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# ON THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF BEING EXPERT

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The [BMJ christmas edition](#) has again some nice papers – with a theoretical account on denialism and the next paper on the impossibility of being expert. This looks like the best joke there, sorry Tony, probably unintended.

Since Alvin Toffler coined the phrase “information overload” in 1970, the growth of scientific and medical information has been inexorable. There are now 25 400 journals in science, technology, and medicine, and their number is increasing by 3.5% a year; in 2009, they published 1.5 million articles. PubMed now cites more than 20 million papers.

Yea, yea.

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