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PUBPEER – AN INTRODUCTION FOR SCIENCE JOURNALISTS

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- Install the PubPeer browser extension
- Don't publish a news story simply to point out people have made negative comments
- Verify all claims made on PubPeer
- Use caution when describing the likelihood that researcher misconduct happened
- No matter how small a role a researcher plays in your story, check PubPeer before including them

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PubPeer, a website where scholars critique one another's work, is an excellent investigative reporting tool. These five tips will help you make the best use of it.

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As an introductory text I can [recommend a 5 year old blog](#) entry introducing PubPeer

Battle lines are being drawn on the internet, between the scientific establishment and volunteer vigilantes trying to impose their own vision of the scientific process through “post-publication peer review”.

On one side is the cream of the scientific aristocracy: a professor with a meteoric career trajectory at Imperial College London, one of the best universities in the world, and the top academic publisher, Nature Publishing Group. On the other side: a few anonymous malcontents carping on an obscure web site called PubPeer (welcome to our site!).

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