

Putin's Daughter Publishes in Western Academic Journals Amid Ukraine Invasion

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Maria Vorontsova. **Alexander Shcherbak / TASS**

Western academic journals have continued to publish articles by President Vladimir Putin's oldest daughter since Moscow's February 2022 invasion of Ukraine, the independent news outlet *Mozhem Obyasnit* [reported](#) Tuesday.

Maria Vorontsova is a candidate of medical sciences, roughly equivalent to a Ph.D. in Western countries, and an endocrinologist by training.

Her profile on the Moscow State University website contains [links](#) to her research, which includes five articles in the Swiss open-access scientific journal MDPI and one in a journal published by the U.S. Endocrine Society.

Three of the articles co-authored by Vorontsova were published after Russia's 2022 invasion of Ukraine and one in early February 2022, according to *Mozhem Obyasnit*.

Neither MDPI nor the Endocrine Society responded to the outlet's request for comments in the two months since it approached them.

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Publishing Vorontsova's articles is not prohibited by Western sanctions but can hurt the publishers' reputations, an anonymous editor of a popular science magazine from an unnamed country told the outlet.

The United States sanctioned Vorontsova and her younger sister Katerina Tikhonova in April 2022 as part of wide-ranging measures in response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

The EU said Vorontsova was on its list because she was co-owner of Nomenko, a company "involved in Russia's largest private investment project in healthcare." She was thus deemed to benefit from the Russian government and was involved in a sector providing it revenue.

The Kremlin has kept details of Putin's daughters' lives a closely guarded secret.

Putin has never acknowledged that Vorontsova and Tikhonova are his daughters, often referring to them only as "these women" during interviews.

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