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Open Access is a fine concept that has been unevenly implemented.

While some of the open access journals have high standards, there is an increasing proliferation of online journals that are poorly edited and accept poor quality work that would not be accepted anywhere else.

While the financial cost of obtaining published work may in some cases be an obstacle to access, the cost to the science community of having a flood of published misinformation to wade through is perhaps a greater problem. Furthermore, for the scientific community as a whole, publication in open access journals has a financial cost that, in my experience, is far greater to authors than is the cost of publishing in journals that delay open access for a year.

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