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Use of open access journals in biomedicine in Greece

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The democratization of knowledge has always been "the big deal". The 21st Century set the landmarks for the implementation of Antonio Panizzi's vision of an open library, and open access publishing activity, supported by technological advancements. However, the establishment of this "great idea" will require recognition from the scientific community. Consequently, it is very important to evaluate scientists' attitudes about this new reality because they are not only the receivers of open access information but also its creator. This paper discusses the situation in Greece, among biomedical scientists. It presents preliminary findings from a longitudinal study of attitudes towards open access, and the effects of open access on the scientific visibility of Greek researchers.

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