

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

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This paper discusses the concept of social responsibility and its implications for the field of biomedical research. The author argues that research fields that inherently are not value-free could contribute to a sense of professional moral superiority, which in turn can hinder inter-disciplinary dialogue and public engagement. The paper needs revision before it is fit for publication. It can be improved on at least three accounts. First, the distinction between value-free and value-laden science/research needs more elaboration. For example, it is not clear how this distinction accounts for the debate between pure and applied research. Also, it seems that the author assumes that the discourse on the role of science in society is a recent phenomenon, when, in reality, it is not. Second, the paper falls short of analysing how bioethics considerations impact research practice. Far from being just an abstract concept, biomedical research is a real phenomenon and its social reality cannot be fully grasped without discussing the interactions between the involved agents (scientists but also other stakeholders) and their respective power relations. Third, and related to the previous point, the discussion on the transformative potential of biomedical research lacks depth and appreciation of the various rapid advances in such fields as genomics, microbiology, neuroscience, etc.