

Tortured phrases in sport-related literature

Study summary: Do ‘tortured phrases’ exist in sport literature? Using the Tortured Phrases Detector of the Problematic Paper Screener , which was consulted on 9 September 2023, 54 indexed sport-related papers included ‘tortured phrases’ . Of these, 41 had been retracted until 11 July 2024.

A sport-related ‘tortured phrase’ in sport literature

‘Tortured phrase’
Distinguishing
proof

Conventional jargon
Identification

A non-sport-related ‘tortured phrase’ in sport literature

‘Tortured phrase’
Onlooker base

Conventional jargon
Fan base