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**”Quality not Quantity”
DFG Adopts Rules to Counter the Flood of
Publications in Research**

“Whether in performance-based funding allocations, postdoctoral qualifications, appointments, or reviewing funding proposals, increasing importance has been given to numerical indicators such as the H-index and the impact factor.

The focus has not been on what research someone has done but rather how many papers have been published and where.

This puts extreme pressure upon researchers to publish as much as possible and sometimes leads to cases of scientific misconduct in which incorrect statements are provided concerning the status of a publication.

***This is not in the interest of science,**” stressed the DFG President.*