## Publish or Perish, But Not at Any Cost

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Increasing competition and culture of "publish or perish" at the academies of science, although can be the dynamics of scientific research in universities, may be in conflict with the objectivity and integrity of research, because it puts pressure on scientists to produce paper at any cost. One case of particular concern in line with the growing competition for research funding and academic positions, compounding with increased research misconducts to increase the number of articles.

Research misconduct occurs when a duplicate publication of a manuscript or an augmented publication, plagiarism, or fabrication is committed. Research misconduct is international issue that undermines the foundations of science and would destabilize public confidence in the integrity of science and science will lose its potential benefits. Issues such as plagiarism and other forms of research misconducts cannot be ignored. Although scientists may endanger themselves for self-interests, however, publications and research communities as a whole cannot accept this risk. National laws, however, should be so that potentiate dynamic academic environment and encourage researchers to publish their findings in prestigious international scientific journals and serious legal actions should be taken against research misconducts of those incapable of doing research.

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