Who is the author – more questions than answers

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Example 1.

- Research group A needs specific kind of transgenic mice to complete a study
- Two options:
  - They create such mice for their own use
    - That would take 2 years / 30 000 euros
  - They accept samples from group B abroad and agree to list the names of the providers as authors
- What should A do?

Example 2.

- A and B conduct a small follow-up study
- They need some help in statistics and turn to C who spends 3 hours to do the job
- C is included as an author in the report

- Should C be included as an author?

Example 3: who is the author?

US firm accused of manipulating journal articles and paying millions to authors

Michael McCarthy

The US medical device company Medtronic was "heavily involved in drafting, editing, and shaping the content of medical journal articles authored by its physician consultants," who were paid hundreds of millions of dollars by the company through royalties and consulting fees, a US Senate Finance Committee staff investigation has found.[1]

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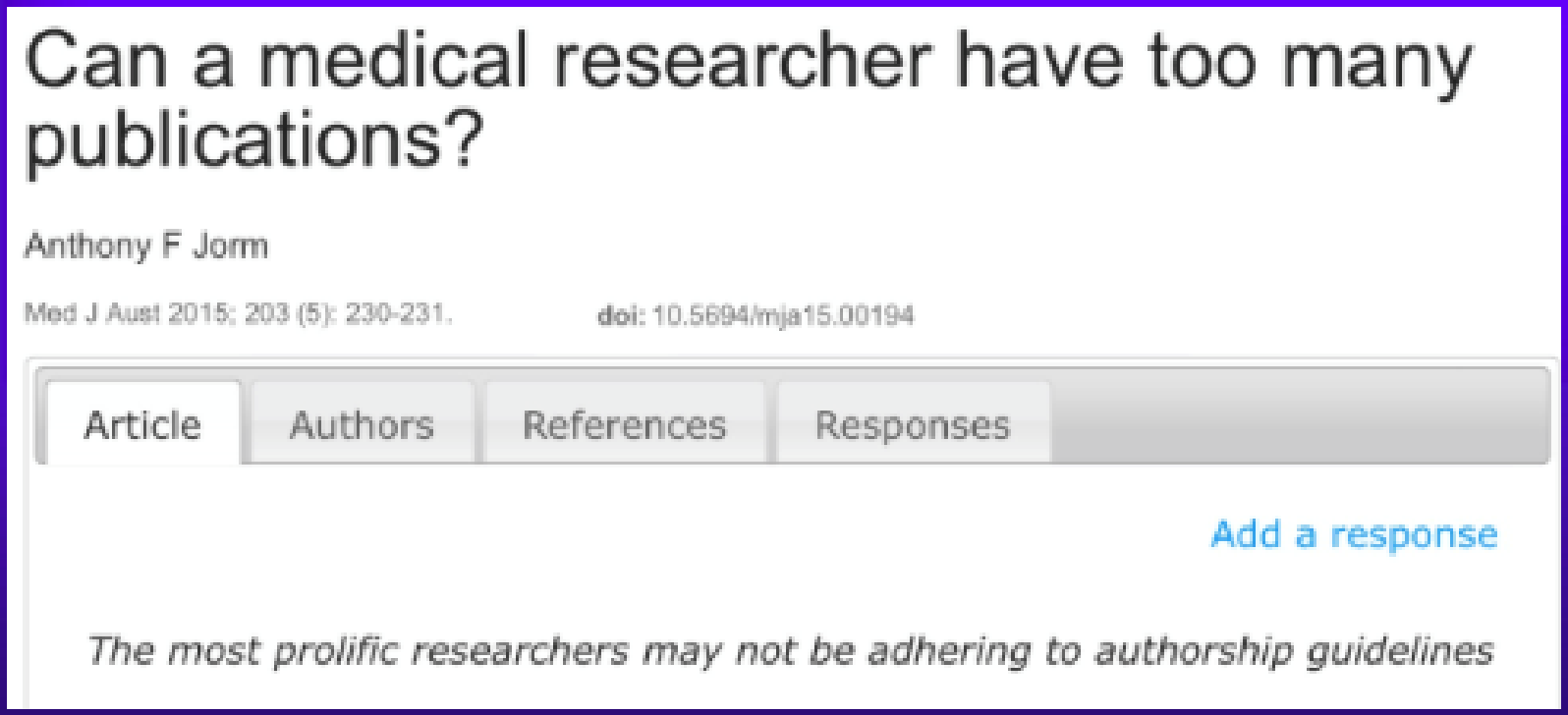

Can a medical researcher have too many publications?

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The most prolific researchers may not be adhering to authorship guidelines

Example 7: where does this lead to?

