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I am frequently asked if my reviewer record should be transferred to Publons. I always say no as I don't see any benefit. Publons according to Wikipedia is a

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So should I really spend my limited time with a pseudo-scientific profile? Even the head scores there seem to be ridiculous as I have done less than 500 reviews so far. Since 1988 and not 2012....

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