

RESEARCH MISCONDUCT A FOCUS ON PUBLICATION

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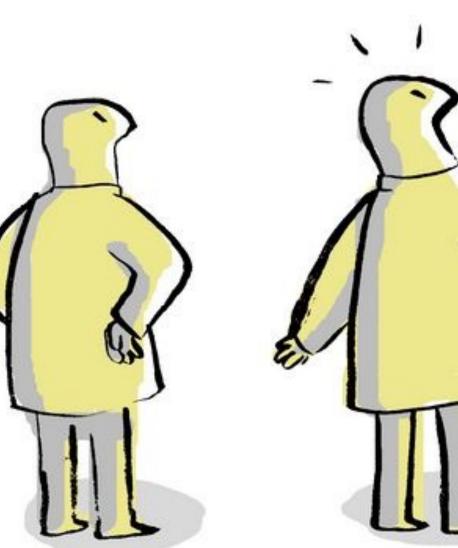
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Want to get funded?



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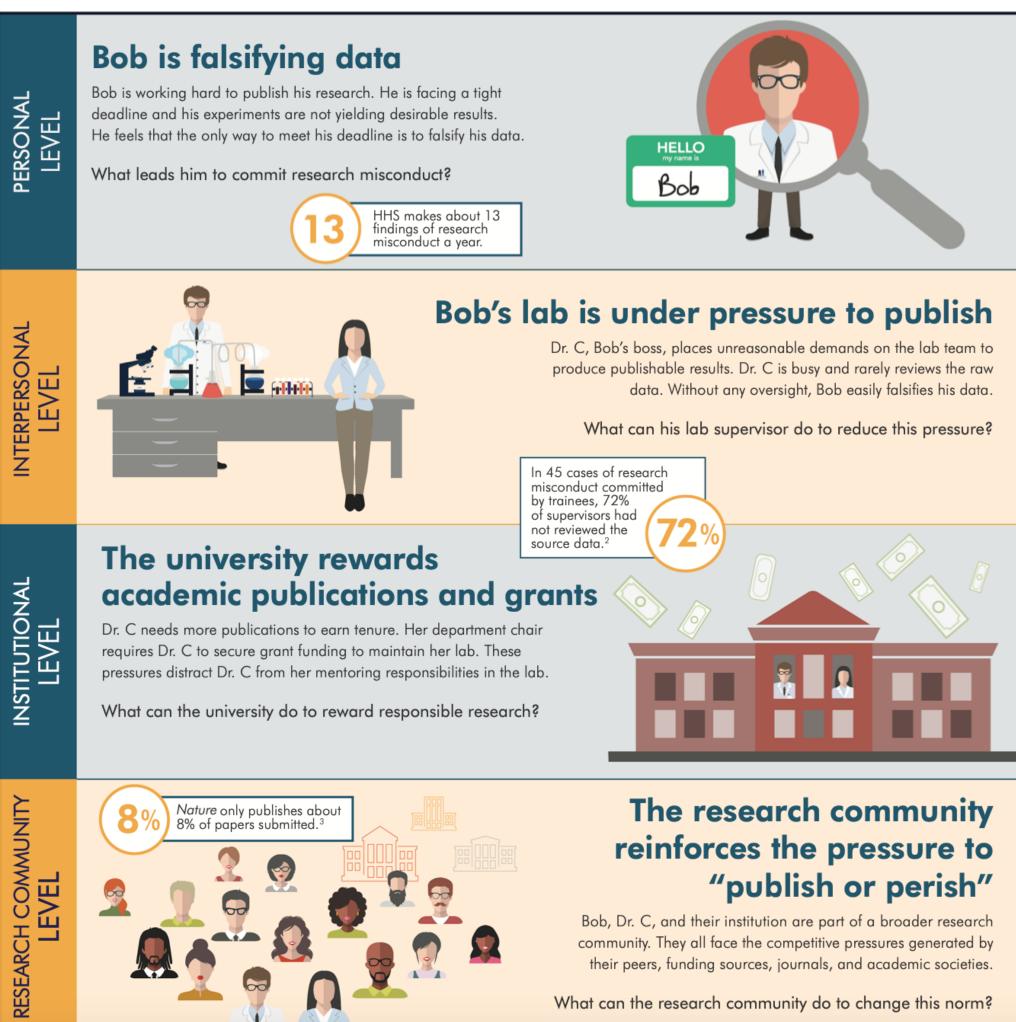
Want to get extra money?

All the academia system is based on publications.





WHAT DRIVE TO RESEARCH MISCONDUCT?



https://ori.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/2018-04/12_Potential_Drivers.pdf

"Getting my name on this article would look really good on my CV."

"It's only a few data points, and those runs were flawed anyway."

"The better the story we can tell, the better a journal we can go for."

"The PI's instructions don't exactly match the protocol approved by the ethics review board, but she is the senior researcher."

"I've worked so hard on this, and I know this works, and I need to get this publication."





RESEARCH MISCONDUCT IS By the USA Office of Research Integrity (ORI)

1) Plagiarism

- Copy without citation
- Use the work of someone without citation (even if the person agrees)
- Copy your own work without citation

2) Falsification

- Altered photographic figures
- Omitting (important) outliers data (on purpose)
- Changing your data

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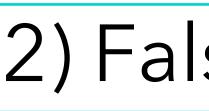
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RESEARCH MISCONDUCT COULD ALSO STAND IN A GREY ZONE

1) Plagiarism



4) Biais

5) Negligence

- P-hacking
- Null results
- Novelty > solid results

- Replicability
- Inadequate record of research projects
- Inadequate research design

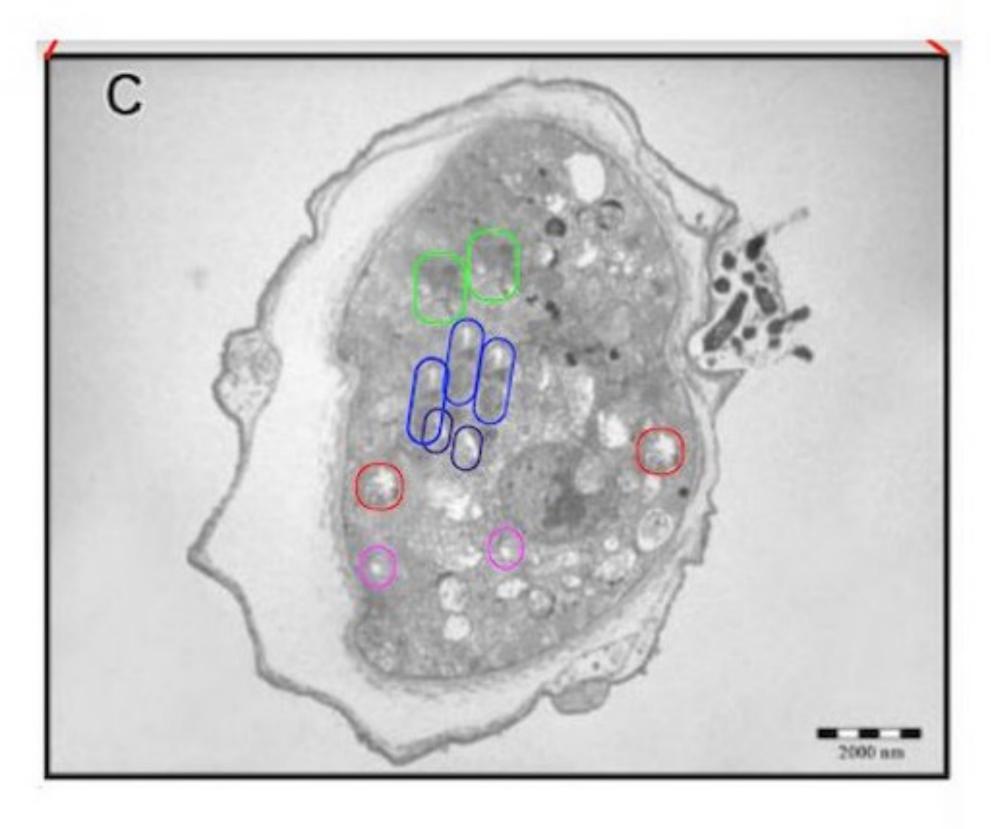
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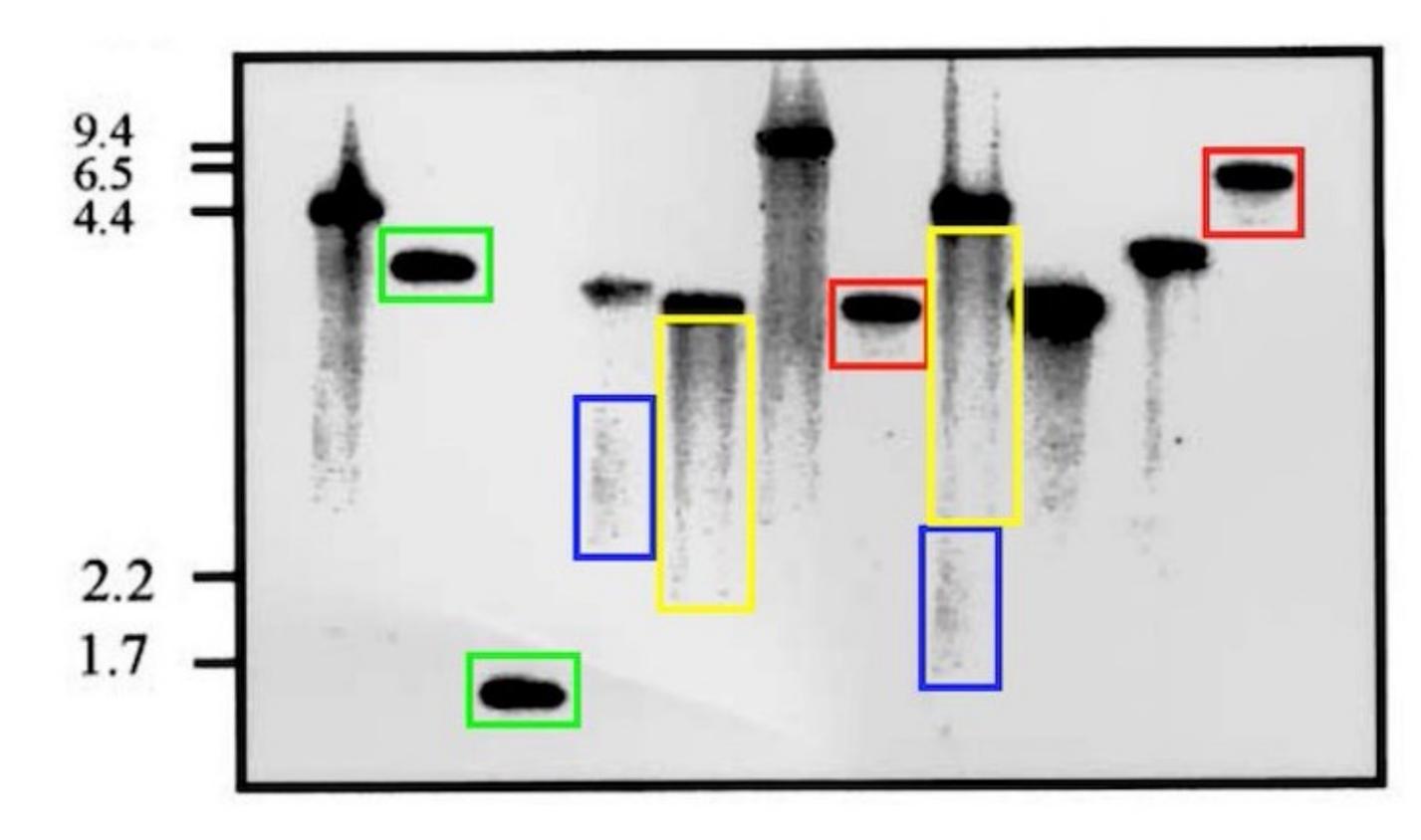
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- **Ties with** editor/reviewers
- Ghost authorship or eviction

