

# STEPHANIE DIETZ



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“What frustrates me most about the current publishing process is the cost of getting a paper to publication—not just monetary cost, but a researcher’s time as well.”



## BIO

Stephanie is a busy researcher and avid supporter of a new way of publishing. She’s tired of picky, time-wasting journals who demand rigid formatting styles and who will often reject papers on a whim.

She’s worried about the impact of top journals only seeking the most significant results and ignoring the importance of null findings.

## ♥ Traits

Supports splitting up research process into smaller chunks



Thinks this approach could improve research quality



Likelihood of reviewing research in this format



## 🔍 Discovering research

- Literature review
- Social media
- Scientific conferences

👍 MOST LIKED PART OF RESEARCH

**Experiences** which lead to **new research ideas**

LEAST LIKED PART OF RESEARCH 🗨

**Feedback** from **peer-review** and **corrections**



Mustafa Güven  
Medicine

Independent researcher  
(post-doc)

“We need to stop supporting for-profit journals, and stop using impact factor to judge the importance of a publication. Those in control should not be able to hamper scientific progress though sheer ignorance.”



## BIO

Mustafa is a respected researcher in the field of experimental medicine, who is worried about the uncertainty of communicating his own work. Having experienced first-hand reviewers who still make recommendations decades too old, he supports the democratisation of the process.



## Dislikes

**Bottlenecks** through old-boys networks on Editorial boards

**Paywalled** access to journals

Processes which **harm the reproducibility** of science, or *disadvantage* already under-privileged groups



## Valuable stages of research

Defining the scientific problem being addressed

Interpretation

Methods and protocol

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Preliminary background reading/research



Full literature search



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