRAE)	50	17	33..33
Global Economic Review (GER)	50	20	39.21
International Economic Journal (IEJ)	50	14	27.45
<b>Total</b>	<b><math>\sum a=150</math></b>	<b><math>\sum b=51</math></b>	<b>100</b>

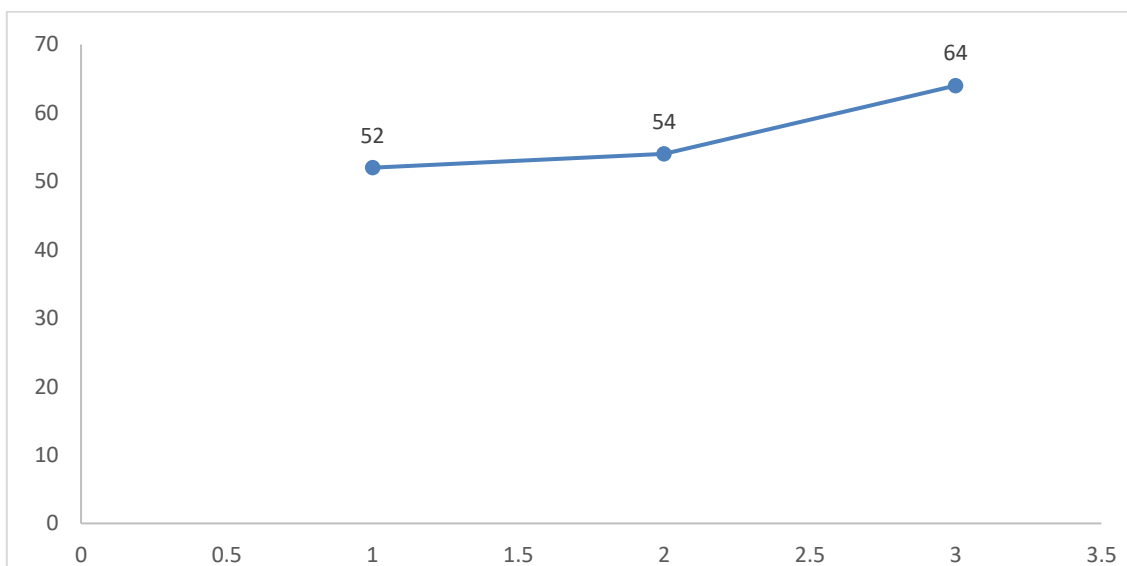
Table-3 represents trace the error in **references** count as minor error. 51 minor errors were found in out of 150 references.14 minor error were found in International Economic journal

compares to International Review of Applied Economics (17), and Global Economic Review (20).

**Accuracy Level of References**

**Table -4 Accuracy Level of References**

<b>Journal name</b>	<b>Total Number of References verified=a</b>	<b>Correct References = b</b>	<b>Incorrect References= c</b>	<b>Reference accuracy percentage d= (b/a)*100</b>
International Review of Applied Economics (IRAE)	50	26	24	52
Global Economic Review (GER)	50	27	23	54
International Economic Journal (IEJ)	50	32	18	64
<b>Total</b>	<b><math>\sum a=150</math></b>	<b><math>\sum b=85</math></b>	<b><math>\sum c =65</math></b>	<b>56.66</b>



**Figure-2: Reference Accuracy Percentage**

Table-4 and Figure 2 show accuracy level of 150 selected, verified and checked references. Author verified all selected references to the original journal and article, and other indexing and abstracting tools.

Study result reflects that only 85(56.66%) (IRAE- 26, GER-27, and IEJ-32) references were correct, while 65 (43.34%) were incorrect. Accuracy level of references is 56.66%. IEJ (64%) accuracy level as compared to other selected economic journals (GER-54%, and IRAE-52%).



## Errors in Citing Name of the Authors

**Table -5: Errors in Authors' Name**

Errors in Citing Authors Name	International Review of Applied Economics (IRAE)	Global Economic Review (GER)	International Economic Journal (IEJ)	Total	Percentage
Omission Errors	5	4	6	15	44.12
Addition/Spelling Errors	3	5	3	11	32.35
Punctuation Errors	1	7	0	8	23.53
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>100</b>

Table -5 represent the data of errors in authors name of selected cited references. Maximum errors are 15 (44.12%) in omission errors, followed by Addition/ Spelling errors 11 (32.35%) and punctuation errors 8 (23.53%). Table 6, 7, and 8 are error list of citing author's name.