Salami-slicing







Duplicated or altered photographic figures Aka "photoshoping"

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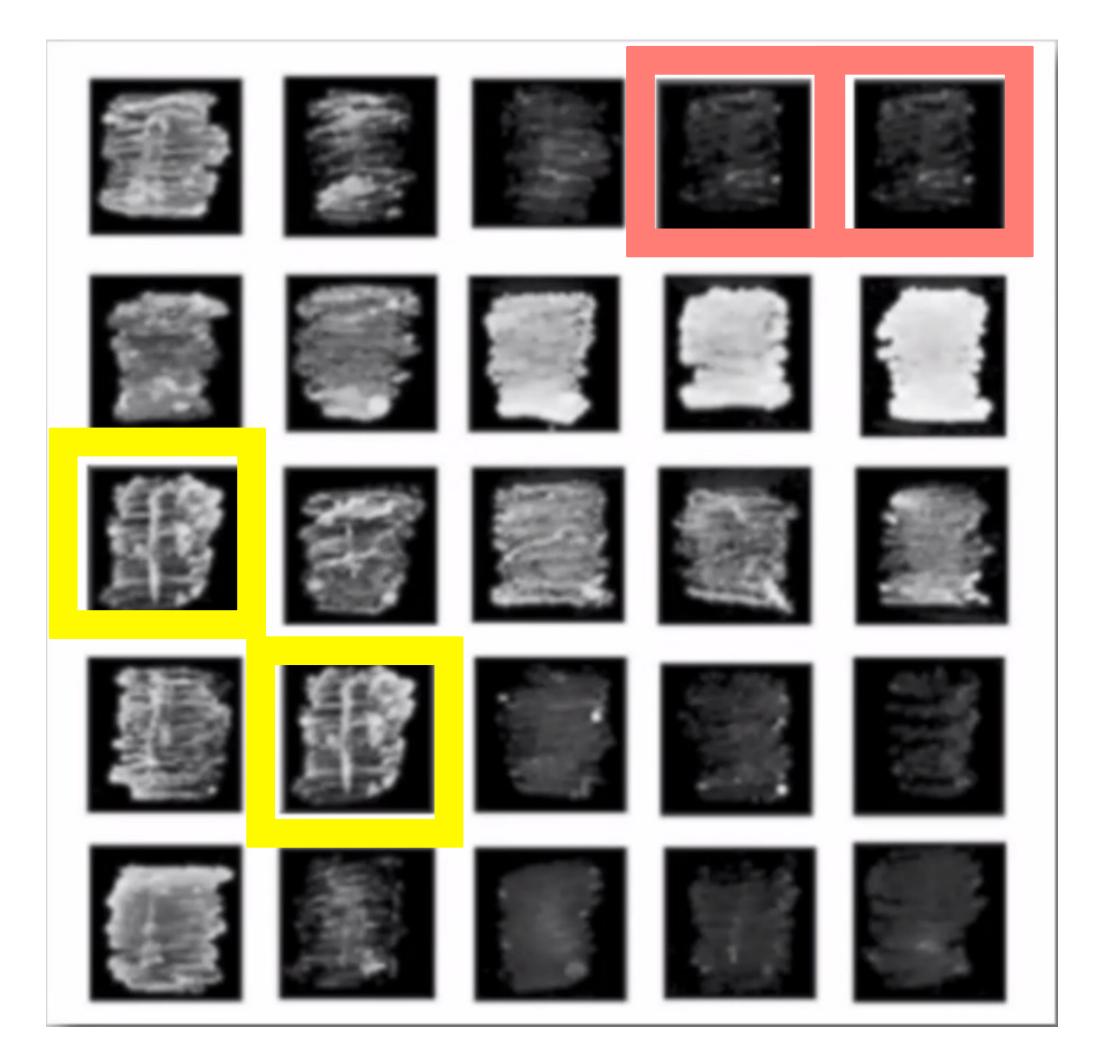
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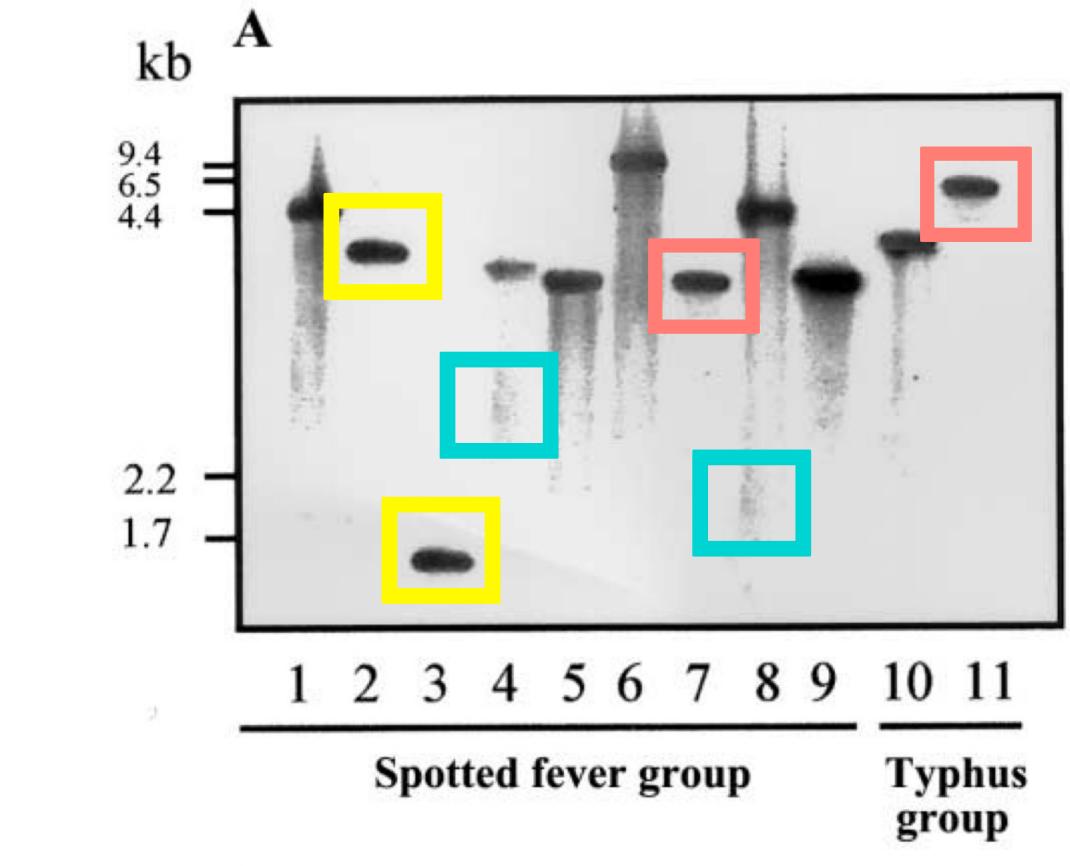
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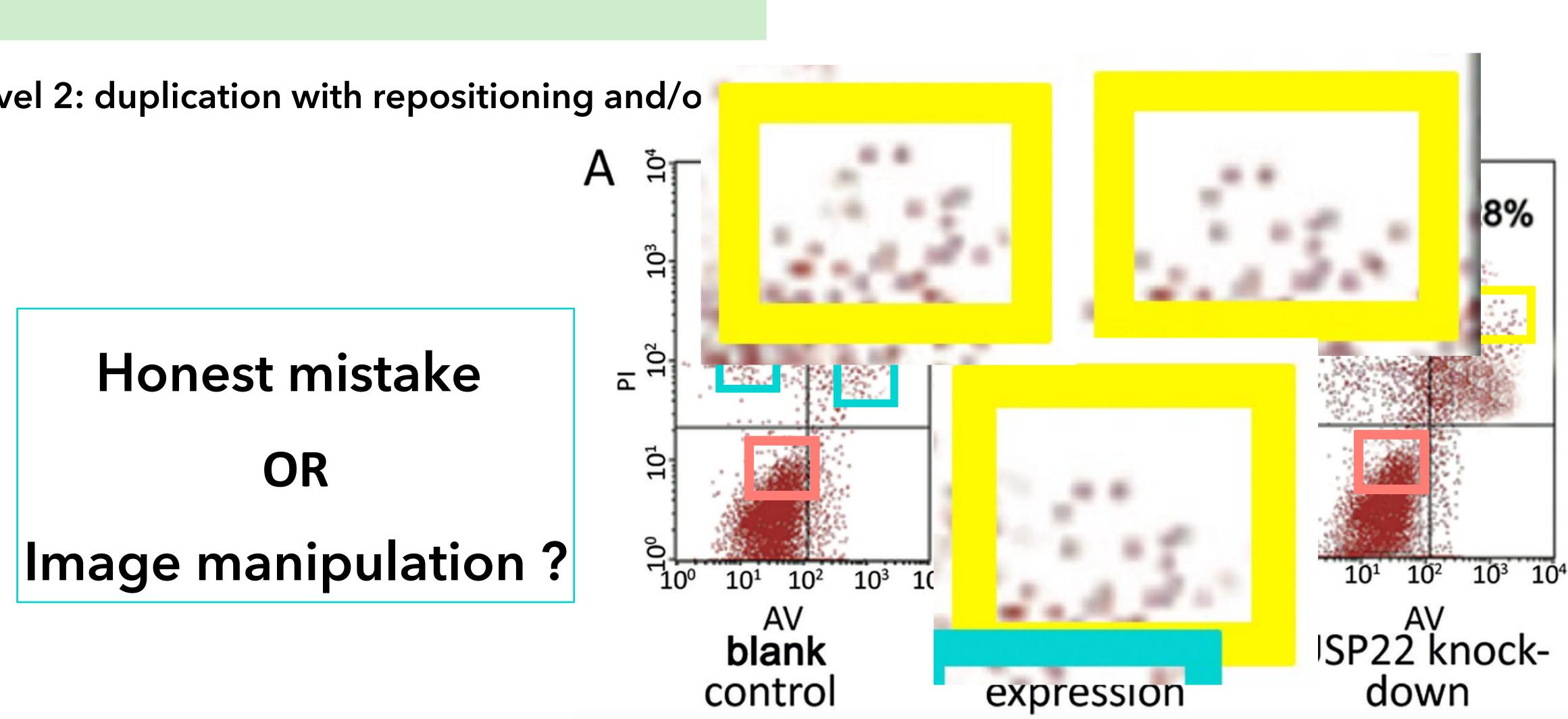
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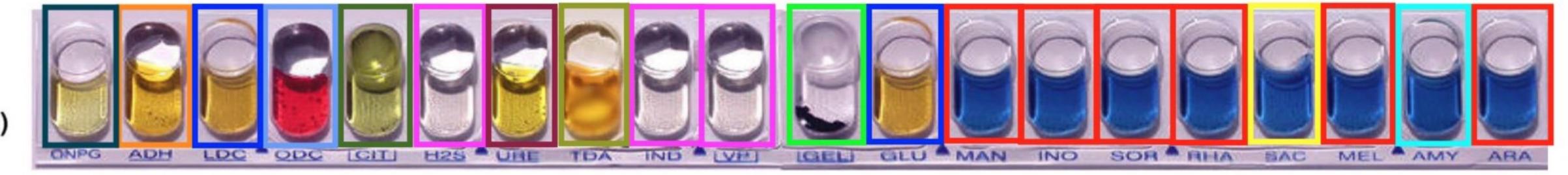
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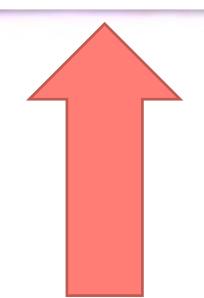