Pressure to 'publish or perish' may discourage innovative research, UCLA study suggests

The researchers' conclusions are drawn from a database they assembled of more than 6 million scholarly publications in biomedicine and chemistry

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Drawing on their analysis of scientific rewards, Foster and his colleagues argue that researchers who confine their work to answering established questions are more likely to have the results published, which is a key to career advancement in academia. Conversely, researchers who ask more original questions and seek to forge new links in the web of knowledge are more likely to stumble on the road to publication, which can make them appear unproductive to their colleagues. If published, however, these innovative research projects are more highly rewarded with citations. And scientists who win awards — especially major ones, like a Nobel Prize — have more of these innovative moves in their research portfolio.

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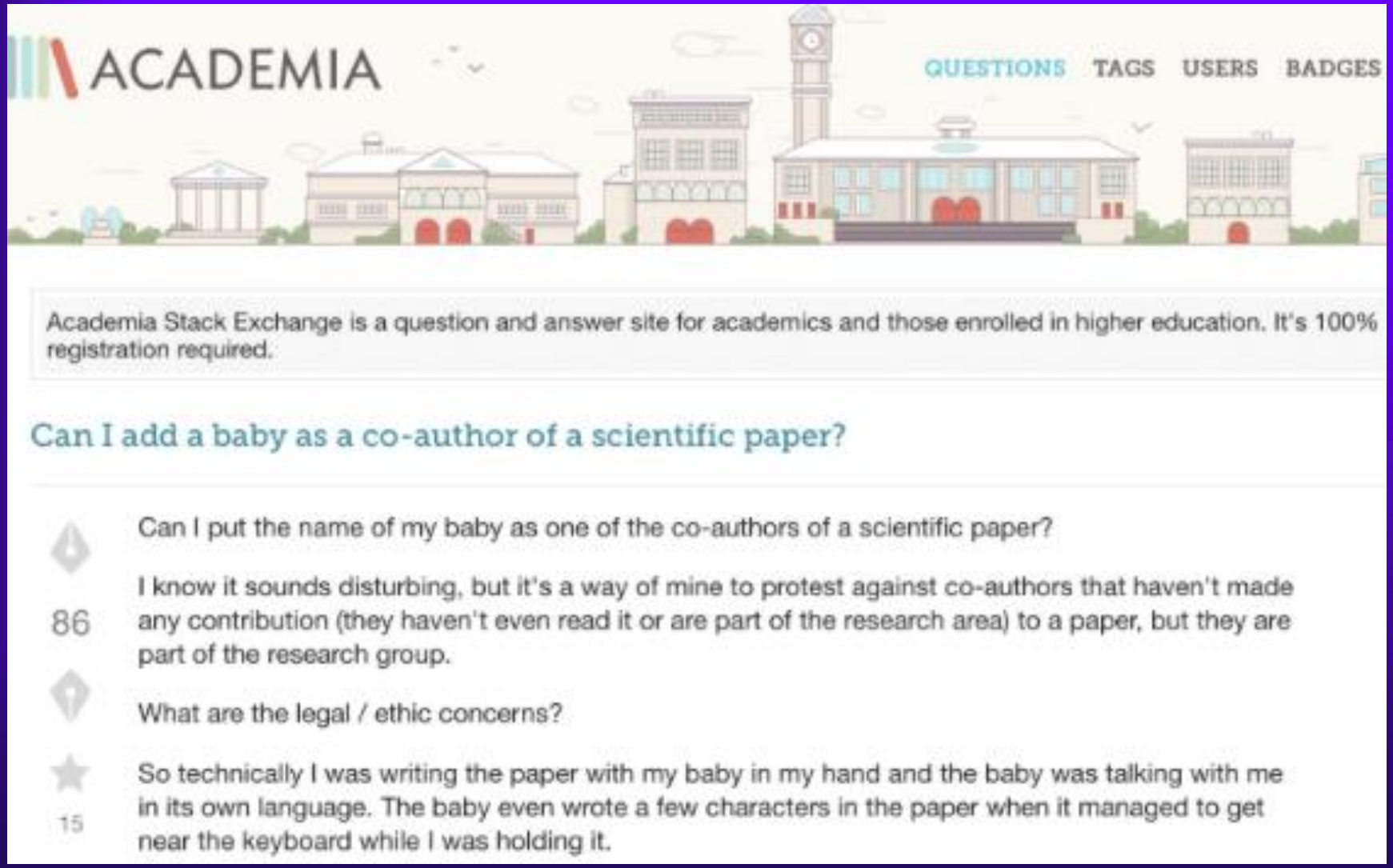

