

# Review of: "Post-Publication Racism: A Nail in the Coffin of Academic Medical Publishing"

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The article from Prof. Mohamed Kandil about post-publication racism raises a relevant issue on third world's representativeness in research. During the last few years, this general topic has finally started to gain space in academia, with contributions from different fields of research (e.g., Clancy & Davis, 2019). However, the specific case of post-publication bias was new to me before reading this article. Therefore, my first opinion is that - beyond the secondary issues about grammatical weaknesses and dated references reported by my colleagues - this article should see the light at list to contribute in opening a debate on this topic. Secondly, my suggestions to improve the manuscript are the following:

- i. I think it might be interesting to frame the reported issue on post-publication racism within a more general socio-economic / politic context. Specifically, it might be extended the cited reasoning about to the material conditions making difficult to conduct proper research steps as in WEIRD countries. I say this because I think that the "black list" mentioned in the paper focuses on a consequence (i.e., complainers) rather than the cause (i.e., fundings' distribution). It is away from my intent to neglect the main claim of this paper, rather my intention here is to suggest an extension of the possible causes beyond the problem in order to better direct the resulting responsibilities.
- ii. I would personally add a line to clarify that asking for open data is in line (if it is and I hope it is) with the author's police. This is because, even if the example the author made is clear, I think it is in general a good practice that must be encouraged.
- iii. Finally, I find the conclusive remarks particularly effective and, personally, I would give more space to the final point (i.e., the last paragraph) throughout the manuscript, as well as in the abstract and title.

To conclude, I thank the author and hope that the necessary topic of third world's representativeness in research will soon reach the roof of academia.