

Review of: "Social responsibility, disciplinary moral identity, and not-so-value-free biomedical research(ers)"

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The article "*Social Responsibility, disciplinary moral identity, and not-so-value-free biomedical research(ers)*" by V. Politi discusses tensions between the concepts of value-free research and the disciplinary moral identity of researchers. The author argues that societal requirements of responsible research may cause tension, particularly when variants of disciplinary moral identity are contrasted. Biomedical research serves as an example, and the specific requirement of conducting research in a transformative manner is this conceptual paper's primary 'practical example'. The background matters for the hypothesis of the paper "*reinforce[ed] biomedical researchers' disciplinary moral identity... could hinder interdisciplinarity and public engagement*" [abstract] are developed in detail. The detailed draft is well written, although it could benefit from checking whether repetitions could be limited.

However, the paper's conclusion is much too brief. The author may wish to consider that readers attracted by the abstract often check the conclusion before reading the bulk of the paper. Given the conceptual nature of the paper, the conclusion could benefit from a suggestion on how to test the hypothesis the paper advances.

The paper's bibliography is ample; however, reference to the work of Bernal (1939) may show that debating the pros and cons of value-free research has a long history.

Bernal JD (1939) *The Social Function of Science*. Georg Routledge & Sons Ltd., London