# An evaluation of the utility and impact of PubMed Commons during the pilot phase

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## Background and aims of our research

#### What is PubMed Commons?

Tool enabling resarchers to share opinions and information about publications indexed on PubMed

Only authors on PubMed-indexed articles are eligible to become members and make subsequent comments

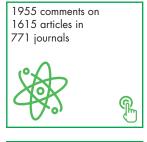
Open pilot phase began in October 2013

#### Aim of research

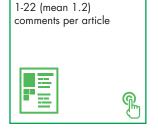
As the monitoring of this online forum is likely to become increasingly important from a publication planning perspective, we evaluated how PubMed Commons has been used so far and the tone and impact of the comments that have been made

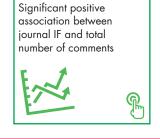


### Results overview













or neutral in tone



55% of comments made on articles that had been published before the introduction of PubMed Commons





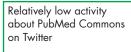




Journal commenting facility used more than PubMed Commons











## **Conclusions**

Uptake of PubMed Commons has been relatively low



The platform has not been used to overly criticize publications and has the potential to positively impact on the integrity of publications



Allowing a wider audience to comment could increase its utility



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