**Table-6 Errors in Citing the Authors Name in IRAE  
(Correct portions are underlined)**

S. No.	Name of Author(s) as cited in the journal	Missing author(s)/Initial(s)/ Correct Spelling with punctuations	Types of errors
1	Athey, S., and G. Imbens.	Athey, S., and G. <u>W</u> . Imbens.	Initial Missing-Minor-Error
2	Bertrand, M., E. Kamenika, and J. Pan.	Bertrand, M., E. <u>Kamenica</u> , and J. Pan.	Surname Wrong-Major Error
3	Agoba, A. M., J. Abor, K. A. Osei, and J. Sa- Aadu	Agoba, A. M., J. <u>Y</u> . Abor, K. A. Osei, and J. Sa-Aadu.	Initial Missing-Minor Error
4	Barsky, R. And E. Sims	Barsky, R. <u>B</u> ., and E. <u>R</u> . Sims.	Initial Missing-Minor Error
5	Decker, R. A., J. Haltiwangerb, R. S. Jarmin, and J. Miranda	Decker, R. A., J. <u>Haltiwanger</u> , R. S. Jarmin, and J. Miranda.	Surname Spelling Error- Major Error
6	Alchain, A., and H. Demsetz.	Alchain, A. <u>A</u> . and H. Demsetz.	Initial Missing – Minor Error
7	Fried, J. And C. Wang.	Fried, J. <u>M</u> ., and C. <u>C. Y</u> . Wang.	Initial Missing – Minor Error
8	Badaoui, E., E. Strobl, and F. Walsh	<u>El Badaoui</u> , E., E. Strobl, and F. Walsh.	Surname Wrong-Major Error
9	Johnson, WR, PC Marrow, and GJ Johnson	Johnson, W <sub>2</sub> R <sub>2</sub> , P <sub>2</sub> C <sub>2</sub> Marrow, and G <sub>2</sub> J <sub>2</sub> Johnson	Punctuation Error –Minor Error

**Table-7 Errors in Citing the Authors Name in IEJ (correct portions are underlined)**

<b>S. No</b>	<b>Name of Author(s) as Cited in the Journal</b>	<b>Missing author(s)/Initial(s)/ Correct Spelling with Punctuations</b>	<b>Types of errors</b>
1	Aplerovych, J., Hubner, G. M. B. J., and Lobet, F.	Aplerovych, <u>Y.</u> , Hubner, <u>G.</u> , and Lobet, F.	Wrong Initial and Initial Addition-major Error
2	Cadot, O., Fernandesb, A. M., Gourdonc, J., & Mattoo, A.- Major	Cadot, O., Fernandes, A. M., <u>Gourdon</u> , J., & Mattoo, A.	Spelling Error in Surname- major Error
3	Engle, R. F., & Granger, C. W.	Engle, R. F., & Granger, C. <u>W.J.</u>	Initial Missing-Minor Error
4	Aitken, B., & Harrison, A.	Aitken, B. <u>J.</u> , & Harrison, A. <u>E.</u>	Initial Missing-Minor Error
5	Mitchell, M., & Mulherin, J. H.	Mitchell, M. <u>L.</u> , & Mulherin, J. H.	Initial Missing-Minor Error
6	Acemoglu, D., Johnson, S., Robinson, J. A., &Thaicharoen, Y.	Acemoglu, D., Johnson, S., Robinson, <u>J.</u> , &Thaicharoen, Y.	Initial Addition – Minor Error
7	Ades, A., & Tella, R. D.	Ades, A., & <u>Di Tella</u> , R.	Surname Wrong-Major Error
8	Ahmed, B., & Martinez-Zarzoso, I.	Ahmed, <u>J.</u> , & Martinez-Zarzoso, I.	Initial Wrong-Minor Error
9	Blanchard, O. J., & Faruqee, H.	Blanchard, O. J., <u>Das, M.</u> , and Faruqee, H.	Author Missing-Major Error

**Table-8 Errors in citing the authors name in GER (correct portions are underline)**

<b>S. No</b>	<b>Name of Author(s) as cited in the journal</b>	<b>Missing author(s)/Initial(s)/ Correct Spelling with punctuations</b>	<b>Types of errors</b>
1	Gow, H. R., and J. F. Swinnen.	Gow, H. R., and J. F. <u>M.</u> Swinnen	Initial Missing-Minor Error
2	Dietzenbacher, E., B. Los, R. Stehrer, M. P. Timmer, and G. J. de Vries.	Dietzenbacher, E., B. Los, R. Stehrer, <u>M.</u> Timmer, and <u>G.</u> de Vries	Initial Addition Missing- Minor Error
3	Calzorari, G., and V. Denicolo	<u>Calzolari</u> , G., and V. Denicolo	Surname spelling Wrong- Major Error
4	Jiang, G. H., C. M. C. Lee, and H. Yue.	<u>Jiang, G.</u> , C. M. C. Lee, and H. Yue	Initial Addition-Minor Error

