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## Drowning in the publication deluge?

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#### Useful links:

1. Tenopir, C. et al. (2009) Variations in article seeking and reading patterns of academics: What makes a difference? *Library & Information Science Research* 31, 139–148.