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PLEASE CONSIDER!

One thing that stood out in this Third Party Submission of Prior Art that concerned me was: if a small say startup medical company was gaining traction and their patent publishes and a fortune 100 or two wanted to stop then or cripple them. They could hire a staff of people to develop a stack of Third Party Submission of Prior Art that would be treated as confidential (anonymous) parties. Addressing this would tax a small start ups funds, and if forced to raise funds again the V.C or Angel may challenge the wisdom of the patent team. Not knowing who is behind the Third Party Submission of Prior Art could potentially stopping competition!

This could also play out on a project level.

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