Preprints - the pathway to publishing innovation?

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Preprints have long been a mainstay in the physical sciences, however over the last few years their prominence in the biomedical community has grown exponentially. Preprints bring many benefits to the scholarly community; rapid dissemination of academic work, immediate public access, establishing priority, receiving feedback, and facilitating new collaborations to name a few. Arguably, the preprint movement is gathering steam due to its compatibility with the existing journal system. However, this shift in how researchers share their work could potentially resolve other important issues around open data, improving peer review, providing better metrics to support decision-making in promotion/tenure and grant applications, and reducing costs. This presentation looks to highlight how publishers are currently interacting with preprint servers and also the potential of the preprint to encourage new innovations to improve the way research is shared.

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