Comments on Research trends of macrophage polarization: a bibliometric analysis

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Gao et al. recently published a paper in Chinese Medical Journal entitled “Research trends of macrophage polarization: a bibliometric analysis.” In this article, Gao et al. mentioned in Section Methods, that “Data were obtained from the Science Citation Index Expanded (SCI-E) database of the ‘Web of Science Core Collection’ on October 25, 2017. The search query used was ‘TS = (macrophage AND polarization).’ The timespan was set between the years 2007 and 2016, and the language was set to ‘English,’ and document type was set to ‘article.’ The search resulted in 3064 articles that met the inclusion criteria.”

The result (1557 articles) showed a difference from the result in the original paper with 3064 articles by Gao et al. It is clear that using of the TS = (macrophage AND polarization) is inappropriate for “Research trends of macrophage polarization: a bibliometric analysis.” In addition, keywords (“macrophage” and “macrophages”) and (“polarization,” “polarizations,” “polarize,” “polarizes,” “polarized,” “polarizing,” and “polarizability”) used in SCI-E may also be considered.

From my view, authors could have provided more accurate results if they had used appropriate method.

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