

PHILOSOPHY

HOW TO GET A FAKE STUDY INTO PUBMED

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1. Find a predatory journal that made it into Pubmed Central for whatever reason
2. Submit and pay for your article
3. Voila, Pubmed will list your predatory study.

This is what I learned this week when writing to the Pubmed help desk

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Kind regards,

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U.S. National Library of Medicine

Unfortunately, I am not the first one to notice the decline of Pubmed. scholarlykitchen.sspnet.org has written about that before

What is PubMed? Is it a search engine? A credentialing system? A filter? Is it a publisher? An enabler of open access (OA) publishing? A technology provider? A competitor? Depending on the situation, you can answer each of the above in the affirmative, despite the contradictions many of the combinations may cause.

Twenty years ago, PubMed was a credentialing system, an online port of the MEDLINE index. This shift of medium quickly made it a search engine, but one built on a manual and highly curated index

Now, a new twist is emerging, and that seems to be that PubMed may be consciously or unwittingly acting as a facilitator of predatory or unscrupulous publishing.

see also the-scientist.com

If a predatory journal is confined on its website, which is often of low-quality, the chance that patients or scholars will read and cite these articles is very low,” says Andrea Manca, a professor of physiology at the University of Sassari in Italy. “The problem is that when they are displayed in the most popular biomedical database that we have, there are many [people] who think if a journal is on PubMed, then it is fine—which is not true, unfortunately.

and there is even a [Pubmed listed paper](#)

ANALYSIS

How predatory journals leak into PubMed

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Recent reports that PubMed, one of the world's leading biomedical databases, includes predatory journals and their publications^{1,2} is cause for concern. PubMed handles millions of queries daily and represents a key source of knowledge for health researchers worldwide. Much medical

KEY POINTS

- PubMed, MEDLINE and PubMed Central are all funded by the National Library of Medicine but are different databases.
- PubMed has been reported to include some articles published in

Finally here is a more recent email from a predatory journal, that wrote to me “we pleased to find a reputed personality in the filed of Medical Research” (sic!)

Dear Dr. Wjst

Greetings from European Journal of Medical Research and Clinical Trials...!!

We pleased to find a reputed personality in the filed of Medical Research.

EJMRC is accepting manuscripts for its Inaugural Issue. We are writing this proposal to endorse your research in the particular field.

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