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Why journal retractions are on the rise – and why we need still more

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Retraction Watch

In 2000, there were about 40 retractions from scholarly literature. By 2023, this number exceeded 10,000. This dramatic increase is notable even when accounting for the growing number of papers published yearly. This dialogue will address possible reasons for this rise and, significantly, why the correct number should be even higher; the importance of sleuths in identifying problems in the scientific literature; the probable drivers of research misconduct; and lessons from more than a decade of experience at Retraction Watch.

Dr. Oransky is co-founder of Retraction Watch, editor-in-chief of The Transmitter, and distinguished journalist-in-residence at New York University's Arthur Carter Journalism Institute. He was president of the Association of Health Care Journalists and vice president of editorial at Medscape. He has held editorial leadership positions at MedPage Today, Reuters Health, Scientific American, and The Scientist. He received the 2015 John P. McGovern Medal for excellence in biomedical communication from the American Medical Writers Association and was awarded an honorary doctorate in civil laws from The University of the South (Sewanee) in 2017. In 2019, the judges for the John Maddox Prize, which promotes those who stand up for science in the face of hostility, gave him a commendation for his work at Retraction Watch.

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