

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

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The authors have tried to discuss the drawbacks of the pressure to publish in Academic Environment. However, the discussion is somewhat all over the place and it makes it difficult for readers to follow the main point of the paper. As well as, they've only addressed the raised issues in the medical disciplines in this piece. All the issues discussed in this point of view exist in every other discipline and if the authors are willing to only address them in medical fields, they better point it out at the very beginning of the paper.

There are some other issues that have been misrepresented.

- Not all the open access journals charge the authors to pay APCs. There are several examples of established OA journals that publish the authors' manuscripts free of charge.
- Also, publishing in OA journals does not necessarily mean fast and easy publication. There are many OA journals with a strict peer review process which results in slower publishing. The most important benefit of OA publishing is that the article would be available to anyone and at no cost. Besides, the authors need to bear in mind that the predominant distinguishable factor between predatory and well-established journals is the peer-review process whether the journal is open access or subscription based.
- It also appears that the authors are trying to connect the topic of this piece to OA publishing. It is worth mentioning that the pressure to publish hasn't been influenced by OA publishing.

The authors have also referred to the most common types of research misconduct in their paper. However, they haven't been thoroughly discussed. It would help the readers if these issues and the link between them and the topic are further discussed.

Finally, if the arguments made in the text are presented in a more organized way, it would be much easier for readers to understand the main points of the paper.