Example 10: you can see it in the brain

Journal Impact Factor Shapes Scientists' Reward Signal in the Prospect of Publication

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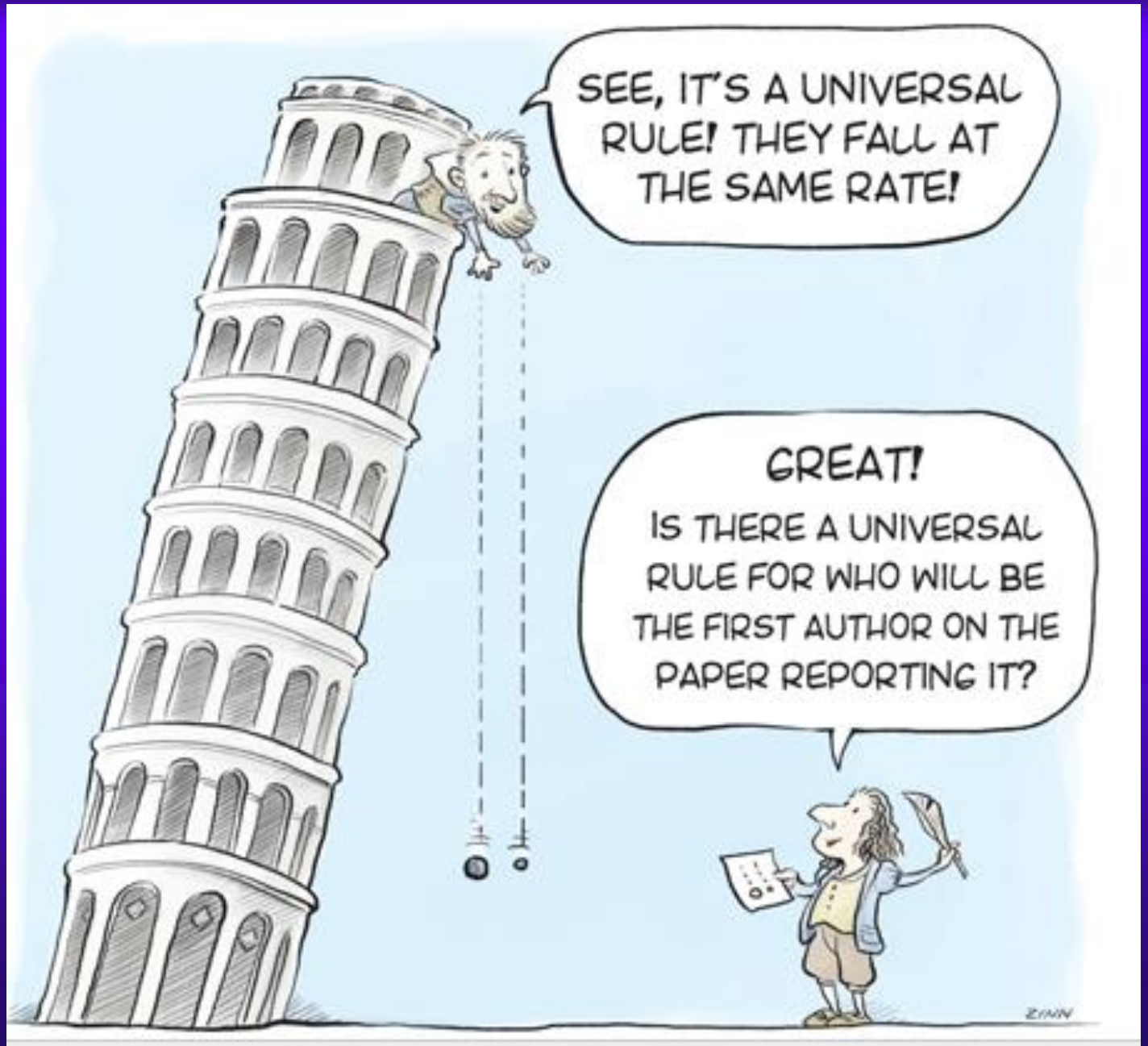
The incentive structure of a scientist's life is increasingly mimicking economic principles. While intensely criticized, the journal impact factor (JIF) has taken a role as the new currency for scientists. Successful goal-directed behavior in academia thus requires knowledge about the JIF. Using functional neuroimaging we examined how the JIF, as a powerful incentive in academia, has shaped the behavior of scientists and the reward signal in the striatum. We demonstrate that the reward signal in the nucleus accumbens increases with higher JIF during the anticipation of a publication and found a positive correlation with the personal publication record (pJIF) supporting the notion that scientists have incorporated the predominant reward principle of the scientific community in their reward system. The implications of this behavioral