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Defining Pathogenic Bacterial Species in the Genomic Era

Kalliopi Georgiades¹ and Didier Raoult^{1,*}



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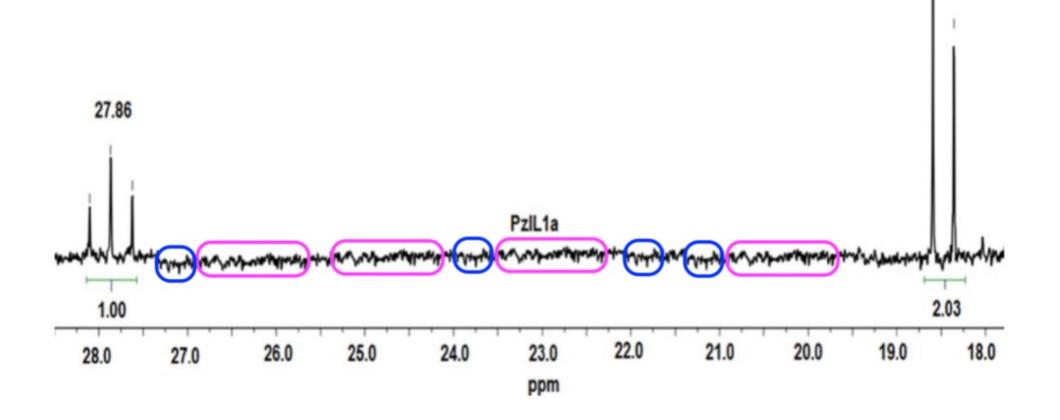


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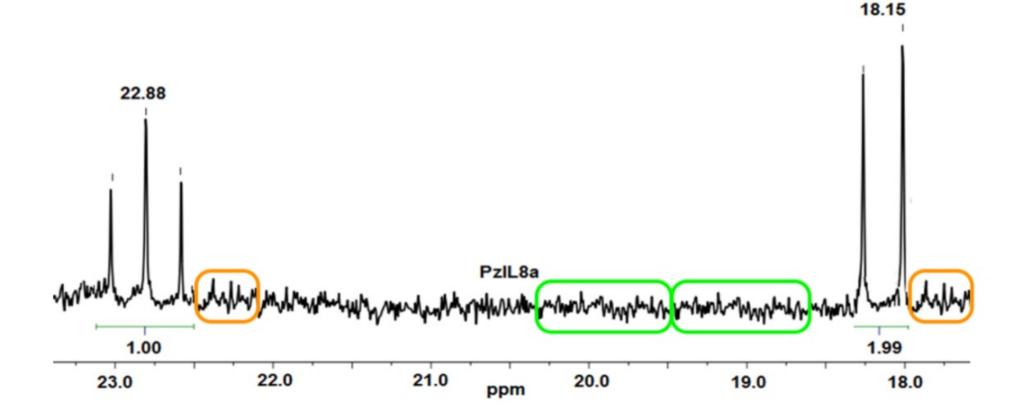




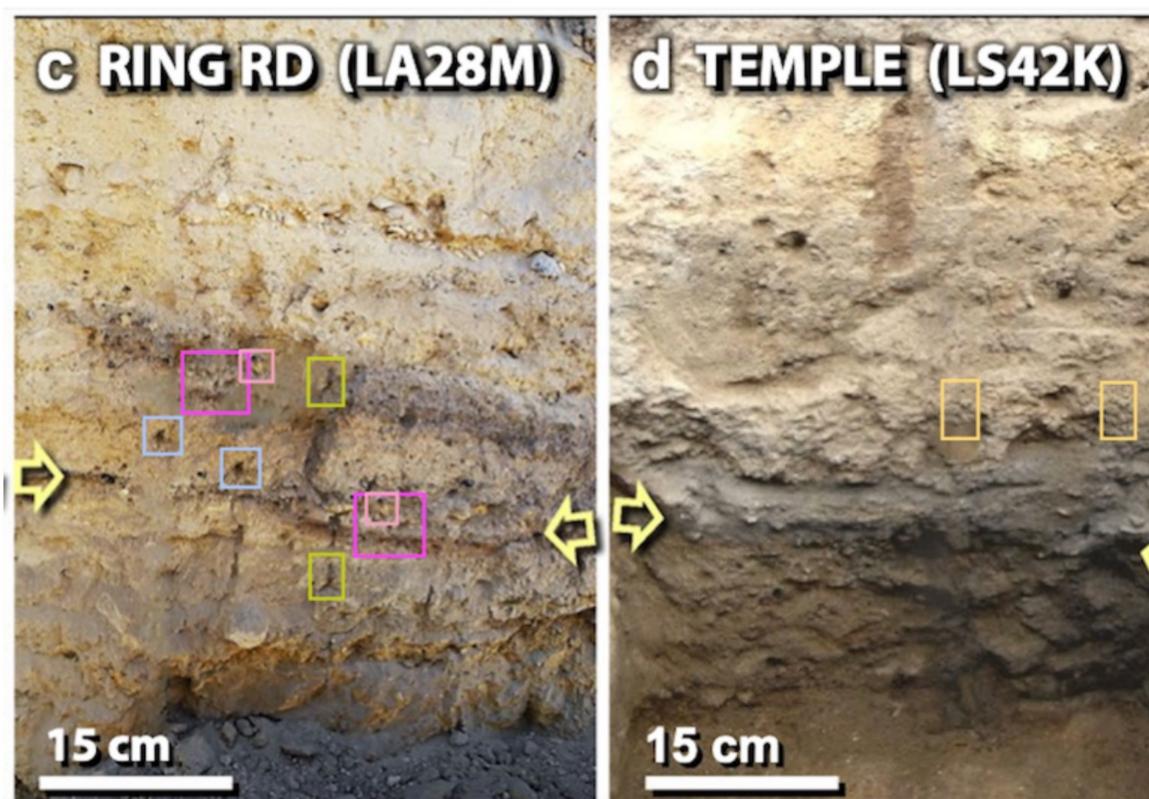
Chemistry (nanoparticules lab)



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Archeology











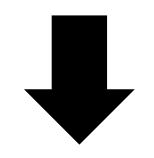


The Prevalence of Inappropriate Image Duplication in Biomedical **Research Publications**

