

On Friday, July 21, 2023 at 07:02:00 AM GMT+7, Ivan Oransky <> wrote:

Dr. Wiwanitkit

I blog at Retraction Watch. I'm writing a post about prolific authors.

I see that you have published over 500 letters in just 12 months:

https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/?term=Wiwanitkit+V&filter=datasearch.y_1

That seems like a very high level of productivity. Can you explain it for Retraction Watch readers?

Thanks in advance.

Best,
Ivan Oransky

On Thu, Jul 20, 2023, 10:59 PM Viroj Wiwanitkit <> wrote:

Hi Evan

How are you? So you would like me to write a thing for the blog or?

Viroj

On Friday, July 21, 2023 at 03:12:08 AM PDT, Ivan Oransky <> wrote:

Thanks for getting back to me. I would like for you to answer the questions I pose below. How do you explain such a high level of productivity?

On Fri, Jul 21, 2023, 8:51 AM Viroj Wiwanitkit <> wrote:

Dear Ivan

How are you? Nice to hear from you. Generally, I usually not reply to the email from one I did not know well.

Not although I do not know you in person but I trust in your email since I usually look optimistic to the others,

For the prolific work, I have collaboration with several other prolific authors and I take role in supervision in most cases. The type of article that our group work is usually on scientific letter to editor, which is a standard type of article in scientific journal. Our group focus to work and publish only in a standard non predatory (non-paid) journal with international indexing.

For sure, the article has to pass the scientific peer review and checking for code of conduct by the academic publisher.

A way to produce the scientific work has to start with a good idea, plan and work on the academic plan. As I am also journal editor for many journals, therefore, I usually get communicate by some academic practitioner for collaboration.

You are not the first one who ask how to produce many publications and I reply a simple concept that you have to create, idea, make a plan and practice to get experience that you can have experience in working and writing. Also, I usually teach my junior to follow the code of conduct and it is an important that if you do not follow the good code of conduct, you will not gain your own creative ideas and experience to do any work.

I have work for more than 30 years, starting from a poor developing countries. At early stage, I wrote many article sand rejected (more than one thousand draft article that I submit during my early academic practice and was rejected).

If you have loss an attempt, you will not get to the target. Experience and success will be soon if you still walk. Without walking, you cannot reach the target. I take 4 hours every day for working and writing. Though there might be a lot of work, I use the time in the night to work. That's all.

I hope I share with you on my story and my ideas. I love to teach junior and collaborate with anyone who have good willing to do and for sure, he/she must be honest and follow the code of conduct. I ever worked with some bad persons who are tricky or invited by predatory publisher or dishonest author and I usually say no and advice them not to do the bad thing.

I write this to you since I found and have ever read your blog retraction watch and I think that it is a good one to promote the ethical scientific community.

you might or might not have the conversation with me or summarize it for your blog. but if you select to do, I would like to let take home message for any beginner that 1. If you do not walk, you will not reach the target. 2. Rome does not built in one day! 3. Do a good thing by your own first. God will not help anyone who do not help his/her own self. 4. Do not count on other success but look to improve your ownself. Don't waste time, everything has to start from 0 before it reach the infinity.

Finally, Ivan, I feel glad to have a chance to talk with you and hope to have future collaboration with you since I personally interest on the ethics and code of conduct!

Yours

PS: for sure, if you like and i have time, I can write something for your blog!

On Friday, July 21, 2023 at 06:44:33 AM PDT, Ivan Oransky <> wrote:

Thanks very much for your reply, Viroj. A few more questions:

Do you benefit financially or otherwise from publishing these letters?

Why do you focus on indexed journals?

Are you concerned that this volume of work leads to superficial letters?

Thanks in advance.

Ivan

On Fri, Jul 21, 2023, 10:33 AM Viroj Wiwanitkit <> wrote:

Dear Ivan,
nice to hear from you.

Do you benefit financially or otherwise from publishing these letters?

--> I have never receive any money from writing those works.

Academic work is by willingness. I also have ever advice some of my junior who try to make money from working in incorrect way such as ghost writing.

I am not sure do you write your blog and get money or not (if you do not mind, please reply this to me too and I hope you will reply me this question).

Why do you focus on indexed journals?

Indexed journal is a standard journal platform in academic society.

Gray journal and predatory journal is not good. I think you understand.

Are you concerned that this volume of work leads to superficial letters?

Superficial or not depends on the view of readers. Any work go on routine academic peer reviewing process and ethical code of conduct.

