

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

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The article highlights interesting aspects related to the pressure to publish. The main one is that it produces an excessive number of articles, many of them without contributions to science and that only serve so that the researcher who signs them can be competitive. That situation promotes bad or unethical practices and the neglect of teaching, between others.

Besides the pressure to publish may have pushed the creation of new publishers many of which are in the business of open access. The authors point out the advantages of publishing open authors for authors and readers but also the negative aspects as the business seems to be very lucrative and has pernicious consequences such as the appearance of predatory journals.

Open access journals that require the payment of APCs have diversified the publishing landscape, expanding the offer of outlets and, perhaps, facilitating the publication of lower quality? Personally, I am not convinced of this because bad journals have always existed and not all of them, far from it, are open access.

Does the fact that open access publishers publish faster than traditional ones imply that their quality is lower? The authors may be somewhat right on this point, however, rather than speed, perhaps one should look at the seriousness of peer review. The quality of this is connected with the correct choice of reviewers and with the commitment with which they carry out their work. Both aspects increasingly compromised because the best researchers are too overworked and tired of tackling tasks without reward. And yes, this overload is connected -or partly connected- to the publish or perish aphorism.

In short, although the merits of the paper I think it is convenient that the authors qualify some of their observations.