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19	v.	COMPLAINT FOR PERMANENT INJUNCTION AND OTHER
20	· ·	EQUITABLE RELIEF
21	OMICS GROUP INC., a Nevada corporation,	
	also d/b/a OMICS Publishing Group, IMEDPUB	
22	LLC, a Delaware corporation, CONFERENCE	
23	SERIES LLC, a Delaware corporation, and SRINUBABU GEDELA,	
	SKINUDADU GEDELA,	
24	Defendants.	
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	Plaintiff, the Federal Trade Commission ("FT	C"), for its Complaint alleges:
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1. The FTC brings this action under Section 13(b) of the Federal Trade Commission Act ("FTC Act"), 15 U.S.C. § 53(b) to obtain permanent injunctive relief, rescission or reformation of contracts, restitution, the refund of monies paid, disgorgement of ill-gotten monies, and other equitable relief for Defendants' acts or practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45(a).

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 2. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1337(a), and 1345, and 15 U.S.C. §§ 45(a) and 53(b).
- 3. Venue is proper in this district under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(3) and (c)(3) and 15 U.S.C. § 53(b).

PLAINTIFF

- 4. The FTC is an independent agency of the United States Government created by statute.

 15 U.S.C. §§ 41-58. The FTC enforces Section 5(a) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45(a), which prohibits unfair or deceptive acts or practices in or affecting commerce.
- 5. The FTC is authorized to initiate federal district court proceedings, by its own attorneys, to enjoin violations of the FTC Act and to secure such equitable relief as may be appropriate, including rescission or reformation of contracts, restitution, the refund of monies paid, and the disgorgement of ill-gotten monies. 15 U.S.C. §§ 53(b) and 56(a)(2)(A).

DEFENDANTS

6. Defendant **OMICS Group Inc.** ("OMICS") is a Nevada corporation with its principal place of business at SEZ Unit, Building No. 20, 9th Floor, APIIC Layout, HITEC City, Hyderabad, AP 500081, India. OMICS also has used mailing addresses at 2360

- Corporate Circle, Suite 400, Henderson, Nevada, 5716 Corsa Avenue, Suite 110, Westlake Village, California, and Foster City, California. OMICS transacts or has transacted business in this district and throughout the United States.
- 7. Defendant **iMedPub LLC** ("iMedPub") is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business at SEZ Unit, Building No. 20, 9th Floor, APIIC Layout, HITEC City, Hyderabad, AP 500081, India. iMedPub also has used a mailing address at 1201 Orange Street, Suite 600, Wilmington, Delaware. iMedPub transacts or has transacted business in this district and throughout the United States.
- 8. Defendant **Conference Series LLC** ("Conference Series") is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business at SEZ Unit, Building No. 20, 9th Floor, APIIC Layout, HITEC City, Hyderabad, AP 500081, India. Conference Series also has used mailing addresses at 1201 Orange Street, Suite 600, Wilmington, Delaware and Foster City, California. Conference Series transacts or has transacted business in this district and throughout the United States.
- 9. Defendant Srinubabu Gedela is an Indian National who is the president and director of OMICS, iMedPub, and Conference Series. He is also the owner of the fictitious business name OMICS Publishing Group. Defendant Gedela is a signatory on the bank accounts of OMICS and iMedPub. At all times material to this Complaint, acting alone or in concert with others, he has formulated, directed, controlled, had the authority to control, or participated in the acts and practices set forth in this Complaint. Defendant Gedela, in connection with the matters alleged herein, transacts or has transacted business in this district and throughout the United States.

10. Defendants OMICS, iMedPub, and Conference Series (collectively, "Corporate Defendants") have operated as a common enterprise while engaging in the unfair and deceptive acts and practices alleged below. Defendants have conducted the business practices described below through an interrelated network of companies that have common ownership, managers, business functions, and that commingle funds. Because these Corporate Defendants have operated as a common enterprise, each of them is jointly and severally liable for the acts and practices alleged below. Defendant Gedela has formulated, directed, controlled, had the authority to control, or participated in the acts and practices of the Corporate Defendants that constitute the common enterprise.

COMMERCE

11. At all times material to this Complaint, Defendants have maintained a substantial course of trade in or affecting commerce, as "commerce" is defined in Section 4 of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 44.

DEFENDANTS' BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

12. Since at least 2009, Defendants have published numerous online publications styled as academic journals. To solicit articles and manuscripts from consumers, Defendants represent that various academic experts serve as editors, are members of the editorial boards, or are otherwise associated with Defendants' journals, and that consumers' articles are subject to industry-standard peer review before publishing. Defendants also represent that their journals have high "impact factors" (meaning they are cited frequently, using a metric calculated by Thomson Reuters) and are listed in PubMed Central, a well-known and prestigious database maintained by the United States National Library of Medicine ("NLM") at the National Institutes of Health ("NIH").

