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At the Lindau Nobel site <u>we can submit questions to Nobel prize winners</u>. Most of them are trivial or even boring – basically how to make a career or what rank did you have in your university studentship. My proposal to ask there: "Is another information layer on top of the known DNA sequence?" You may want <u>vote for my question</u>, thanks!

One of the best questions so far is "Many people consider the peer-review system broken. If you share that opinion, do you have a solution?" by Clay Barnard.

Roy Glauber, Nobel Laureate in Physics 2005: The current system is pretty poor. So now itâ \in [™]s not a question of spending a lot of money, as it can be resolved very easily without. Good papers last and bad papers donâ \in [™]t. Individuals should rate the papers, although this may not need to be done in an official way.

Sir John Walker, Nobel Laureate in Chemistry, 1997: The peer review system does have problems, but it is the best we have got and I am very much opposed to replacing it with a numerical assessment system. It is a lousy way of assessing people and the pressure to change this system comes from science bureaucrats. This is because it is scientsists making decisions about scientists $\hat{\bullet}^{\text{TM}}$ work and the bureaucrats donâ $\hat{\bullet}^{\text{TM}}$ t like that; they want to have control.

Jean-Marie Lehn, Nobel Laureate in Chemistry, 1987: That's an interesting question! I have been interested in it for a very long time. I think we need to have a control otherwise things get in the literature that should not be there ...

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