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Letters to the Editor



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From: Robert Graham, Canada (Date: Mon, 28 Feb 2000)

Dear Dr Aggrawal,

I did, in fact, go to the website and read the paper submitted by Dr. Sharma on a case study of Homicidal Hanging.

If you wish to produce an English language journal with credibility, then you must have editorial control over what is "published". This is just as true over the Internet as it is with hard paper. The most important issue is content and someone, whether it be yourself or an editorial board, must decide what will be acceptable criterion, and what will be accepted for publication. If the Journal gets a reputation as a fringe outlet for poorly researched material, you will never achieve your goal of producing something worthwhile and will likely become a vehicle for publishing articles that have been rejected by all the other houses. It simply will not be something that professional people will accept.

Another important issue is the achievement of a high level of English grammar -- correct use of the parts of speech, spelling, punctuation and so on. Nothing will turn off an intelligent reader faster than poor sentence structure, lack of clarity, or the inability of the author to get to the point -- rambling sentences, irrelevant side issues, ambiguity, etc.

An advantage of InterNet publishing is that you have very few space limitations. The disadvantage is that some contributors may have difficulty making their point in a short paper. If an idea takes too long to express, it is unlikely going reach its intended audience.

My comments are forwarded as objective criticism only. The idea of a website for publishing articles of importance to a small, but world-wide interest group has high merit and you are afforded full marks for the effort. The result of your effort will be based upon the quality of the product and the acceptability by its intended audience. At this point, that includes me. All the best in this worthwhile endeavor.

Bob Graham

From: Olivier Wenker, USA (Date: Mon, 28 Feb 2000)

Dear Dr Aggrawal,

I wish you good luck with your journal and hope that you will have a lot of success with it!

Olivier Wenker,MD

From: Professor Peter Vanezis, UK (Date: Sun, 12 Mar 2000)

Dear Dr Aggrawal,

May I first congratulate you on a splendid initiative and wish you every success.
There are a number of issue regarding electronic juornals in general, particularly in relation to security which need careful assessment. Perhaps this is an area where the board of editors can come up with some rules as to what should be published in such a format e.g. graphic photographs etc.

Best wishes,

Professor Peter Vanezis

From: Dr. Claus Henssge, Germany (Date: Thu, 8 Jun 2000)

Dear Dr Aggrawal,

I looked at the web pages you noted and I think it is a very good project, to start an International E-Journal for Forensic Medicine. As well I think you found some very interesting and competent collegues for the editorial board until now.

With best wishes

Dr. med. Claus Henssge

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