

To the Editorial Board of the
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AIRO (Associazione Italiana di Ricerca Operativa – Optimization and Decision Sciences) is an association founded in 1961 whose purpose is to promote Operations Research and Decision Science in Italy, facilitating technological transfer to businesses and the teaching of the discipline in basic courses as well as in training. As such, AIRO recognizes the fundamental role that scientific journal in Operations Research play for its objectives.

Indeed, as a scientific society, our aim is to facilitate the development and spreading of knowledge for the scientific, technological and cultural progress of humanity. Our fundamental guideline is the scientific relevance, correctness and reproducibility of the results in our field. However, it is also highly relevant to us that these results be made available to the widest possible set of interested researchers and practitioners, in order to facilitate both their real-world application and the cross-pollination between different scientific methodologies and technological fields. Yet, access to scientific information is for the most part restricted to those organizations willing to commit the considerable financial means required to secure such access. It is clear that this potentially diminishes the diffusion of the results, and therefore their scientific and social utility, besides bearing a significant financial burden to those organizations which may be otherwise spent to further develop the discipline.

Since the Open Journal of Mathematical Optimization (OJMO) aims to publish articles dealing with every aspect of mathematical optimization, ranging from numerical aspects and computational issues to the theoretical questions related to mathematical optimization problems, these topics squarely fall within the scientific interest of the AIRO. Furthermore, OJMO will publish papers in fair open access for free, meaning that neither the authors nor the readers have to pay to access the content of the published papers. As such, and differently from other current “open access” journals in the field, publishing fees do not have any impact on the publication process, which is therefore set to be only guided by the fundamental principles of relevance, correctness and reproducibility of the results.

AIRO is therefore willing to endorse the journal. This means that AIRO accepts that this letter be displayed on the journal website to publicize this position, and may take actions, from time to time to be determined and subject to the evaluation of the actual scientific quality of the journal, to advertise it and ensure that selection committees to research positions will not unduly underestimate the value of the papers published in the journal only due to its different stance on intellectual property matters.

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