**Ridiculous names for predatory journals**

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Predatory scientific journals subvert the quality control processes used by reputable journals for financial gain and accept almost anything. This is consumer fraud as it deceives many people who buy into something they don’t get.

In June 2023, I wrote [an article](https://www.scientificfreedom.dk/2023/06/27/review-of-invitations-to-publish-in-predatory-scientific-journals/) about predatory journals. I received about 3 “invitations” every day to publish in predatory journals. There was never any information that I needed to pay a fee. Even though I have blocked 1,854 senders and still block all of them, I still receive 2-3 invitations every day in my inbox. It never ends because new titles appear with a speed like weed in your garden and because the senders often use several addresses.

As the most meaningful titles have already been taken by reputable journals, titles for predatory journals are often a meaningless hodgepodge of words. I present here an analysis of the logical structure of some of the weirdest journal titles in invitations I received during January and February 2025. I collected 45 weird titles in these two months, which is one every day.

American Journal of Biomedical Science & Research: Science and research are synonyms.

Annals of Gastroenterology, Liver & Pancreatic Diseases: As gastroenterology includes liver and pancreatic diseases, this is like publishing a journal called Cars, Volvos & Fiats.

CEOS Plant Biology and Research: Since scientific journals are supposed to be about research, plant biology is supposedly also about research.

Clinical Case Studies and Review Reports: Why review reports? Why not just reviews?

Clinical Research and Trials: This is the Cars and Volvos issue again. Clinical research includes trials.

General Surgery and Clinical Medicine: This title makes no sense. It is like Flowers and Whales.

Global Health Economics and Sustainability: Sustainability of the predatory journal, perhaps?

Global Journal of Medical and Biomedical Case Reports: What is the difference between medical and biomedical? Will the next such journal be called Universe Journal of …?

JMCRCS: They didn’t even give the name of the journal. Likely Journal of Medical Case Reports and Case Series, which is a pleonasm.

Journal of Biological Methods: What exactly is that?

Journal of Cancer Science and Clinical Oncology: Pleonasm, as oncology is about cancer.

Journal of Clinical Research and Reports: This title makes no sense. What are the reports about if not about clinical research?

Journal of Clinical Trials & Experimental Studies: Seems to cover just about everything.

Journal of Clinical Trials and Vaccine research: This title makes no sense. It is like Journal of Car Testing and Brakes.

Journal of Dermatology and Dermatopathology: Pleonasm. Dermatologists deal with skin diseases.

Journal of Dermatology and Skin Care: Pleonasm. Skin is called dermis in Latin.

Journal of Diabetes and Treatment: Any endocrinologists who do not treat diabetes?

Journal of Gastroenterology and its Complications: Totally foolish title. It is like Journal of Insects and Their Secret Sex Life.

Journal of Medical Case Reports and Case Series: There can be more than one case in an article so why the case series?

Journal of Nutrition and Health Sciences: This is like Journal of Diabetes and Everything Else.

Journal of Nutrition and Obesity: Funny title, somewhat like Journal of Alcohol and Violence.

Journal of Oncology Research and Therapy: Research includes therapeutic research.

Journal of Otolaryngology Studies: They missed “rhino.” Is otorhinolaryngology a word that is too difficult for Americans?

Journal of Plant Sciences and Crop Protection: This is like Journal of Medical Sciences and Patient Protection

JoVE: There was no explanation in the email what this is.

New Advances in Brain & Critical Care: Why new? Is an advance not new? Are there also journals about Heart & Critical Care, etc?

SM Journal of Family Medicine: Scary what goes on in family life. In my country, SM means sadomachochism.

SMP Dermatology and Clinical Research: Illogical. Should have been Clinical Research in Dermatology.

SMP Otolaryngology and Rhinology: Why not Otorhinolaryngology? Too difficult a word for Americans?

Spine Research & Reports: Aren’t reports about research?

Sports Injuries & Medicine: Is there also Sports Injuries & Surgery, Sports Injuries & Physiotherapy, and Sports Injuries & Nothing, as most sports injuries are best treated with rest?

Stechnolock Dermatology and Clinical Research: Aha, to distinguish it from SMP Dermatology and Clinical Research.

Vaccine and Immunization-Research and Development: Isn’t vaccination and immunisation the same, unless we aquire immunisation via an infection?

Unfortunately, there is no clear divide between predatory journals and ordinary medical journals. There are many journals in a greyzone, e.g. the Future journals, which some people regard as predatory. PLoS One and the 300 BMC journals are willing to publish mediocre or even worse papers for an open access fee and as they publish many thousands of articles every year, e.g. 17,730 in PLoS One for 2024, they are money making machines.

Recently, I became so irritated about reading a lousy paper in Lancet Digital Health that I wrote to some colleagues that all these secondary journals pride themselves with borrowed feathers from the original journal, The Lancet: “When will we see Lancet Gobbledygook, Lancet Yesterday’s Findings, Lancet Future Findings, Lancet Wishful Thinking, Lancet Bullshit, Lancet Unproven Hypotheses, Lancet Uninterpretable Research, Lancet Non-reproducible Research, Lancet Superfluous, Lancet Moneymaking? (Oh, sorry, we already have that: The all-too industry-friendly The Lancet).”

When I received an “invitation” to publish in Molecular & Cellular Biomechanics (MCB), “a distinguished journal at the forefront of biomechanics research,” I thought: What about a predatory journal at the backyard of biomechanics research? Where all the garbage is.

The pollution of the medical research literature is gigantic. In 2024, PubMed indexed 1,728,666 articles. Compare this with the little progress there is in healthcare from year to year and consider also that most research results are unreliable or outright false.