5	Cuadras-Morató, Xavier, and JosepMariaRaya	Cuadras-Morató, Xavier, and Josep <u>M</u> aria Raya	Formatting Error –Minor Error
6	Fuchs, Andreas, and Nils-Hendrik Klann	Fuchs, Andreas, and <u>Nils-Hendrik Klann</u>	Formatting Error –Minor Error
7	Yeh, Y., P. Shu, and Y. Su	Yeh, Y.- <u>H</u> ., P.- <u>G</u> . Shu, and Y.- <u>H</u> . Su	Initial Missing- Minor Error
8	Attig, N., S. Cleary, S. Gohul, and O. Guedhami	Attig, N., S. Cleary, S. <u>E</u> l Gohul, and O. Guedhami	Surname Incomplete (Word Missing) – Major Error
9	Admati, A., and P. Pfleiderer	Admati, A. <u>R</u> ., and P. Pfleiderer	Initial Missing- Minor Error
10	Afonso Antonio, Pedro Gomes, and Philipp Rothe	Afonso <sub>2</sub> , Antonio, Pedro Gomes, and Philipp Rothe	Punctuation Error –Minor Error
11	Blanchard Oliver	Blanchard <sub>2</sub> Oliver	Punctuation Error –Minor Error
12	Caballero Ricardo J., and Emmanuel Farhi.	Caballero <sub>2</sub> Ricardo J., and Emmanuel Farhi.	Punctuation Error –Minor Error
13	Dang TriVi, Gary Gorton, Bengt Holmström, and Guillermo Ordoñez.	Dang, TriVi, Gary Gorton, Bengt Holmström, and Guillermo Ordoñez.	Punctuation Error –Minor Error
14	Farhi Emmanuel, and Matteo Maggiori	Farhi <sub>2</sub> Emmanuel, and Matteo Maggiori	Punctuation Error –Minor Error
15	Bae, K. H., J. K. Kang and J. M. Kim	Bae, K. H., J. K. Kang <sub>2</sub> and J. M. Kim	Punctuation Error –Minor Error
16	Aidt, Toke S. and Martin Gassebner	Aidt, Toke S. <sub>2</sub> and Martin Gassebner	Punctuation Error –Minor Error

### Errors in the Title

**Table -9: Referencing Errors in Titles**

Errors in Citing in titles	International Review of Applied Economics (IRAE)	Global Economic Review (GER)	International Economic Journal (IEJ)	Total	Percentage
Wrong / Missing Title	3	0	1	4	57.14
Addition/ Spelling Errors	1	1	1	3	42.85
Punctuation Errors	0	0	0	0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>100</b>

Title is the most important element of a bibliographic reference, as the title represent the theme of an article. Table 9 depicts the error of references in article title. IRAE and IEJ editorial board is less attentive of title error than GER. Table10,11 &12 show the list of errors in IRAE, IEJ and GER.

**Table-10: Referencing Errors in Titles in (IRAE) (correct portions are underlined)**

List of Errors Committed by the Author in Citing the Article's Name

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Article (s) Name as cited in the Journal</b>	<b>Correct Name of the Article (s) Correct Parts are Underlined</b>	<b>Type of Error(s)</b>
1	Semi Parametric Difference-in-Differences Estimators	<u>Semiparametric</u> Difference-in-Differences Estimators	Word Error- Minor Error
2	Master and Servant	Master and Servant <u>in Colonial Kenya, 1895-1939.</u>	Key Word Missing- Major Error
3	What Determines the Domestic Bias and Foreign Bias? Evidence from Mutual Fund Equity Worldwide	What Determines the Domestic Bias and Foreign Bias? Evidence from Mutual Fund Equity <u>Allocations</u> Worldwide	Word Missing – Minor Error
4	Is there an informal wage penalty? Evidence from South Africa	Is there an informal <u>employment</u> wage penalty? Evidence from South Africa	Key Word Missing – Major Error

**Table-11: Referencing errors in titles in GER (correct portions are underlined)**

List of Errors committed by the Author in Citing the Article's Name

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Article (s) Name as cited in the Journal</b>	<b>Correct Name of the Article (s) Correct Parts are Underlined</b>	<b>Type of Error(s)</b>
1	Liberalization, Multinational Enterprises and Export Performance: Evidence from Indian Manufacturing	<u>Liberalisation</u> , Multinational Enterprises and Export Performance: Evidence from Indian Manufacturing	Spelling Error- Minor Error

