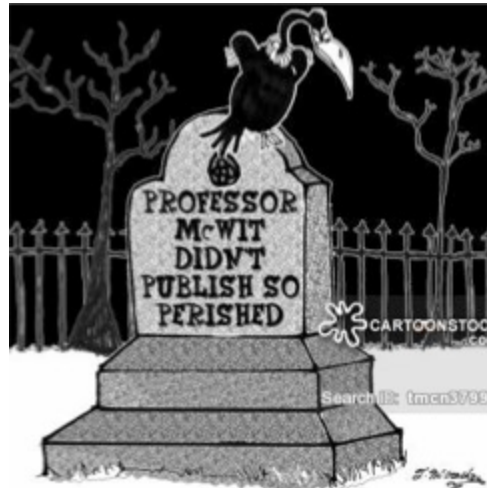


Ten sayings about research and publication in medicine

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1. Truly valuable research in medicine resembles North Pole ice: it dissipates in the Ocean of insignificant works.
2. An irrelevant article is like a fishhook; it always catches an anonymous journal.
3. In some publications, being authors of an article is like being football fans: one owns the TV and the others bring food, drinks, cigars and women.
4. Hundreds of irrelevant medical journals help creating thousands of insignificant researchers.
5. In some manuscripts, data analysis is the only scientifically significant work.
6. People may teach you: "Publish or perish". However, not publishing may sometimes mean barely surviving, but te least honorably.
7. A meta-analysis is a kind of Tex-Mex cooked by several chefs each one of different origin.
8. Many original research ideas stop being original, the moment the author starts thinking about them.
9. Writing "et al" means being optimistic in regard to your future promotion.
10. For some people, the key to making a prodigious academic career is learning how to copy and paste abstracts from the PubMed.