Elisabeth M. Bik,^a Arturo Casadevall,^{b,c} Ferric C. Fang^d

Department of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases, Stanford School of Medicine, Stanford, California, USA^a; Department of Molecular Microbiology and Immunology, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, Maryland, USA^b; Department of Medicine, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Baltimore, Maryland, USA^c; Departments of Laboratory Medicine and Microbiology, University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle, Washington, USA^d

20 621 articles (1995-2014) scanned for image manipulation



+- 800 articles with duplicated images (4%)

Probably +-400 articles INTENTIONAL



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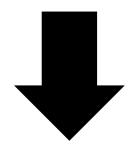
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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Analysis and Correction of Inappropriate Image Duplication: the Molecular and Cellular Biology Experience

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960 articles (2009-2016) scanned for image manipulation



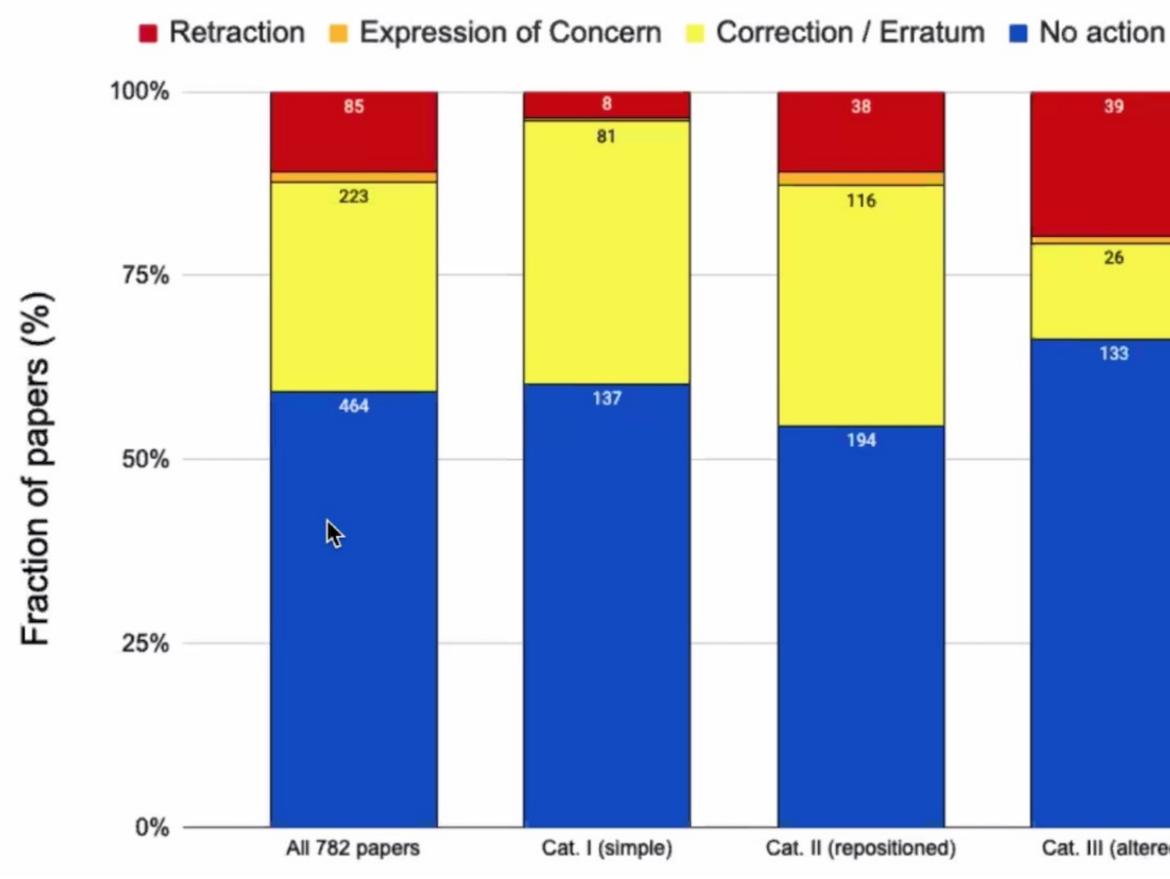
59 articles with duplicated images (6%)





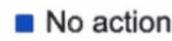


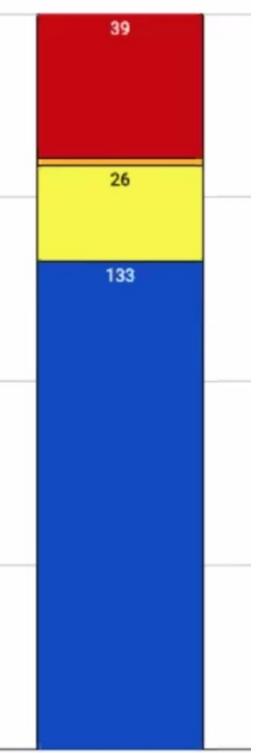
Articles with image duplication can be reported to the journal editors



E. Bik reported 782 articles. Here are the results after 5 years.

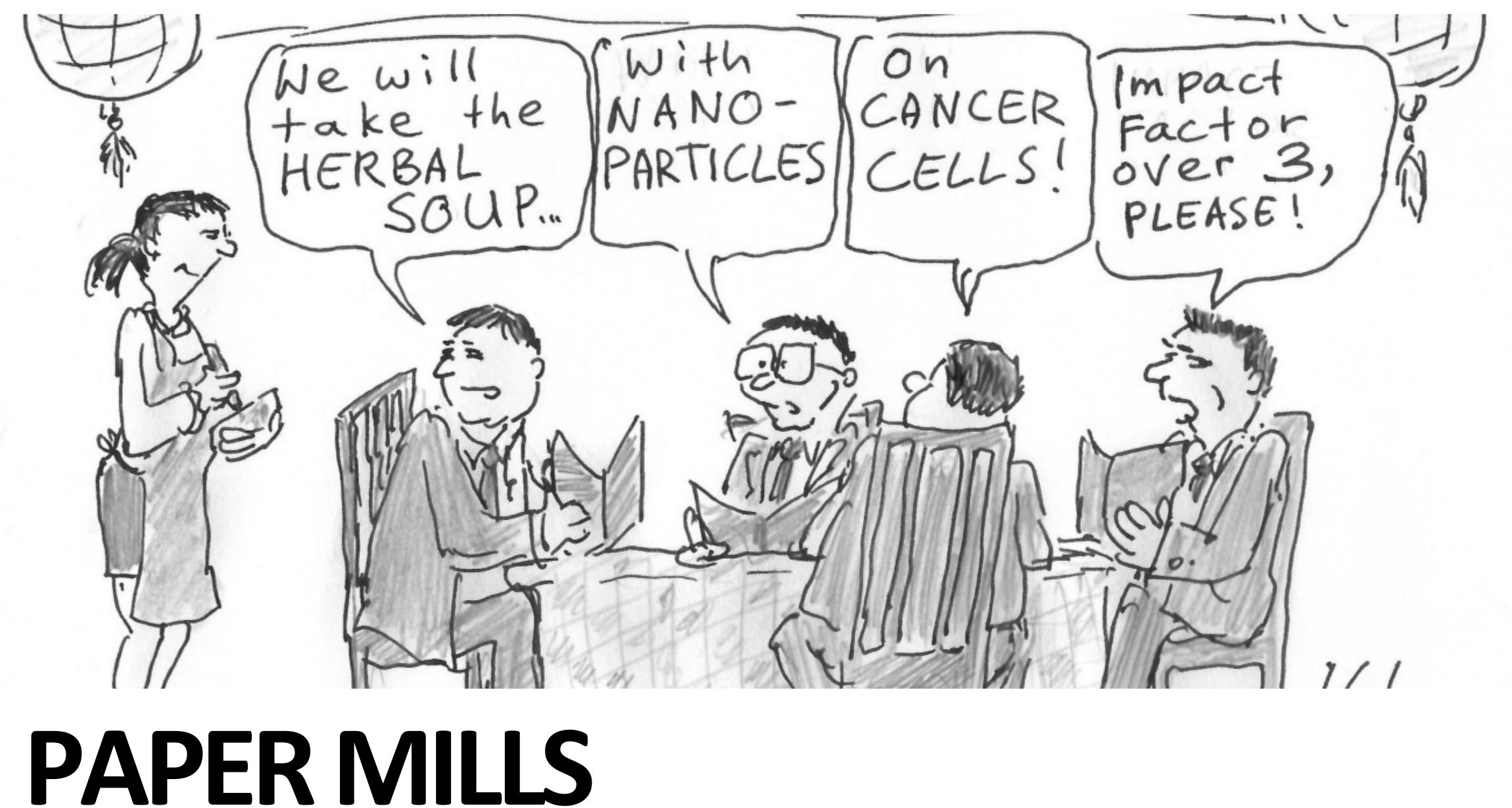
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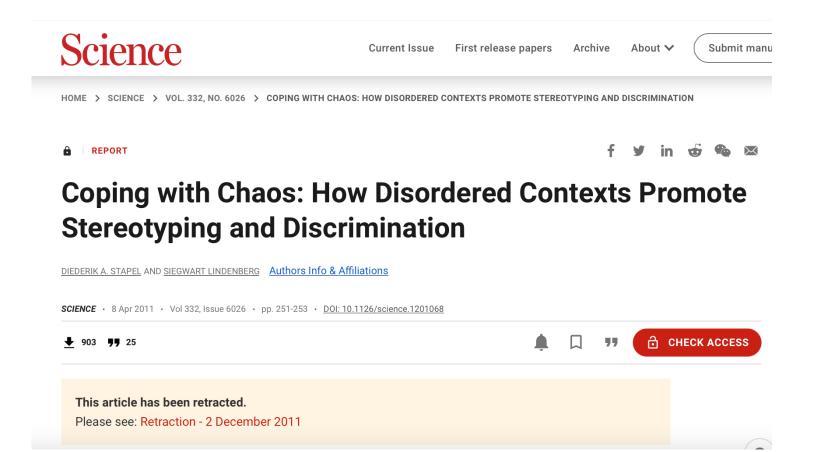




