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This is a rare instance of a submission for a downgrade. The committee noted that FOGA is clearly not A*, but initially struggled to determine whether to recommend "A" or "B". Although it was argued that FOGA is very highly regarded in the community, and accepts strong papers, citation figures and acceptance rate undermine this argument. On the other hand, we know theoretical work tends to have lower citation figures, and centile citation data was not that low. Since the committee did not have enough information to confidently distinguish between A and B, further information was sought from the community. The additional information received addressed the questions of acceptance rate, citations, and FOGA's standing. The committee, considering this information, reached a consensus to recommend retaining "A" ranking.