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## ARE WE PUBLISHING OUR RESEARCH WORK IN A RIGHT JOURNAL IN A RIGHT WAY?

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## ABSTRACT

The researchers and authors are publishing their work in the scientific journals for accomplishment and acknowledgement for what they have achieved in their field of study. As an effect of digitalization now a day many journals are readily available in the World Wide Web for good. At the same time, anecdote of misconduct, negligence and deception of the publishers are also getting higher and higher in this regard. Thus, choosing a trustworthy journal is important for every researcher especially young researchers to avoid potential damage to any one of the purposes of publishing an article. Since many factors are influencing to choose a right and trustworthy journal for manuscript submission and at the same time is more critical for any of the young researchers and authors as well. Hence, this short communication as preamble; emphasizing on the factors such as the visibility of a journal, manuscript processing procedures, the governance and the impact factor will possibly be a prelude for the young researchers and authors those who are all trying to submit a manuscript and get it published their research work in trustworthy journals to achieve any of purposes of publishing.

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## INTRODUCTION

The most important goal of the researcher/author not only in the field of Physiotherapy but also in other fields is to communicate the results of their research work to a scientific community for an accomplishment and acknowledgment for their scientific research work. This could be for a variety of reasons, such as advancement of the knowledge, for credibility, to increase visibility for networking, to secure grants and research support from the peers and of course for a career growth as well.

More and more scientific research works are being published in many platforms now a day. Most of the time communication to the scientific world is happening through by oral presentation, poster presentation and by publishing their work as an article in a journal. Perhaps the audiences are limited for oral and poster presentations; at the same time the latest one reaches to huge number of audiences unconditionally. As a consequence, new journals are being launched almost every week and the numbers of journals are growing by three and a half percent annually [7].

Conventionally if someone wanted to publish an article in a journal, he or she needs to send it by post to the publisher and the publisher send the article to the editor, editor to reviewers and then send back the article to the author to correct and implement the reviewers comment, and this process will go on until its get published that too need to wait for long period of time to get it in their hands by means of hard copy of a particular journal. But in recent days, because of the digitalization in fact most of the journals are available readily over the World Wide Web. As a result, the processes are also made easy and simple by the publishers and it is more user friendly for both the authors and the reviewers. At the same time, anecdotes of misconduct, negligence and deception of the publishers are also getting higher and higher in this regard. By the way publishing a research work in an untrustworthy journal may potentially damage any one of the purposes of publishing an article. Thus, getting a research paper published could be a challenge [1] for everyone, especially for a budding researcher/author. This commentary may be useful for the young researchers to identify a trustworthy journal and to publish in a right way.

### Selection of Right Journal

There are many factors are influencing the choice of a journal for a manuscript submission [2]. The visibility of a journal, manuscript processing procedures, the governance and the impact factor of a particular journal are important factors to be considered before submitting any manuscripts to a journal. The visibility of a particular journal can be referred as recognition feature of a particular journal. If the particular journal is well known and readily recognized by the target audience then the published material is likely to be seen, read, and acted on by the same groups [2]. This can be easily verified effortlessly by asking colleagues and peers whether they are familiar with that journal by reading any latest articles and easy to discov-

er the latest articles. Perhaps, these journals are listed in the databases like PubMed and other database services. As a part of transparency, the trustworthy journals usually will have good public relations by displaying their publisher details including the contact details in their websites promptly and legitimately. Moreover, the authors can easily approach the publisher through any of the following means such as electronic mail, post or telephone.

The citation and index factor also play a critical role about the perception of a particular journal. Though the validity of the impact factors is controversial about the quality of the publications, still it remains the default method to measure the publication success of a particular journal thus the authors are also need to consider this tip to select the right journal before publishing the article. For a journal, in order to be acknowledged as a trustworthy source of systematic or scientific information, it has to increase its visibility and readerships. By indexing the journal in one or more leading databases depending on the discipline will help the journal to be more visible and increase the readerships. The indexation services have been developed and provided by many agencies such as, PubMed, EMBASE, SCOPUS, Thomson Reuters Journal Citation Reports (ISI), Caspur, DOAJ, Expanded Academic ASAP, Genamics Journal Seek, Hinari, Index Copernicus, Open J Gate, Primo Central, Pro Quest, SCOLOAR, SIIC databases, Summon by Serial Solutions, Ulrich's International Periodical Directory and so on. Even though a number of agencies are providing this indexation services, for now especially in the discipline of biomedical research most of the academic institutions prefer PubMed, SCOPUS or ISI indexations from their researchers. However, it's purely depends on policies and scopes of an academic institution.

In order for a journal is to be indexed in any one of the reputed indexation agency's databases it has to go through many processes which have been developed by the indexation agencies. One of the policies is about the peer review process. So, its a mandate for a trustworthy journal to mention about their peer review processes and their editorial board members. The editorial board members and their affiliations are also need to be displayed in the journal websites for transparency and recognition. Apart from that, the journal need be very clear about their publication fees if they are collecting fee for their services. These particulars are also need be stated very clearly and explained well about the payment process and procedures in their website.

The authors are also highly encouraged to consider that the particular journal is a member of the following recognized industry initiatives. For example, Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association (OASPA) [3], if the journal is an open access journal. If the journal is an open access journal is the journal listed in the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)? [4]. Is the journal belonging to or a member of Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE)? [5]. These recognized industry memberships for a journal will give more authenticity and trustworthiness for that particular

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journal among the readers and scientific community.

## CONCLUSION

As an author looking to publish an article in a trustworthy journal do consider and ensure about the journal's visibility, indexation, and recognized memberships in the industrial initiatives, editorial board, peer review process, and the publication fees if any. The authors ought to anticipate the proficient publishing experience where their work is reviewed and edited ethically and professionally. The published articles need to be preserved or achieved and easily discoverable for the scientific community in order to read and refer at any time. Hence, the authors required to be confident about the selection of journals that need to augment the author's reputation and possibility in advancing to citations from the research community. Publishing the article in right and trustworthy journal will definitely hoist the author's professional profile and thereby career growth. The authors are highly encouraged to refer Think Check Submit [7] campaign web page for more information.

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