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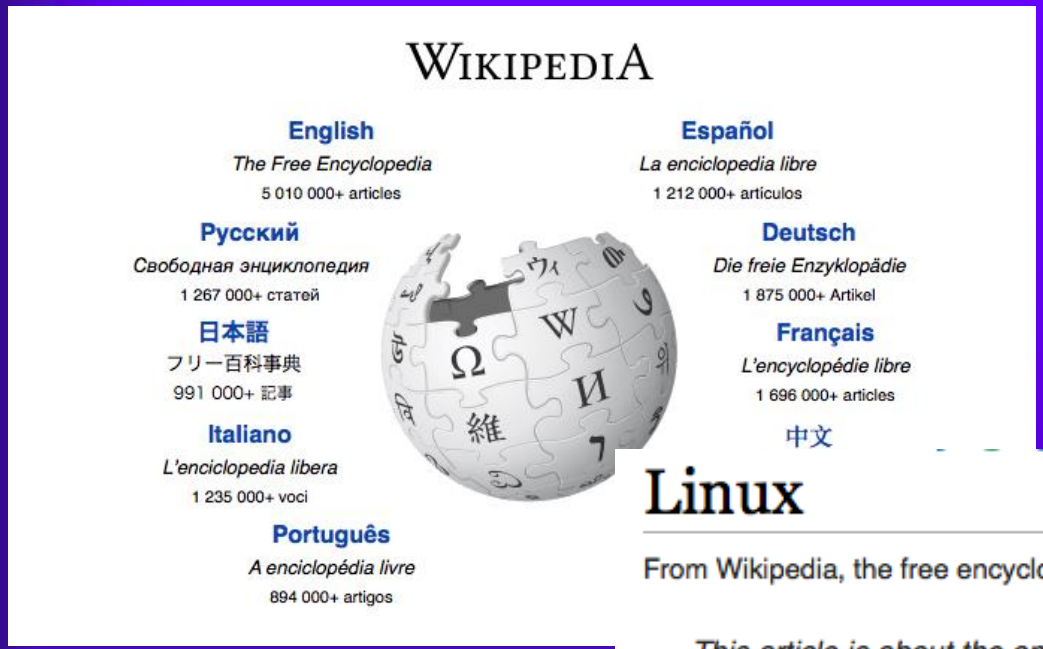

Linux

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This article is about the operating system. For the kernel, see Linux kernel. For other

Linux (pronounced /ˈlɪnəks/ *LIN-əks*[4][5] or, less frequently, /ˈlaɪnəks/ *LYN-əks*[5][6]) is a Unix-like and mostly POSIX-compliant[7] computer operating system (OS) assembled under the model of free and open-source software development and distribution. The defining component of Linux is the Linux kernel,[8] an operating system kernel first released on 5 October 1991 by Linus Torvalds.[9][10] The Free Software Foundation uses the name *GNU/Linux* to describe the operating system, which has led to some controversy.[11][12]

But you cannot trust it?

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AN OPEN LETTER TO WIKIPEDIA

POSTED BY PHILIP ROTH

Dear Wikipedia,

I am Philip Roth. I had reason recently to read for the first time the Wikipedia entry discussing my novel "The Human Stain." The entry contains a serious misstatement that I would like to ask to have removed. This item entered Wikipedia not from the world of truthfulness but from the babble of literary gossip—there is

Yes, but …

Why Most Published Research Findings Are False

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Abstract

Modeling the Framework for False Positive Findings

Bias

Testing by Several Independent Teams

Corollaries

Most Research Findings Are False for Most Research Designs and for Most Fields

Claimed Research Findings May Often Be Simply Accurate

Abstract

Summary

There is increasing concern that most current published research findings are false. The probability that a research claim is true may depend on study power and bias, the number of other studies on the same question, and, importantly, the ratio of true to no relationships among the relationships probed in each scientific field. In this framework, a research finding is less likely to be true when the studies conducted in a field are smaller; when effect sizes are smaller; when there is a greater number and lesser preselection of tested relationships; where there is greater flexibility in designs, definitions, outcomes, and analytical modes; when there is greater financial and other interest and prejudice; and when more teams are involved in a scientific field in chase of statistical significance. Simulations show that for most study designs and settings, it is more likely for a research claim to be false than true. Moreover, for many current scientific fields, claimed research findings may often be simply accurate measures of the prevailing bias. In this essay, I discuss the implications of these problems for the conduct and interpretation of research.

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