

**Rolling Back the Dependency Syndrome by Higher Education  
Researchers Prior to Publishing Articles:  
The Case of the University of Limpopo**

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**ABSTRACT** This paper examines the genesis of dependency syndrome by the Higher Education researchers prior to publishing research articles. The research question underpinning the paper is: why are inexperienced researchers hero-worshipping their experienced counterparts prior to authoring publishable papers? Literature study and interviewing technique were used to collect data. Three staff members were conveniently sampled out of the 18 members from the Language Education, Social Sciences Education and Educational Management Department of the School of Education from the University of Limpopo. Findings reveal that definitely, inexperienced researchers are slavishly hooked to the experienced ones as regards article publication. Experienced researchers inadvertently entrench this dependency syndrome with inexperienced enquirers. Academia is a jungle where only the fittest survive. The researcher recommends that further studies with regard to the challenge of hanger-on syndrome by the inexperienced researchers to the experienced ones be undertaken.