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### Centre for Journalology website

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The Ottawa Hospital Research Institute (OHRI) hosts a Centre for Journalology (Cfj), which is directed by Dr. David Moher. Journalology is the study of publication science. A key remit of the Cfj at OHRI is to provide outreach and support to members of the research institute as they navigate the publishing landscape. One way this is accomplished is through the creation and regular updating of the Centre's website, which is publically available and can be accessed here: [www.ohri.ca/journalology](http://www.ohri.ca/journalology)

There are a number of tabs or sub-pages of this website that may serve as a broader resource for those external to the institution, including editors. For example, a tab on "Research Integrity in Publishing" outlines examples of inappropriate authorship and discusses who qualifies for authorship. It also speaks to topics such as how to appropriately identify and disclose conflicts of interest, and links to pertinent external resources like COPE.<sup>1</sup> The tab 'Deciding Where to Submit' discusses topics including limitations of the journal impact factor and responsible metrics. It also provides resources, such as an open access template cover letter, that researchers can modify and use with their article submissions. The tab also highlights evidence-based criteria that researchers can use to distinguish legitimate journals from predatory journal. A key research focus of the Centre is to address the problem of predatory journals (See for example: 2–5). Predatory journals offer to publish work, for a fee, but don't maintain expected ethical standards. Editors may benefit from understanding the issues predatory journals create so that they can ensure their own journal is operating transparently.

The "Writing your manuscript" tab introduces readers to the Enhancing the QUALity And Transparency Of Research (EQUATOR) Network<sup>6</sup> and signposts researchers to reporting guideline checklists, which should be used when preparing biomedical articles for submission. EQUATOR Canada is coordinated at the Cfj. The website also touches on topics like research transparency and open science. For example, the 'After your manuscript is accepted tab' outlines consideration with making data openly available and suggests resources such as the Centre for Open Science's Open Science Framework tool.<sup>7</sup>

There are plans to expand the website to host a brief research highlights section to keep readers up to date about the specific research projects underway within the Centre. One such project which may be relevant to EASE members is our work looking to establish core competencies for biomedical editors (see for example: 8,9). The competencies were developed with the help of EASE members; EASE has endorsed them.

Content on the Cfj website focuses on biomedical publishing and biomedical research; however, it is possible that the content on many tabs may be relevant to those outside this discipline. There is a general 'Resources' tab that is updated frequently, as well as a Centre Twitter feed (@\_journalology) which readers can follow to keep abreast of updates from the Centre. In my capacity as Publications Officer<sup>10</sup> in the Centre for Journalology, I am always looking to identify new resources to develop for the webpage. Should you have suggestions for content, I would be happy to hear from you.

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