**A journal desperately wants your help and charges an undisclosed fee for it**

Earlier this month, I received an odd email from an associate editor of a medical journal, written in exceptionally poor English, and with the subject heading, “Promising Contribution Dear Professor.” This is the entire email:

**From:** Pharmacology & Clinical Research <pharmacology@juniperpublishers.org>   
**Sent:** Friday, September 1, 2023 1:25 PM  
**To:** pcg@scientificfreedom.dk  
**Subject:** Promising Contribution Dear Professor

**Dear Professor,**

Hope you are doing well!  
  
We will be thankful if you could spare 2 minutes of your valuable time at our request.  
  
We are delighted to update you that Journal of Pharmacology & Clinical Research (JPCR) is planning to release Volume 9 Issue 3, and we are deficit of two articles to accomplish this issue.  
  
We are anxious that we will have only a few days to release the issue. Hence, I have chosen some well-known people like you to hold up us to release the upcoming issue. So please support us with your contribution of 2 Pages Review/Case Report towards publication in JPCR.  
  
Look forward to hear your hopeful response.  
  
Have a great day!  
  
Sylvia Rose  
Associate Editor | JPCR

Juniper Publishers INC. 2082 Michelson Drive, Suite 100, Irvine, CA, 92612, USA  
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Like with other such emails, [you cannot unsubscribe](https://www.scientificfreedom.dk/2023/06/27/review-of-invitations-to-publish-in-predatory-scientific-journals/). If there is a link for this, it doesn’t work, and if you write directly to the journal, they don’t care. In this case, the message was unintelligible: “If you wish to not receive our email, please revert us back.”

Out of curiosity, I asked: “Since you seem to have a problem, how much do you pay authors to help you?” Sylvia Rose replied that *I was going to pay them*, not the opposite, and, as it is customary for predatory journals, she did not tell me how much:

**Dear Professor,**

Thank you for your response.

Well, Coming to the charges we request authors to pay nominal processing charges towards publication of article and the charges are just based on the type of article and authors country financial status. As we are open access publishers without any financial support where we will be getting minimum amount by end of the month from authors contribution only and we are ready to provide you the Special Waiver towards publication of your article

In meanwhile, we appeal you to submit your valuable manuscript at the earliest possible through an attachment directly to this email id.

Hope you understand us and please feel free to email us for further queries.

Await for your positive response and prompt submission.

Have a great day!!

Earlier this summer, I published “[Review of invitations to publish in predatory scientific journals](https://www.scientificfreedom.dk/2023/06/27/review-of-invitations-to-publish-in-predatory-scientific-journals/).” There are thousands of them, and they have no respect for ethical and scientific principles for publishing. When I uploaded my review on a preprint server, the last sentence was: “It will be interesting to see if I get invitations to publish it in predatory journals.”

Absurdly enough, I got such an invitation. An editorial assistant [invited me to publish](https://www.scientificfreedom.dk/2023/06/02/predatory-journal-invites-me-to-submit-my-preprint-manuscript-about-invitations-to-publish-in-predatory-journals/) my review in “Journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences & Emerging Drugs,” which is published by the Omics group based in Hyderabad in India, a well-known predatory publisher that I mention in my article.

The current “invitation” to pay a fee to help a journal with their alleged problems came from Juniper Publishers. The postal address is in California, but they have [employees in Hyderabad](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Juniper_Publishers). This is [typical](https://www.scientificfreedom.dk/2023/06/27/review-of-invitations-to-publish-in-predatory-scientific-journals/) for predatory publishers. Many of them are based in India, and the names of those who invite you are likely fake; they always look like English names.

[Most of the journals](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Juniper_Publishers) from Juniper Publishers do not have a scientific editor-in-chief and their journal impact factors are likely fake, as for other predatory journals.

In 2020, two biologists published a [nonsense study](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Juniper_Publishers) in Juniper's Oceanography & Fisheries Open Access Journal, which included the claim that barn swallows and flying fish are sister lineages. Thus, we may assume that the peer review promised by the publisher and paid for by the customers is non-existent and that no one at the journal reads what is sent to them.

As [another example](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Juniper_Publishers), articles from an author named Rahul Hajare published in four of Juniper's journals had titles not reflecting the paper; abstracts that did not discuss the study; conflated unrelated topics; contained nonsensical sentences that any editor or peer reviewer should have spotted; had glaring inconsistencies; and cited only his own publications.

Predatory journals are big scale pollution.