

Review of: "Publish or perish: time for a rethink?"

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My comments are not meant to discourage the authors but to give them my insights and observations so that they can improve their work. I would like to commend them for the time they took to read, research and compile this paper. I read this paper with a lot of interest thinking that the paper was going to generate and offer new knowledge to me and other readers, however, I have been disappointed. The authors of this article have a good topic but have failed to come up with and share new content. Whatever is discussed in this article can easily be found on the internet by a simple Google Scholar search. This topic has been over-researched, and many others have written about publish and perish, as such, I wonder why the authors are using very old articles in their citations...I saw one 1932 citation, again which reference style is being used in this article? Can we have one approved citation style, please? The authors need to read more about the types of Publishing and types of Open Access (Green, Gold, and Open Access) and add them to the articles. The authors are making an assumption or tend to mislead the readers that by paying APC an author's work gets published immediately this statement is fallacious and should be purged from the document. There is the issue of predatory publishing, which the authors seem to be avoiding mentioning it. We need to see how this comes out from the APC and "publish and perish" trajectory in the contemporary academic world. From my observations, this article suits to be written and shared in a blog and not as a scientific article, we need to see more recently published scientific papers with DOI... why are the authors citing websites and Conference calls? Of what value does it add to this paper? Citation 25. The author claims that ... "*with the Ninth Conference in this series having recently been held in 2022..*" This citation is NOT relevant and the duration that the conference takes to hold conference is equally not fair to the academic society...my suggestion, let the author cite authentic published peer-reviewed papers. The authors also use only one statement to make a conclusion a case on point is ... "Plagiarism is a common feature in biomedical research in countries on the continent of Africa".....whereas I do accept the statement, but can the authors cite more evidence to support such a statement? Otherwise, this article would not even fit to be presented as a term/Semester paper in a normal undergraduate examination. The paper can have titles and sub tiles, to give it a smooth flow, but it also needs an abstract. For this paper to have relevancy in the academic field a lot has to be done to improve its quality....Let us know its justifications and its relevancy....