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To the University of Ottawa Journal of Medicine (UOJM),

Our manuscript entitled “Predatory Journals: Do Not Enter” is enclosed for consideration of publication in UOJM.

Our manuscript is a commentary highlighting the important, and the uprising global issue of “predatory” journals. Predatory journals are destructing current research cultures, globally. Predatory publishers and their journals seek manuscripts through aggressive electronic solicitation, execute bogus peer-review, and are undermining the scholarly record. Research published in these journals is often undiscoverable as they are not indexed in legitimate databases, and thus it is wasted. This article aims to alert researchers at various levels of their career, of predatory journals, and offer helpful advice and resources for identifying and avoiding them.

We thank you for taking the time to review our manuscript.

Sincerely,

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