

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

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This article addresses an important topic. Racism within academic publishing results in the stifling of knowledge and researchers overlooking essential ideas and evidence related to health, education, and other societal disparities. The article is substantially underdeveloped in its conceptualization of racism and the use of evidence.

A large body of scholarship within the field of health has been built from interdisciplinary research on race and racism. This article would benefit from a higher degree of engagement with current research on racism. There are many instances in the article where the author speculates on possible explanations, but there are theoretical and empirical works that can inform these ideas more concretely. For example, the author focuses on the barriers that arise when concerns are raised about publications that are rooted in racist assumptions or implicit bias. When viewing racism as a more extensive system, however, we might also want to consider many other factors in post-publication racism. This would include who has access to published research, the perception of various scholars based on racial stereotypes, and the canonization and value placed on established voices in the field.

Overall, this article raises many important points, but given the lack of engagement with current research on these topics and without any new evidence being reported, it is not clear that this makes a concrete contribution to the literature in the field.