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# ALTMETRIC SPAM AND TWITTER BOTS

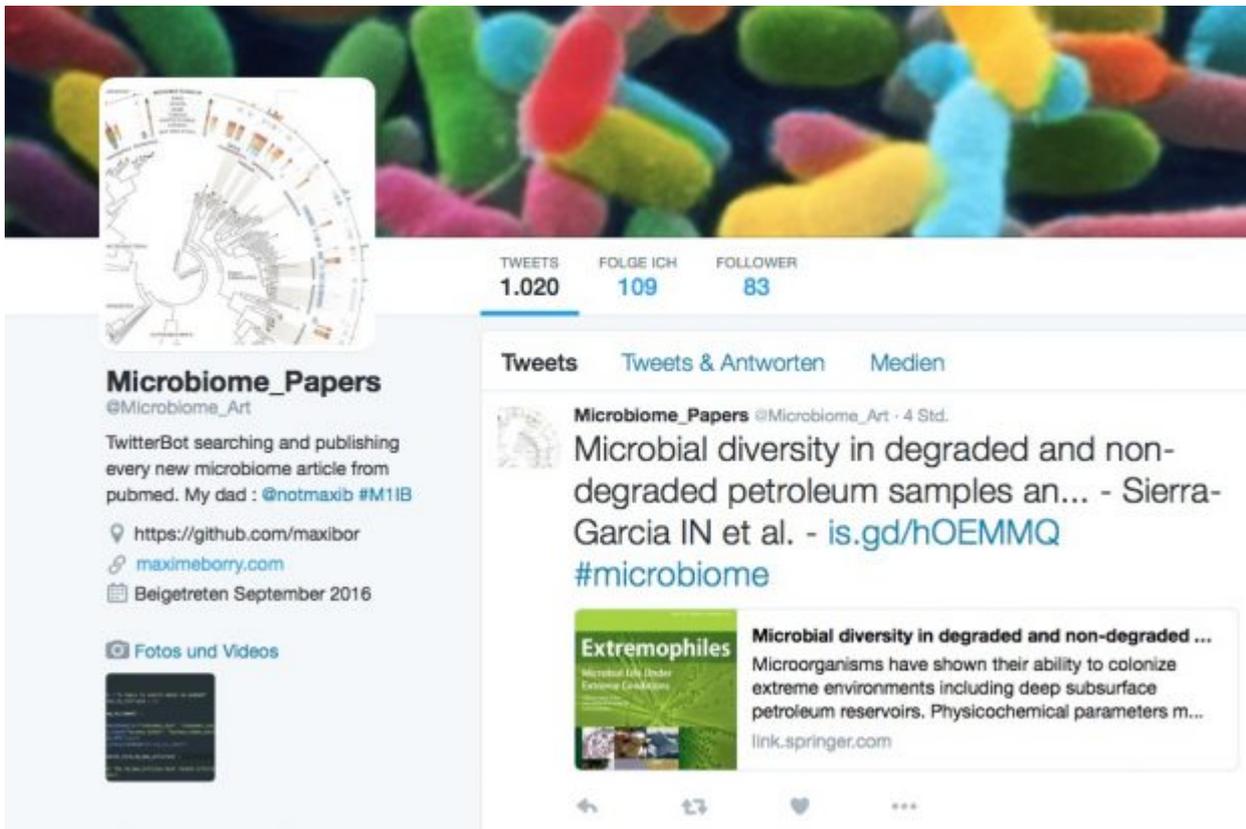
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I can't get rid of Altmetric Spam Emails while I see this company now also appearing on journal websites from Wiley and Taylor & Francis.



The screenshot shows the Altmetric interface for the article "The endocrine vitamin D system in the gut". The article title is prominently displayed at the top. Below the title, there is a section for "SUMMARY" and "Twitter". A blue bar indicates that there is 1 tweet. The text states: "So far, Altmetric has seen 1 tweet from an account with 81 followers." Below this, a tweet from the account "Microbiome\_Papers" (@Microbiome\_Art) is shown. The tweet text is: "The endocrine vitamin d system in the gut.... - Barbchano A et al. - <https://t.co/Ex4gp5T5Pq> #microbiome" and it was posted at 02:16PM. The page footer states "This page is provided by Altmetric."

The only thing Altmetric is reporting here, is an activity of a Twitter Bot. Maybe it is their own bot?



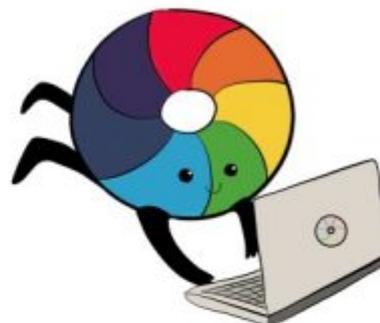
The image shows a screenshot of a Twitter profile for 'Microbiome\_Papers' (@Microbiome\_Art). The profile picture is a circular phylogenetic tree. The bio states: 'TwitterBot searching and publishing every new microbiome article from pubmed. My dad : @notmaxib #M11B'. It includes links to 'https://github.com/maxibor' and 'maximeborry.com', and notes 'Beigetreten September 2016'. A section for 'Fotos und Videos' shows a small thumbnail of a document. The main tweet, posted 4 hours ago, features a book cover titled 'Extremophiles: Microbial Life Under Extreme Conditions' and the text: 'Microbial diversity in degraded and non-degraded petroleum samples an... - Sierra-Garcia IN et al. - is.gd/hOEMMQ #microbiome'. The tweet has 1,020 retweets, 109 replies, and 83 likes.

As our attention span is so limited, Wiley and Taylor & Francis journals should avoid spamming the scientific community. Greetings to London whoever you are.

## Who are we?

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We're a growing team dedicated to [tracking and analysing online activity around scholarly literature](#). We come from a variety of backgrounds, including research, scholarly publishing and software development.



## Why join us?

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While our day-to-day challenges involve scaling web applications, machine learning and data analysis, we also maintain strong relationships with both the academic community and the world of scholarly publishing.

We believe that a relaxed and supportive atmosphere is key to being productive and enjoying our work. Despite our modest size, we offer great employee benefits such as life assurance cover, a personal pension plan, childcare vouchers, private medical insurance and a travel or bike loan.

Our office — next to [King's Place](#) and the [King's Cross redevelopment](#) — is shared with other scientific start-ups, including [figshare](#) and [Symplectic](#).