RESULTS INVENTION

Individual level

Exemple: Diederik Stapel (Social psychology) Tielburg university, The Netherlands



Invented results used in at least 30 published, peer-reviewed papers (2004-2011)

"Industrial" level

Paper Mills

= totally fabricated articles from A to Z based on a template

\$8-10K

(up to 30K for high IF journals)



Free PMC article

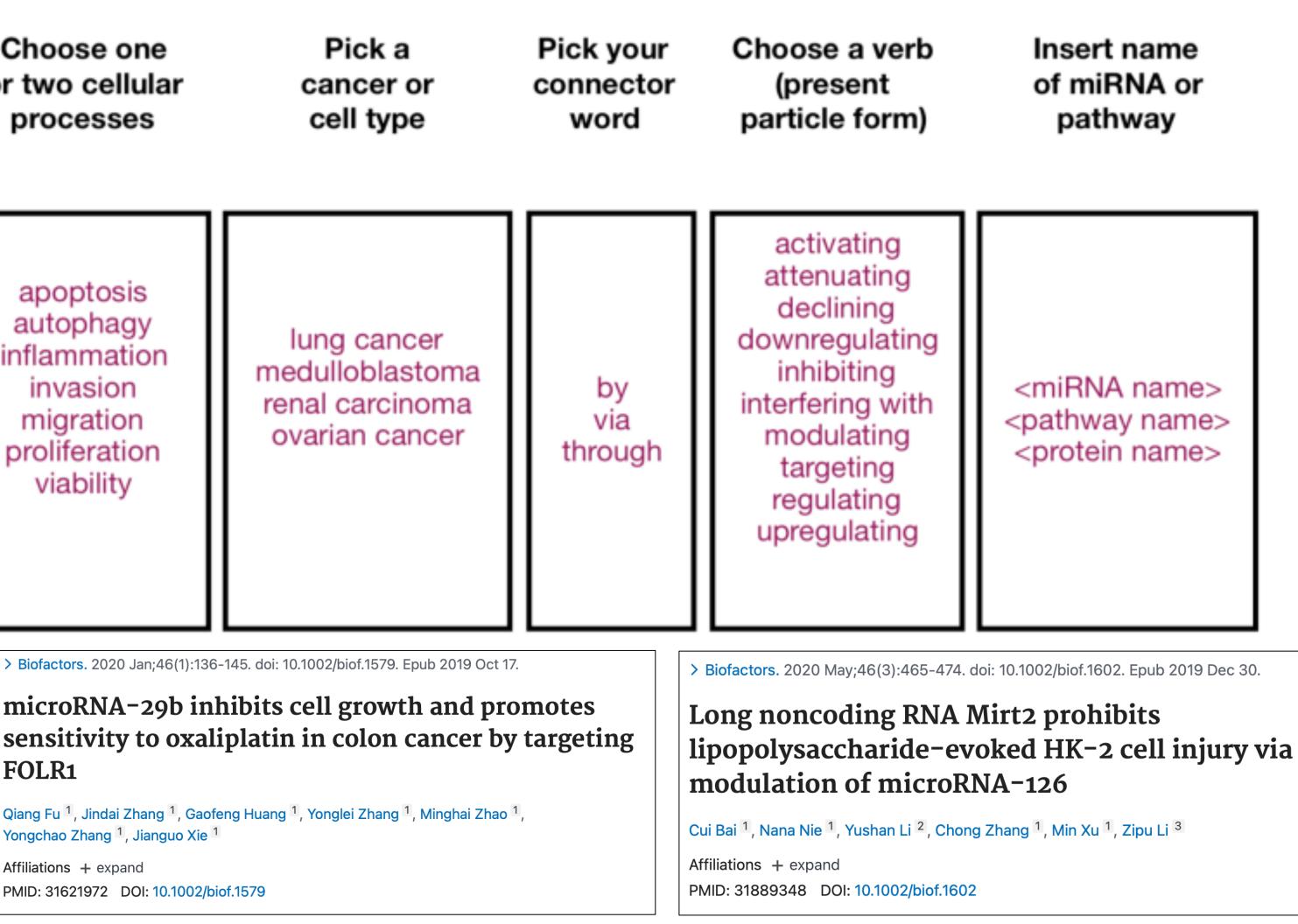
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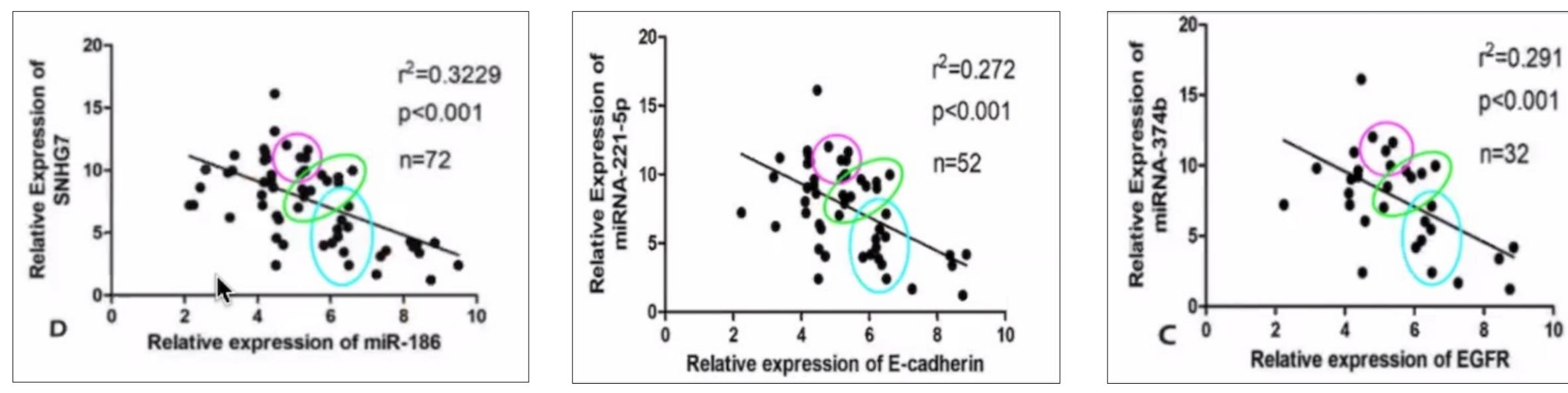




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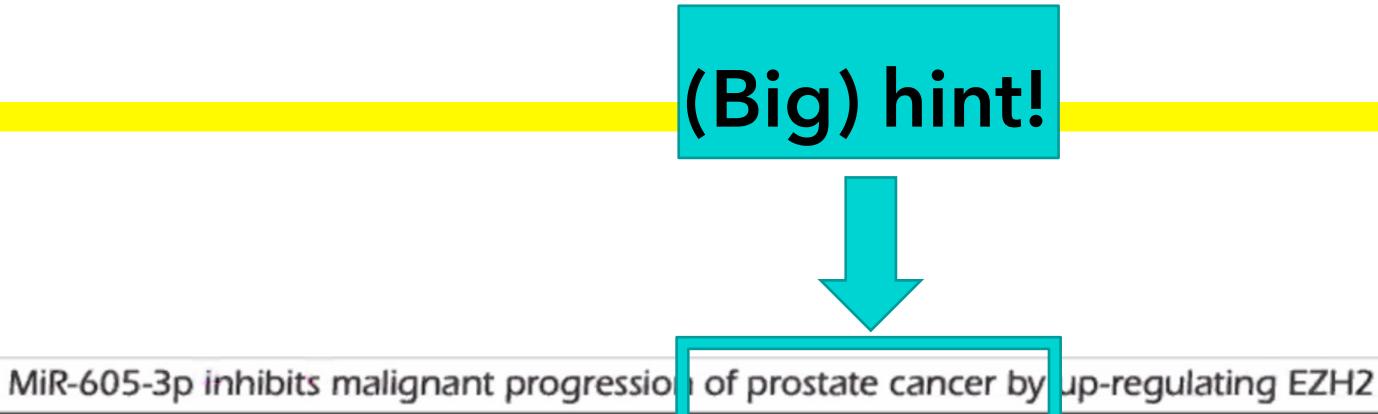
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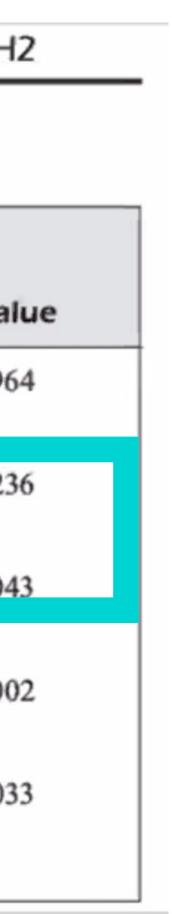


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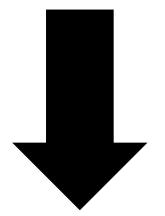
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Consequences?



Losing money

Losing time

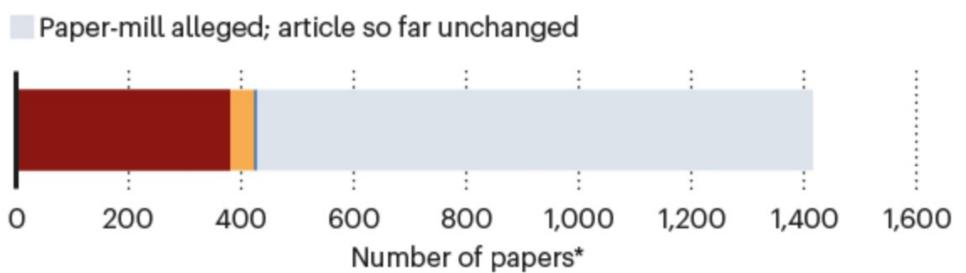
Losing energy

Totally fake articles cited by others and used as a basis for new research

FRAUD ALLEGATIONS

Since January 2020, independent sleuths and journals have flagged more than 1,000 published papers potentially linked to paper mills - companies that produce fraudulent articles. Hundreds of these papers have been retracted, corrected or labelled with an expression of concern (EOC).

