

Review of: "[Commentary] Taking Back Control Over Academic Publications"

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I would like to draw attention to some points related to the commentary "Taking Back Control Over Academic Publications" by Flavio Codeço Coelho and Claudia Torres Codeço

- The *Medical Essays and Observations*, published by the Royal Society of Edinburgh in 1731, has been quoted as the first journal in which a blind peer review system was established. "Memoirs are sent by correspondence and distributed according to the subject matter to those members most versed in these matters. Their report of their identity is not known to the authors."
- The open access publication model is here to stay. However, there are hundreds of adequate scientific journals with peer review offering publication with no APCs (e.g., in the Directory of Open Access Journals, DOAJ, of a total of 20,615 journals, 13,597 (66%) are journals without fees [accessed July 9, 2024]). These are not "predatory" journals.
- Preprint servers (MedRxiv, BioRxiv) offer free and universal dissemination of science in the pre-publication phase, which does not prevent the article from being subsequently published in a regular peer-reviewed journal. In the preprint step, useful free comments may be received from peers.
- The most important publishing companies (e.g., Elsevier, Springer Nature) have agreements with governmental bodies and a large number of universities and institutions all over the world, according to which authors would be released from payments of the APCs of their papers. Moreover, special considerations are established for authors from low- and middle-income countries.
- In the green open access model (self-archiving), accepted articles can be retrieved from institutional or personal repositories during the embargo period established by the journal.
- It is noticeable that the majority of prestigious and high-quality journals offer a transformative or hybrid publication model in which authors can select the open access (with APCs) or non-open access (free) choice.