- 13. In reality, in many instances, the academic experts identified by Defendants lack any connection with Defendants' journals. Further, in many instances, articles submitted for publishing do not undergo standard peer review before publishing. And Defendants' journals' impact factors are not calculated by Thomson Reuters, nor are their journals included in PubMed Central. Moreover, Defendants fail to disclose, or disclose adequately, that consumers must pay a publishing fee for each published article. As a result, in many instances, consumers only discover that their articles will not be peer-reviewed and that they owe fees ranging from several hundred to several thousands of dollars *after* Defendants inform them that their articles have been approved for publication. Consumers' attempts to withdraw their articles are frequently rejected, thereby preventing them from publishing in other journals.
- 14. In addition to their various journals, Defendants also organize scientific conferences in the United States and abroad. To solicit consumers to register for these conferences, Defendants represent that various academic experts have agreed to participate in the conferences. In reality, in many instances, the identified academic experts have not agreed to participate in these conferences. Consumers spend hundreds or thousands of dollars on registration fees and travel costs to attend these scientific conferences.

Background on Academic Journal Publishing

15. An academic or scholarly journal is a peer-reviewed publication in which scholarship relating to a particular academic or scientific discipline is published. Content typically takes the form of articles presenting original research, review articles, commentaries or clinical case studies. Under the standard academic journal publishing model, publishers

- charge user-based subscription fees to libraries or to individuals for access to the published material.
- 16. When an author submits an article to an academic journal, the journal typically makes an initial determination regarding whether to accept the article for peer review and further consideration, or to reject it outright. For any article under consideration, the journal then typically begins the peer review process, which consists of subjecting the article to the scrutiny of others who are experts in the same field.
- 17. Peer review typically requires the participation of a community of experts in a given (and often narrowly defined) field, who are qualified and available to perform impartial review. The peer review process can take several months, during which authors are expected to respond to peer reviewer comments and implement any recommendations (or, alternatively, justify the rejection of any proposed revisions). After the peer review process is complete, the journal publishes the final article. Ethical guidelines prevent an article from being published in more than one journal.
- 18. An academic journal's prestige is established over time, and can reflect many factors, some of which may be expressed in objective, quantifiable terms. In the scientific publishing industry, the "impact factor" is often used as one such measure of the prestige or relative importance of a journal in its field. The impact factor rates the relative importance (impact) of a journal by measuring the average number of citations in the scholarly literature to the articles published by that journal in the previous two years. A higher impact factor would indicate a more important or credible journal. The term "impact factor" specifically is understood in the industry to mean the proprietary citation measure calculated and published by Thomson Reuters in its Journal Citation Reports.

19. The United States National Library of Medicine ("NLM") at the National Institutes of Health ("NIH") maintains and manages PubMed Central, a freely accessible bibliographical database of selected articles in the life sciences and biomedical fields. NLM also maintains and manages MEDLINE, a database that is a large subset (about 90%) of the PubMed database. Inclusion in PubMed Central and MEDLINE is generally recognized as a measure of quality in scientific publishing. Only journals that meet NLM's strict scientific standards are indexed in PubMed Central and MEDLINE. In addition, PubMed Central is required by law to index specific articles funded through NIH grants, but this does not mean that the journals in which such articles are published are indexed in PubMed Central, and such publishing does not constitute endorsement by PubMed Central of such journal.

Defendants' Deceptive Academic Publishing Practices

- 20. Defendants maintain several websites, including OMICSonline.org and iMedPub.com, containing so-called academic journals on a wide variety of topics, including medicine, chemistry, nursing, engineering, and genetics, among others.
- 21. Defendant Gedela is the registrant and technical, administrative, and billing contact for many of Defendants' websites. The domain registration and hosting fees for Defendants' websites are often paid for with Defendant Gedela's personal credit cards.

Defendants Misrepresent the Nature of Their Journals and Publishing Practices

- 22. To induce consumers to submit articles to their journals, Defendants make numerous representations on their websites and in their email solicitations regarding the reputation and credibility of their journals and their publishing process.
- 23. In numerous instances, Defendants invite scientists and other academics to submit articles to their journals via email solicitations, some of which purport to be sent by noted academics in the consumers' field of study. (*See, e.g.*, Ex. 1.) In addition, Defendants represent that their journals are reviewed and edited by specific scientists, researchers, and academics whose names, pictures, and biographies appear on Defendants' websites, or that those individuals are on the editorial boards or are otherwise associated with Defendants' journals.
- 24. In fact, in numerous instances, individuals who Defendants have represented are editors, members of editorial boards, or otherwise associated with Defendants' journals either have not agreed to be associated with Defendants' journals or initially agreed to serve as editors, but later changed their minds and asked to be removed from Defendants' websites, with no success.
- 25. In numerous instances, Defendants represent that articles and manuscripts submitted to Defendants' journals are subject to peer review practices that are standard in the academic journal publishing industry. For example, Defendants state:
 - a. With the help of a strong 30,000 experts as editorial board members and reviewers, OMICS Group journals uphold the standard review process. All articles submitted for publication are subjected to a blind peer review. (*See, e.g.*, Ex. 2.)
 - b. OMICS Scholarly Journals strictly adhere to standard review process. (*See*, *e.g.*, *id.*)