Retracted EOC Corrected



*All papers include authors from Chinese hospitals. Another 197 articles (at least) with authors at Chinese hospitals have been retracted since January 2020. These are not ones that have made it onto lists of potential publication-mill products. Data collated by Nature up to 18 March.

Want to read a bit more?

COPE & STM. Paper Mills – Research report from COPE & STM – English. https://doi.org/10.24318/jtbG8IHL

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Byrne et al. found 700 articles from paper mills out of 12K articles about human genomics.









= fake journals

- No real editorial board and peer-reviewing
- Promising low publication fee
- **Promising fast publication** ullet

Tempting for researchers!



But articles published in predatory journals can't be taken into account for your CV.





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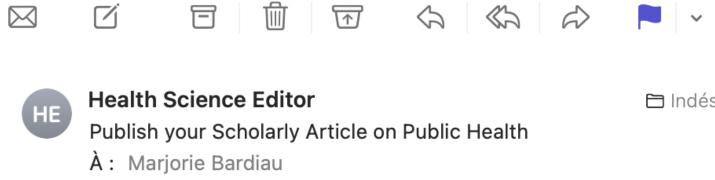
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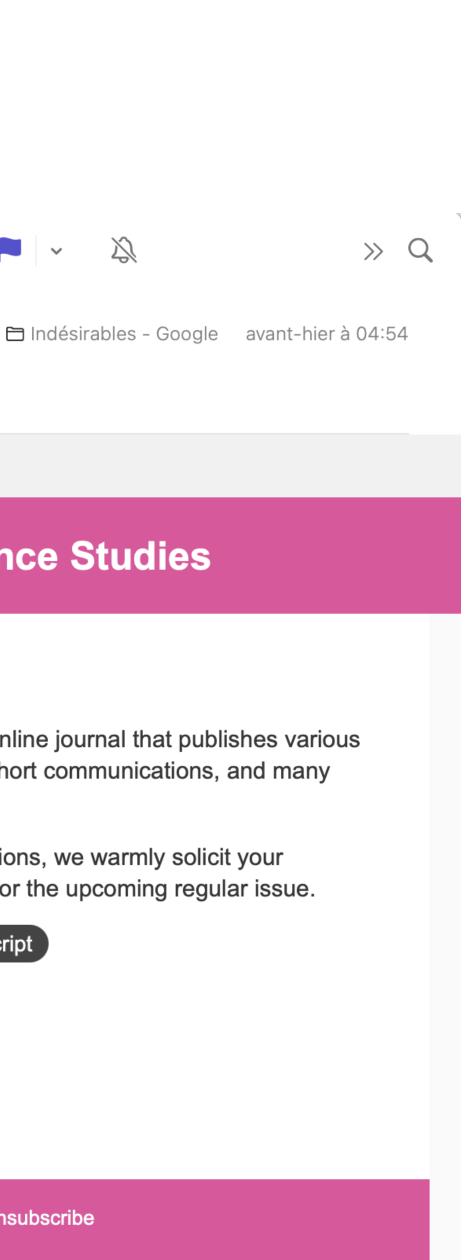
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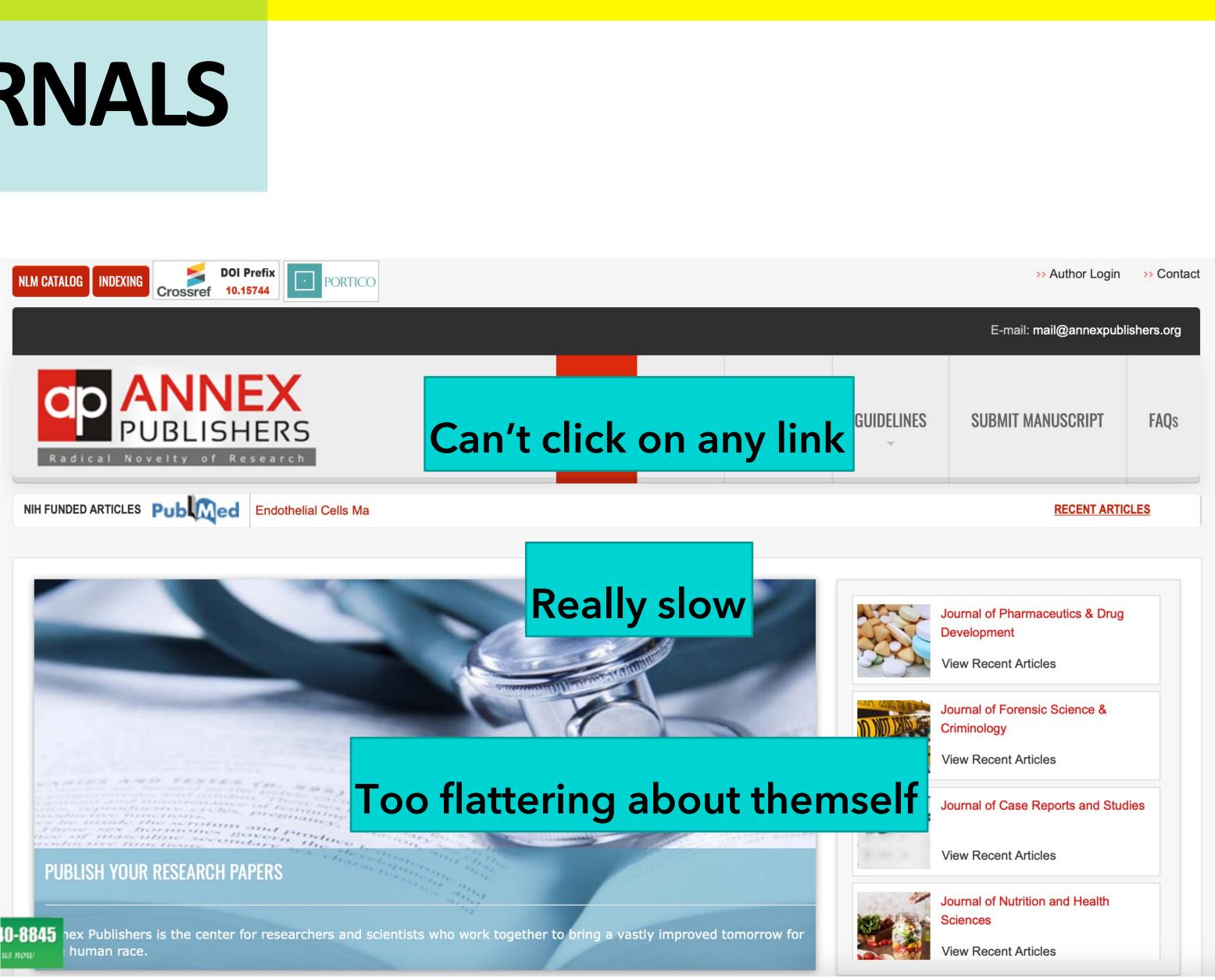
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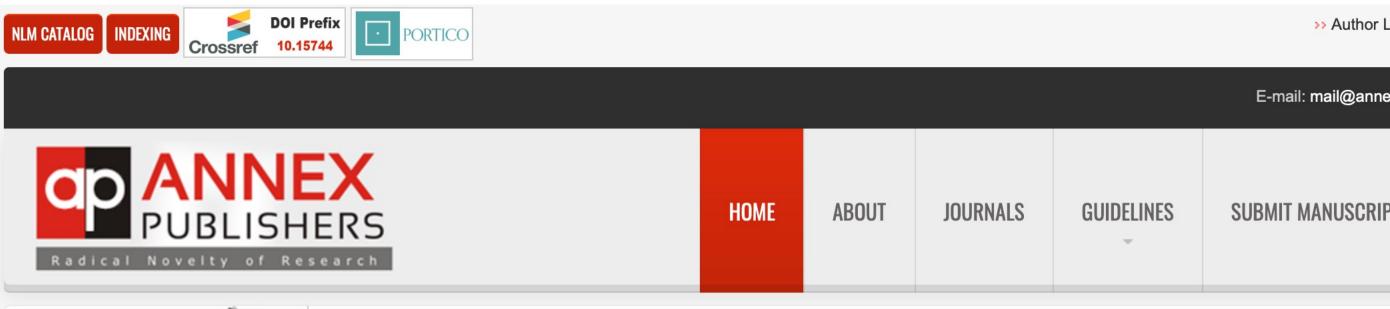
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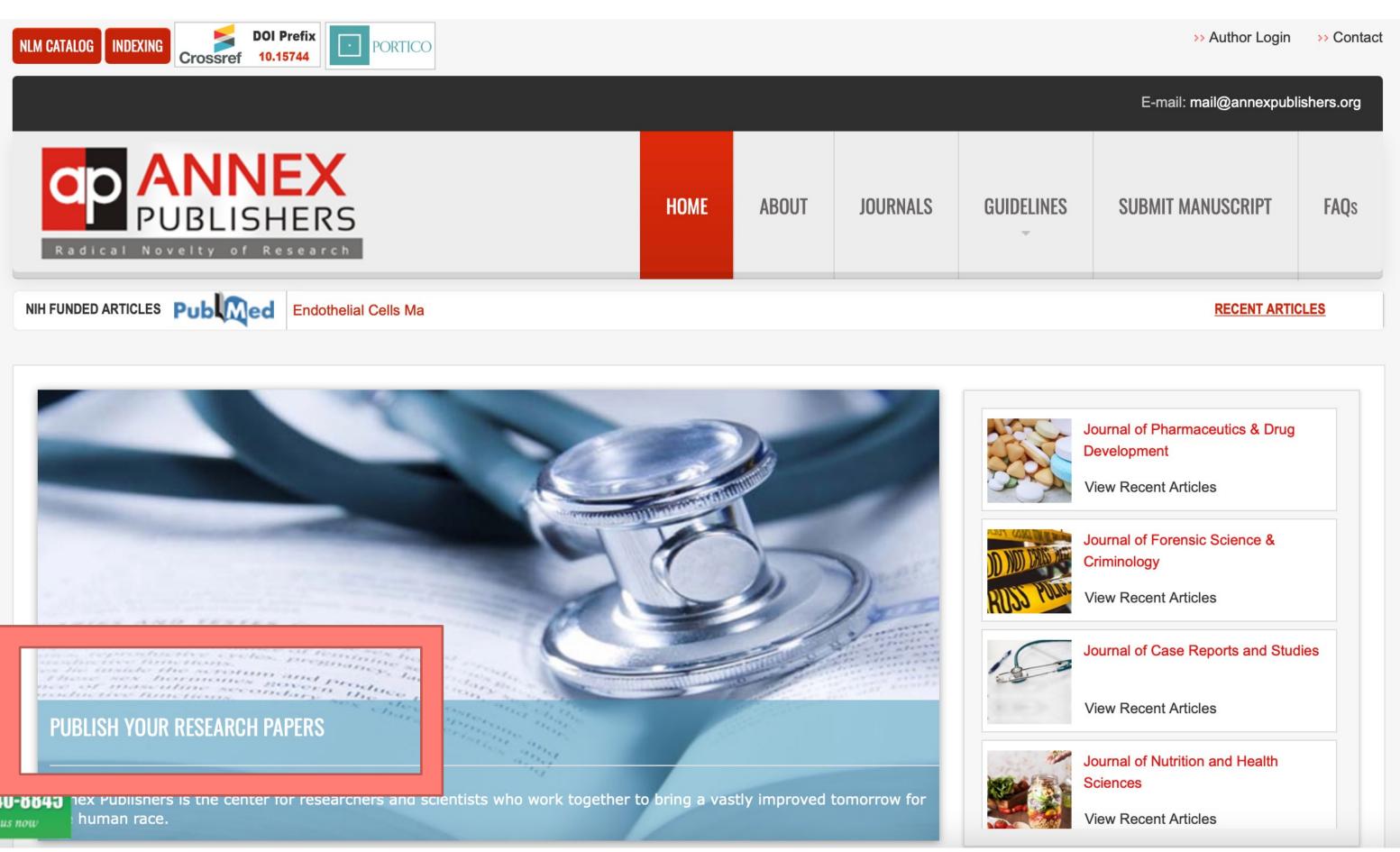


