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Tweet: Over 10,000 research papers were retracted in 2023 globally according to @Nature, up from 400 in 2010. The retractions are due to both increased scrutiny but also the rise of "paper writing mills" or low-quality journals.

Summary: A cottage industry of checking research papers sprung up in the last two decades, including Retraction Watch, the Center for Open Science, and Data Colada, a blog dedicated to unmasking research based on bad data. The number of retracted research papers has grown dramatically over time, to more than 10,000 retractions internationally in 2023, an annual record, according to the journal Nature, up from about 400 papers in 2010, when Retraction Watch began its work. This may be in part because the scrutiny has intensified, said Ivan Oransky, co-founder of Retraction Watch. Nature also blamed the rise of paper-writing mills. "What's different this time is the levels at which this seems to be striking — Harvard and Stanford," Dr. Oransky said. "These are cataclysmic events." Related: A Looming Retraction Casts a Shadow Over a Field of Physics and The U.S. Is Turning Away From Its Biggest Scientific Partner at a Precarious Time

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