

La ricerca scientifica. Pubblicazioni ed Etica comportamentale

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In brief

Publications and Behavioural Ethics of Scientific Research

Publish or perish is the dilemma of many investigators, even more so when they are young because getting a job is often related to the quality of the research carried out and the number of papers published. However, there are many variables, which can sometimes be negative, influence the politics and process of publications. For example, peer reviewers could be interested in the same research or negative data may be present in the study. This editorial examines these variables as well as the fact that, in this post-genomic era, the possibility of producing negative results is more frequent than in the past. Editors should consider this aspect when planning future publication politics.