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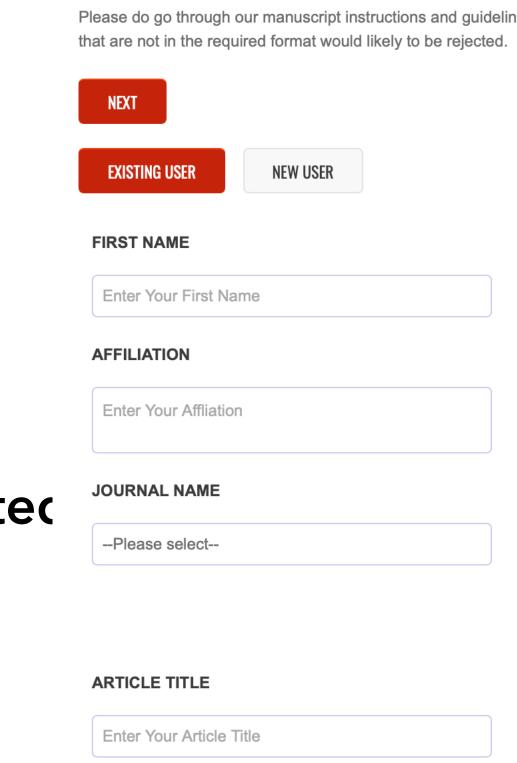


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- **Unprofessional websites** lacksquare
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- Too easy to submit





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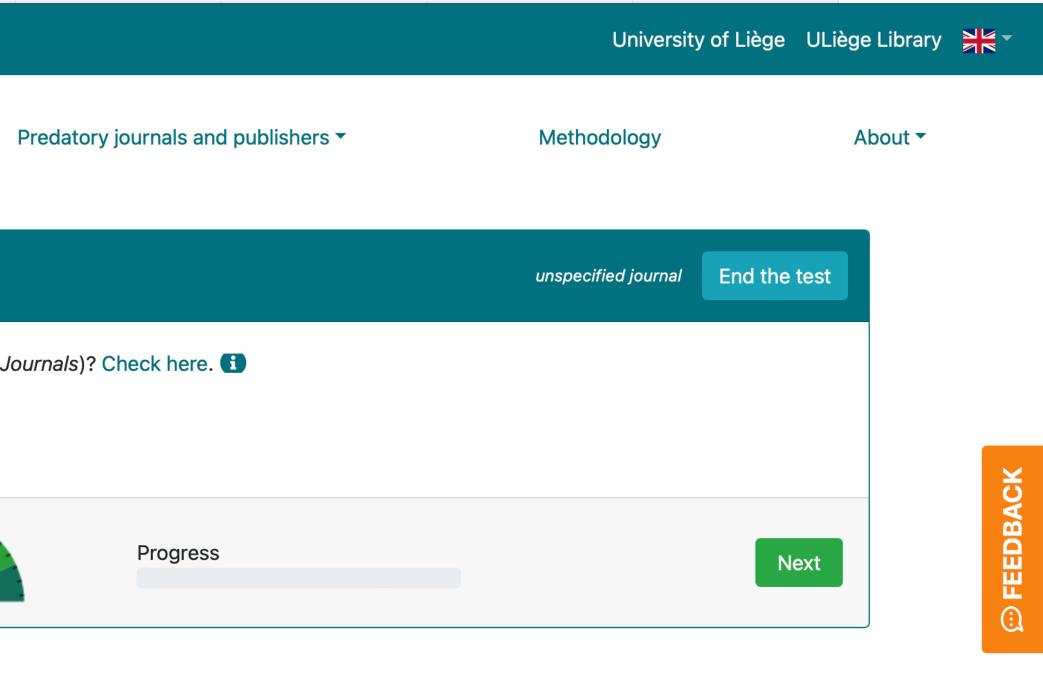
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- Waste of public funds
- Estimation of \$ 2,6 billion of conference and publishing fees for predatory journals and conferences (since 2010)
- Since 2010, estimation of 1 million articles published in predatory journals

Combatting Predatory Academic Journals and Conferences



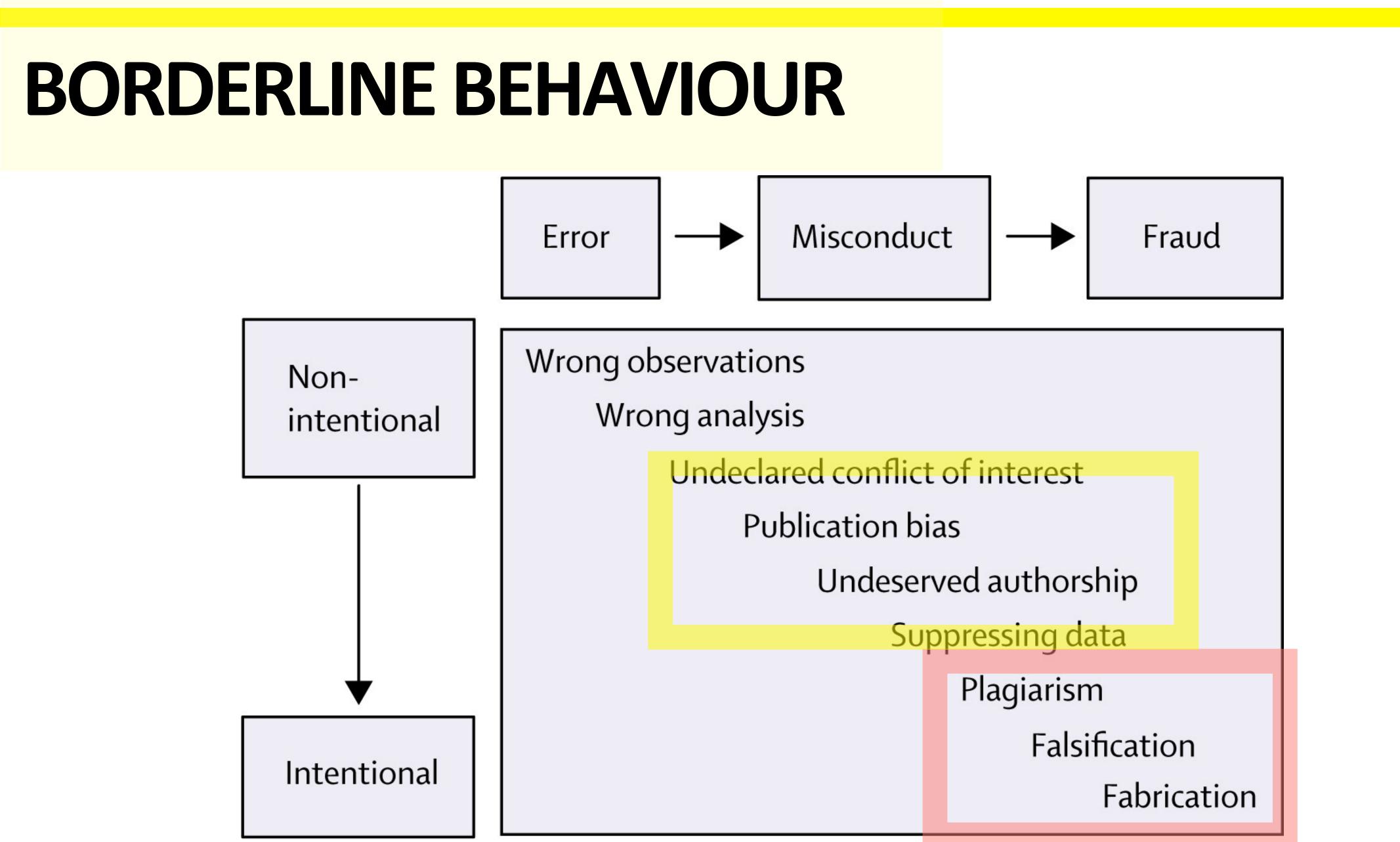


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BORDELINE BEHAVIOUR THE GREY ZONE







Magne Nylenna and Sigmund Simonsen. Scientific misconduct: a new approach to prevention; The Lancet, 367 (9526), 2006.



