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How to remove scientific ANOMIE in RA? How to make Risk Science more:



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ANOMIE in GMO RA

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Types of mismatches/ANOMIE SCIENTIFIC ANOMIE

Methodological Approach

use of surrogates sample numbers study durations use of non-targeted approaches

Analytical Rigor

uncertainty analysis error Type minimization use of comparitors deductive approach analysis of Power

Degree of transparency

Reproducible? Verifiable? Accessible?

"Risk Prudent"

Science in the service of the society (what society demands

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conflicts in interest separation of assessment and its interpretation (RA/RM)

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