Ideas for the future of science publishing

"A large portion of traditional academic publishing is unequal, exclusionary, unsustainable and opaque," writes biologist Humberto Debat. This affects scientists from low-income areas in particular, he notes. He is one of a diverse group of 11 researchers asked by Nature Human Behavior to comment on the future of publishing. Preprints can reduce bias by cutting out the need for publication 'success', adds psychologist Charlotte Pennington. And neuroscientist J. Andrew Pruszynski suggests that "we should consider the idea that most papers do not need traditional peer review".

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