**Table-12: Referencing errors in titles in IEJ (correct portions are underlined)**

Sr.No.	Article Title as found in the Journal	Correct Article's Title (correct parts are underlined)	Type of Error(s)
1	On the Life Cycle Dynamics of Venture Capital backedand Non-Venture Capital Financed Firms	On the Life Cycle Dynamics of Venture-Capital_ and Non-Venture_ Capital_Financed Firms	Punctuation error and word addition- Major Error
2	Political instability and migrant remittances Africa.	Political instability and <u>migrants'</u> remittances <u>into sub-Saharan Africa region.</u>	Keyword Missing- Major Error

**Table-13 – Errors in Citing in Journal Name**

Errors in Citing Journal name	International Review of Applied Economics (IRAE)	Global Economic Review (GER)	International Economic Journal (IEJ)	Total	Percentage
Wrong/ Incomplete Name	1	2	4	7	77.78
Addition/ Spelling Errors	0	1	1	2	22.22
Punctuation Errors	0	0	0	0	00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>100</b>

Table 13 represents the errors in journal name. Highest wrong and incomplete errors in journals name were found in IEJ and lowest errors in IRAE. The error in journal name in IRAE, GER and IEJ journals are listed in tables 14, 15& 16.

**Table-14 Referencing errors in titles/ journal names in (IRAE) (Correct portions are underlined)**

List of Errors Committed by the **Author** in Citing the Journal's Name

S. No.	Journal(s) Name as cited in the Journal	Correct Name of the Journal(s)Correct Parts are Underlined	Type of Error(s)
1	B.E." Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy: Contributions to Economic Analysis and Policy	<u>The B.E.</u> Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy	incomplete title and word addition – Major Error

**Table-15 Referencing errors in titles in (GER) (Correct portions are underline)**

List of Errors/Mistake Committed by the Author in Citing the Journal's Name

RR	Journal(s) Name as cited in the Journal	Correct Name of the Journal(s) Correct Parts are Underlined	Type of Error(s)
1	The American Economic Review	American Economic Review	Word Addition – Minor Error
2	B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy	<u>The</u> B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy	Word Missing - Minor Error
3	Journal of Finance and Marketing	<u>Journal of Financial and Markets</u>	Wrong Name - Major Error

**Table-16 Referencing errors in titles in (IEJ) (correct portions are underline)**

List of Errors committed by the Researchers in the Journal's Name

Sr.No.	Journal Name as found in the Thesis	Correct Journal Name (correct parts are underlined)	Type of Error(s)
1	<b>Journal of Finance</b>	<u>The</u> Journal of Finance	Word Missing- Minor Error
2	RAND Journal of Economics	<u>The</u> RAND Journal of Economics	Word Missing- Minor Error
3	American Economic Review	<u>The</u> American Economic Review.	Word Missing- Minor Error
4	Journal of Development Studies.	<u>The</u> Journal of Development Studies.	Word Missing- Minor Error
5	Economic Modeling	Economic <u>Modelling</u> .	Spelling Error- Minor Error

**Errors in Year and Page Number/Pagination****Table-17: Referencing Errors in Year and Page Number/Pagination**

Errors in Year and pagination	International Review of Applied Economics (IRAE)	Global Economic Review (GER)	International Economic Journal (IEJ)	Total	Percentage
Year	2	0	2	4	26.67
Page Number (First)	3	1	1	5	33.33
Page Number (Last)	3	1	2	6	40.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>100</b>

The result showed that 26.67% of the references in selected journals of the study contained wrong year of publication of the article. Nearly 73.33% in both first (33.33%) and last page number (40%) of references had inaccurate page numbers of the article.

### **Errors in Punctuation Marks, Volume and Issue Numbers**

**Table-18 – Errors in Punctuation marks, Volume and Issue Numbers**

<b>Type in error</b>	<b>International Review of Applied Economics (IRAE)</b>	<b>Global Economic Review (GER)</b>	<b>International Economic Journal (IEJ)</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Punctuation Error</b>	00	00	00	00	00
<b>Wrong / Missing Volumes</b>	1	00	2	3	16.67
<b>Wrong / Missing Issue</b>	8	4	3	15	83.33
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>100</b>

Table 17 highlights the errors found in punctuation mark, volume and issue number. Wrong and missing volume and issue numbers are grouped by Authors in major errors while punctuation errors are considered as minor error. In the table, wrong and missing issue error were highest i.e., found in, 83.33% and lowest wrong and missing were found in 16.7%.

### **Conclusion**

Three economic journals have international level. The top responsibility of both (Editorial committee and authors) is to provide accurate references in proper format for readers. Editors should make and strictly implement reference management policy and suggest authors to submit original paper of reference list enclosed in the end of their paper or research article.

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