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The journal seeks short, well-written papers from academics, practitioners, and regulators addressing timely issues facing the auditing practice community. Papers should be a maximum of 2,500 words of text and should not include complex statistics or models. Authors should strive to produce papers that are broadly understandable by the practice community and contain a substantive, relevant message for those interested in auditing practice. Submissions may include short, practice-oriented cases for classroom use. Practitioners are strongly encouraged to submit papers, as are author teams that include both academics and practitioners.

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- Jupe, R. 2009a. A fresh start or the worst of all worlds? A critical financial analysis of the performance and regulation of Network Rail in Britain’s privatized railway system. *Critical Perspectives on Accounting* 20 (2): 175–204.
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