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# Peer Review of “Are We Sure We Fully Understand What an Infodemic Is? A Global Perspective on Infodemiological Problems”

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## Round 1 Review

**General Comments**

This is a reasonable viewpoint/opinion paper [1]. I do not agree with everything that is being said but that is also not the goal—it is the authors' opinion.

I do think the paper should be transferred to JMIR Infodemiology. As to the authors' statement that “the obsessive pursuit of prestige must be drastically limited as they undermine the credibility of science,” I agree, and that also extends to obsession with the impact factor, so I hope the author follows his own advice and agrees to a transfer.

**Conflicts of Interest**

None declared.

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