

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

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This article addresses a critical issue within the global academia today. This problem is particularly prevalent in certain countries. In fact, while in the United States, for example, there have been clinical professor roles in the medical field for some time that are not focused on tenure and therefore not subjected to the toxic "publish or perish" policy, in European countries, university careers are closely tied to the quantity of publications and especially to metrics like the H-index and the number of publications and citations. These metrics are now heavily manipulated by predatory journals that authors of this article correctly cite. Indeed, these journals, by offering easy publications, allow many researchers to publish a large quantity of low-quality articles in a short time.

The authors suggest the development of best practices to overcome this issue, such as the creation of software that aids in peer review or identifies duplicate articles. However, in the writer's opinion, the most crucial best practice should be implemented by universities, which should no longer assess academics' work based on quantity but on quality!