



Letter to the editor

Comment on “Citations of articles in predatory nursing journals”

We read with great interest Oermann et al.'s study about the citation of the articles published by the predatory journals in nursing science (Oermann et al., 2019). In a conclusive manner, the investigators collected and evaluated the citations of the papers published by the nursing predatory journals. An effort like this should be encouraged and blessed as the cybercriminals disseminated innumerable unreliable studies that challenged the medical evidence (Omer et al., 2019).

This critique about the article is their technique of picking the predatory journals. The researchers mentioned that they selected the predatory journals from the Beall's list that has been updated by an unknown administrator (Oermann et al., 2019). This may be a cause of erroneous decision because of the following issues. First, the blog has not been updated, in fact, it has been enriched by flagging new publishers and journals and none of the titles added by Beall has been excluded. Also, there are numerous titles confirmed to be genuine that were incorrectly added by Beall like *International Journal of Electrochemical Science* and *Frontiers* (Kakamad et al., 2019). Second, the manager of the blog is an unknown person (Oermann et al., 2019). It means that no one takes responsibility for the decision regarding adding new journals and publishers into the list and the manager of the website rarely responds to comments. Third, strange and suspicious action by the administrator has been observed like what happened with the Edorium. It was flagged only for a few weeks, included and excluded without even minimal clarification!

Our recommendation is to reference instead the Kscien list (<http://kscien.org/predatory.php>) which is an actual update of the Beall's list. It is managed by Kscien Organization for Scientific Research. Kscien is a nonprofit organization initiated by tens of researchers to fight predatory publishing. In contrast to the others, Kscien works publicly with a recognized affiliation and office address. The Kscien has a special committee consisting of 23 researchers (Predatory List Committee (PLC)) to update the list continuously (Kakamad et al., 2019). Kscien list has started to have an international position especially after approval by

The Lancet Psychiatry as a scientific reference for the predatory journals and publishers (Omer et al., 2019).

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