

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

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This is a timely topic. The prose is good and well structured and does not go into unnecessary discourse and is to the point. Whilst it could have afforded a little more length it is still satisfactory. I am particularly pleased about the mention of predator journals, out only to make money. Conversely there are those that do represent specialities and which publish those articles which are unpublishable.

The article can try to provide solutions or alternatives since the issue of 'publish or perish' has become important – if one does not publish one has a disadvantage for promotions. Moreover, these are often requested by many departments, both at university (academic) level and also by hospitals. Showing one has done research is important. One solution may be giving a score for journals and therefore, what will count is not the total number of articles but the total score. Articles may also be requested to be accompanied by recognised Research Ethics Committees. Although they mention mitigating factors being tried, it would be worth the authors propose solutions or ideas of their own. I would also remove the final sentence.

Otherwise, the article good as it is for publication following this minor issue.