

Open Access Publishing Spam

Below are some journals (just one publisher so far) that (very) frequently solicit my expert opinions, (some) without really checking whether I have the expertise or not, and without any impact factor.

Resources I use to check the credibility of unknown journals:

- Thomson ISI
 - [Web of Knowledge Citation Report \(most recent: 2011, published 2012\)](#)
- [Scopus](#)
- And [ArnetMiner](#) for academic ranks

"Proper" invitations

Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research, 31May 2012, ISI Impact (2011) 1.143, ISSN: 1076-9757. Editor: Alice Lopez

Hindawi Publishing Corporation

Founded in 1997 in Cairo

. currently employs more than 300 employees

. Publishes 200+ open access, peer-reviewed journals.

. Open-access is financed by author fees i.e. non-subscription based.. The author fee currently "tops out at \$1,500"

. recently partnered with Sage, a well-established e-journal publisher

22 of the 300 journals have an impact factor higher than 0 for the printed (not online) versions, but below

- [4.774](#) according to the Hindawai home page and Thomson ISI (2011, from 2012)
 - based on the years that the printed ISSN 1741-427X was run by BMC
 - the online version ISSN 1741-4288 is not registered!
- 2.964 according to [Research Gate](#) and the [University Putra Malaysia](#)

Some other researchers impressions: <http://list.uvm.edu/cgi-bin/wa?A2=MEDLIB-L;wGArog;20110726180255-0700d>

I have been solicited to write an expert article for the following journals the past year. Even though I feel flattered, I would not think too much of researchers that publish in these journals with zero impact factor (and not just because they are too new to calculate the factors!)

- Advances in Bioinformatics (Impact factor: 0, Registered in PubMed Central)
 - Soha Labib is soliciting a large number of potential authors: July, May, March 2012
 - Nada Qassem is soliciting MANY authors: January 2012
 - Four good colleagues of mine, Jörg Hakenberg, Goran Nenadic, Dietrich Rebholz-Schuhmann, and Jin-Dong Kim edited a [Special Issue](#) in May 2011
 - Lina Afify was soliciting my participation in a special issue that I know little about in August 2011, and it is still not registered even on Google Scholar!
- Advances in Artificial Intelligence (No impact factor, Only registered in INSPEC)
 - Soha Labib is soliciting MANY authors: February 2012
 - Rana Ashour was soliciting MANY authors for an NLP issue: March-June 2011
- Artificial Evolution and Applications (ISSN: 1687-6229, completely removed from the Hindawi home page [list of journals!](#) Why?)
 - Launched in 2007, soliciting entire conferences and mailing lists in January 2010, completely GONE in 2012!
- Electrical and Computer Engineering (JECE, not bothering to check the impact of this one, probably spam)
 - Rana Ashour is soliciting broadly again: July 2012
- ISRN Bioinformatics (no impact)
 - Marwa Elmasri was soliciting entire mailing lists in July 2011
- Molecular Biology International (no impact)
 - Engy Edward was soliciting MANY authors until December 2009. Still NO IMPACT FACTOR!
- Sequencing (No impact factor, Only indexed by Chemical Abstracts)
 - Reem Ali is soliciting MANY authors (I haven't published ANYTHING on Sequencing!): 2012