Small or large piece of work is not important in my though. Ideas is more important

Have you ever heard and remembered the story of one piece of paper of famous scientific rule written by Einstein.

A long article with non sense and poor idea content is not uncommon and many authors use predatory (paid) journal to be their portal for publication, which I totally not agree for that idea.

For sure, I might ask you that you write a short essay in your blog, do you think it is useless or not. Since your blog write in a short 1 - 2 pages but it have a good reflection and ideas. A good thing is based on ideas , not its length.

in Asian, we have idiom "have a quater first then you will get the complete whole one"

If you rely on only large long thing and devalue of the short message, there will not be scientific progression.

Much or few work is not important but it must be completed based on ideas and ethics. Many one think big and do not start from small. Creeping step by step by turtle can win the rabbit who look over the small thing.

Scientific letter to editor is a standard kind of publication in the journal and can be accepted and indexed according to international standards.

Another point that I do not publish long work since I already notify that there is no money to support my team academic work.

At present, I usually act as supervisor to my junior colleague and most of them are from poor Asian countries and have no mney to pay for the expensive publication charge so they usually write a short piece of work to correspond and manage the problem of publication charge.

Publishing short scientific letter usually cost me and may team no charge. Perhaps, if there is any financial support externally, a longer article might be focused (maybe, in your setting, USA??, there might be funding to support those junior authors who have willingness to do the academic work).

One who publish few works might publish either good or non sense work or ethical or non ethical work. This is the same for the high profilic author as well.

Here is a telling story,

"In Asian country in my area in Indochina, there are also some person who have high profilic work and published many long original work but he do bad thing by having the work of his junior to be his won and he use his high positive in university and support by local government to do his bad academic original article. For example, thhe promotion of a strange use of heterogenous COVID19 vaccination published as original article but with many scientific pitfall and hidden agenda and unethical background. But due to the local corruption in poor developing country(I hope you can imagine, the bad thing might be supported by the local poor government), For sure, there is still no clear evidence for this tell story but local people recognize and realize this poor situation.

Last, as I told do not count on other work. Counting on number of other work can let you feel fatigue and loss of hope to reach the target. In some cases, a bad person might feel jealous and thing bad when he/she see the other has more success. This is an important take home message that I usually teach my junior.

PS: do not forget to reply me that you get money from writing your blog or not.

If you get money, I think I might not allow to have you quote my reply to your blog reader to make money

But if you say that you work with academic mind and willingness to promote a good academic and ethical society, I am very happy to reply to you work (that you might further mention it in your blog) or write for you blog if you want and i have time."

Ivan, I feel glad to have a communication with you.

I ever read your blog and think it is a good way to promote code of conduct for junior academic practitioner.

You are not the first one who talk with me about the prolific work and I like to talk with one who feel interest. I cannot change the other mind on work of my team. But writing might be a kind of art, the artist feel happy when there is a comment which mean the work is attractive. My closed friend who is an artist also sat that art and science is same.

The ethical concept of the artist is the artist will generate idea and construct artifact and there might be only one piece of the product!

PS: I also ask your permission to quote the conversation/communication with you in my future work if there is a chance.

I think it is also interesting to present this to general reader who might interest to get ideas on the specific issue of "prolific work and ethics"

I think you live in USA and if you come to my area, we might have a chance to meet. :)

On Friday, July 21, 2023 at 07:54:06 AM PDT, Ivan Oransky <> wrote:

Thanks, Viroj.

I am a volunteer at Retraction Watch.

You are free to cite the post we will publish.

Can you send me a photo of yourself to illustrate it?

Thank you.

Ivan

On Fri, Jul 21, 2023 at 11:14 AM Viroj Wiwanitkit <> wrote:

Dear Ivan,

Nice to hear from you and very nice to hear that you are volunteer and working with willingness.

My picture is attached.

Let me see first in case that you will post my reply to ensure and verify for meaning and do not mention to the other person that I told the story to you (on person with bad practice).

Personally, I am a physician and medical scientist and presently appointed as adjunct professor.

I like scientific work and writing but I like to talk with persons, travel and interesting in sport.

As I said, if you have chance to my area ,please let me know , we might have the chance to meet.

have a nice day!

and feel glad to know you my friend, Ivan

On Friday, July 21, 2023 at 10:10:47 AM PDT, Ivan Oransky <> wrote:

Thank you, Viroj. Where are you appointed an adjunct professor?

Ivan

Viroj wrote:

currently at Joseph Ayobabalola university, Nigeria
and ever been in China, Thailand and India