Publication biases

nature

Aims & Scope

Nature is a weekly international journal publishing the finest peer-reviewed research in all fields of science and technology on the basis of its originality, importance, interdisciplinary interest, timeliness, accessibility, elegance and surprising

not null results or less fashionable topics but with solid methodology

<u>Novelty > solid or null results</u>

Articles should be novel, innovative, ground-breaking, original, important, etc

Consequences ? Favour ground-breaking articles,

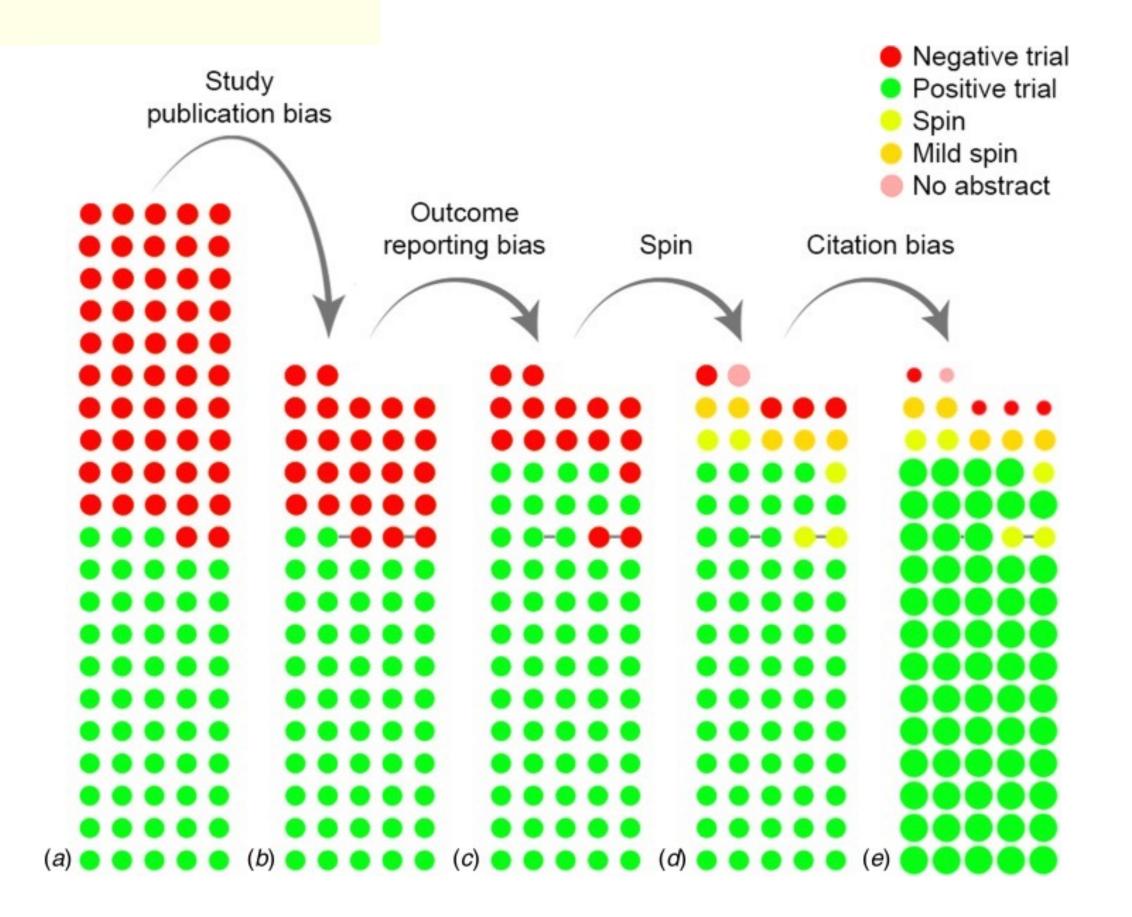
Bias +++



Publication biases ullet



Example with antidepressants



Consequences ? Bias in studies results and meta-analyses



Publication biases



P-hacking ullet

Try to reach the p<0,05 holy grail

Doing experiments until reaching p<0,05

 Changing the scope of the research/article depending on the p-value results

Consequences ? This is not very scientific



- Publication biases
- **P-hacking** •
- Salami-slicing •



One study sliced in several articles



Consequences ? For MD, not the full picture about treatments if sliced in several publications



- Publication biases
- P-hacking
- Salami-slicing
- Authorship/ties issues

Ghost authorship

- Hyperprolific authors (1 paper every 5 days, >9000 authors)
- Why are authors added? Do they really qualify as authors?

Ties with editors and journals

- Is publishing in the same journal(s) because of your ties with editors/publishers ethical?
- Conflict of interests

ISTHERE ANY HOPE?



Researcher level

Just try not to be like all these bad scientists

Report any research misconduct

pubpeer.com Contact the journal editor





Researcher level

OPEN DATA

OPEN DATA is the practice of making the data accompanying or underlying your research:

- Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reproducible (FAIR principles)
- Your results are not fabricated
- You do not extrapolate results from your data

Open Data can minimize the risk of data falsification and fabrication

! Use a data repository to publish your data and to make it FAIR (Zenodo, Harvard Dataverse, ...)





Researcher level

OPEN (POST) PEER REVIEW

Open and post peer review can help improve and correct the scientific record

- Participate in post peer reviewing if you have doubts/questions/suspicions about particular research: pubpeer.com
- **Contact/Alert journal editors if necessary** \bullet
- Make use of open peer review options on publishing platforms (F1000, peerJ, etc.) \bullet
- Find journals using Open Peer Review on the <u>DOAJ</u> (Directory of Open Access Journals)





Researcher level

PUBLISH RESPONSIBLY

- Do not privilege quantity over quality
- Do not mistake prestige for quality
- Consider no-fees publishing venues
- Help create more bibliodiversity
- Do not just privilege novel/hype results (vs null results)



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Researcher level

CREDIT: authorship

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- transparent process \bullet
- Used by many stakeholders (publishers, journals, platforms)
- Can be added on platforms (metadata), on manuscripts, in appendix ullet

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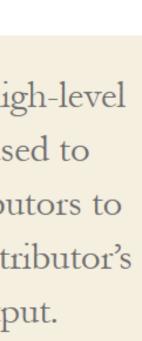
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Visualization

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Writing – review & editing







Researcher level

• PI level

Train your PhD students

Take the time to properly mentor them

Lead by the example and promote research integrity



Researcher level

• PI level

Institution/university level



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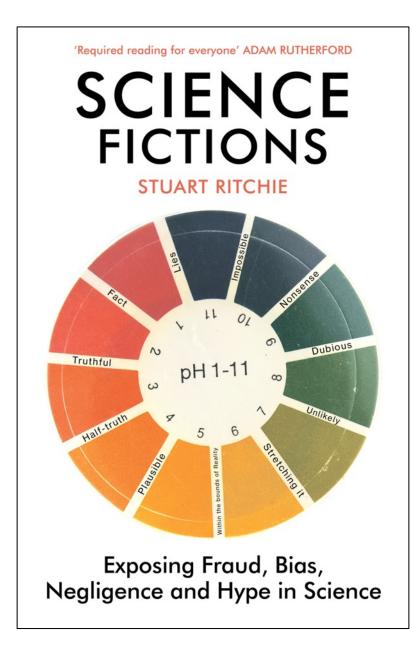
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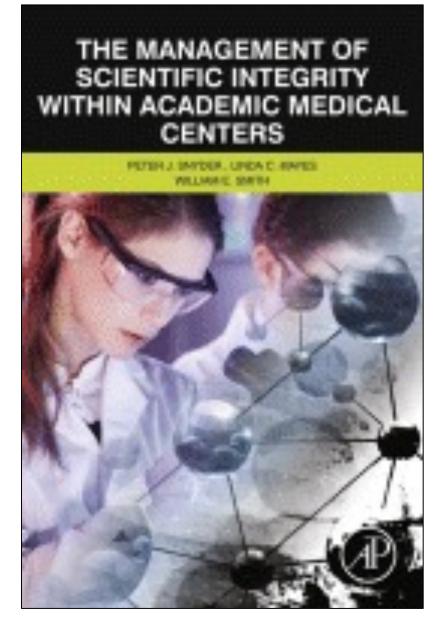
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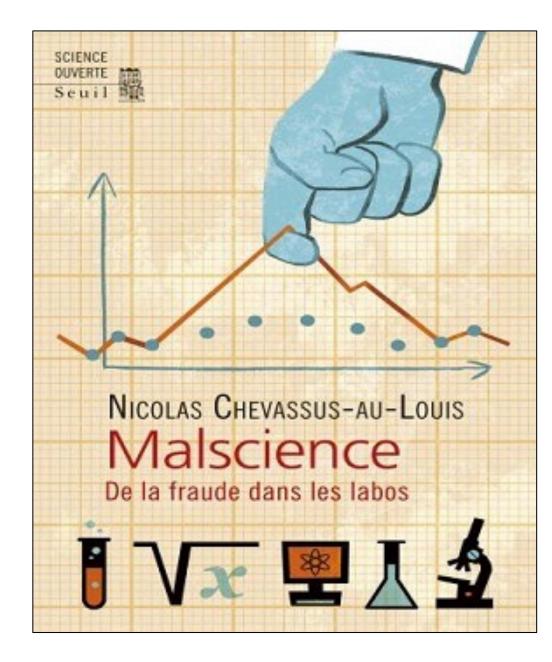




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