

Review of: "[Commentary] Taking Back Control Over Academic Publications"

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This commentary has raised very important issues in academic publications. I would like to thank the authors for raising this serious subject to discuss and debate among their peers.

Research is highly dependent on financial resources, infrastructure, and facilities. Most developing countries lack proper research infrastructure, which has already caused a wide gap in research between developed and developing countries. The exorbitant Article Processing Charges (APC) are putting an extra burden on already resource-crunch scientists from the global South.

This unequal research ecosystem, in the long run, will further widen the gap between the developed and developing world. Researchers from the global South are already lagging behind due to extreme socio-economic disparities. Putting additional financial constraints in terms of APCs will make it difficult to universalize scientific research. Above all, science, being a 'public good,' should be universally available for free.

It is rightly mentioned that 'Green Open Access' or self-archiving through academic institutions' own repositories is perhaps a viable outlet to disseminate research output. However, it requires a uniform standard and policy at the national level, which might be at par with global standards.

Ethical issues are important dimensions in scholarly publication. Because of the 'publish or perish syndrome,' researchers are compelled to publish at any cost. This raises the issues of illegal entities, for example, *predatory journals* and *paper mill productions*. These factors require much attention and close monitoring.