- c. OMICS Group International peer-review policies are highly appreciated, accepted and adaptable to the criteria that have been prescribed by the international agencies such as NIH, PubMed etc. (*See*, *e.g.*, Ex. 3.)
- d. The peer-review process subjects scientific research papers to independent scrutiny by other qualified scientific experts (peers) before they are made public... Peer-reviewed articles provide a trusted form of scientific communication. Articles published by these Academic Journals are peer-reviewed and edited by the experts in the related areas for a good impact in the scholarly and academic society. (*See*, *e.g.*, Ex. 4.)
- 26. In reality, many of Defendants' online publications do not adopt the rigorous peer review practices that are standard in the scholarly journal publishing industry. In numerous instances, individuals who have agreed to serve as peer reviewers for Defendants either never receive any manuscripts to review or discover that, when they access the online manuscript review system to review their assigned articles, the articles have already been approved for publication. In addition, in numerous instances, consumers receive no edits or, at most, only stylistic edits before Defendants publish the work.
- 27. In numerous instances, Defendants represent that their publications have high impact factors. For example, Defendants state that their medical journals have good impact factors and have been reviewed and cited by many researchers. They explain that because their journals "are freely available" they "can be cited by researchers easily." (*See*, *e.g.*, Ex. 5.)
- 28. In reality, none of Defendants' journals' impact factors are calculated by Thomson Reuters. Instead, Defendants calculate their own impact factors and do not disclose or disclose adequately that those factors are not listed in Thomson Reuters' Journal Citation Reports.
- 29. In numerous instances, Defendants represent that their publications are included in various academic journal indexing services, such as PubMed Central or MEDLINE. For

- example, Defendants state "[m]ost of these journals are are [sic] indexed in MEDLINE [and] PUBMED." (See, e.g., Ex. 6.)
- 30. In reality, neither PubMed Central nor MEDLINE index any of Defendants' online publications. In fact, in April 2013, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Public Health Division sent a cease-and-desist letter to Defendants because of Defendants' claims that their journals are indexed in PubMed Central and for using quotes from and photographs of NIH employees on Defendants' websites without permission.

Defendants Fail to Disclose Material Facts

- 31. Defendants have not adopted the traditional, predominant academic journal publishing model, under which publishers charge user-based subscription fees for access to published material. Instead, Defendants engage in "open access" publishing, making their content available online for free but charging authors publication fees. Defendants typically charge consumers between several hundred to several thousand dollars to publish consumers' articles, depending on article length and the consumer's country of origin.
- 32. In many instances, Defendants' email solicitations to consumers do not mention these publishing fees. Neither do Defendants' journal websites disclose or disclose adequately that consumers must pay a fee in order to be published.
- 33. In many instances, consumers discover they must pay a publishing fee only after

 Defendants advise them, via email, that their article has been accepted for publication and that they owe payment. (*See*, *e.g.*, Ex. 7.) In the invoice attached to this email,

 Defendants instruct consumers to submit payment by filling out a form with their credit

- card information, by wiring payment to Defendants' bank account, or by sending a check. (See, e.g., Ex. 8.)
- 34. In the same email informing consumers, for the first time, that they have to pay significant publishing fees, Defendants also notify consumers that their article will be published. Defendants invite consumers to submit typographical corrections to the article within 48 hours, after which time Defendants "assume that [consumers] agreed to publish without corrections." (*See*, *e.g.*, Ex. 7.)
- 35. In numerous instances, Defendants proceed to publish consumers' articles just days after the consumer's initial submission, often without peer review and without regard to any subsequent communication from the consumer. In many instances, even if consumers immediately inform the journal that they wish to withdraw their article, either because they were unaware of the publication fees or because they doubt the journal's legitimacy due to its questionable review practices, Defendants nonetheless publish the article over consumers' objections.
- 36. Because ethical requirements prohibit submitting an article for publication to more than one journal, in many instances, when Defendants ignore a consumer's withdrawal request and publish their work, they prevent that consumer from publishing that work in other, more reputable publications.

Defendants' Deceptive Conference Practices

37. Defendants organize scientific conferences in the United States and abroad. To promote their conferences, Defendants send emails to consumers and advertise on their websites.

Defendants charge consumers fees ranging from several hundreds to over \$1,000 to register for these conferences.

- 38. In numerous instances, to induce consumers to register for these conferences, Defendants represent that various academic experts have agreed to participate in the conferences.
- 39. In fact, in numerous instances, individuals who Defendants have represented will be participating in Defendants' conferences either have not agreed to participate in those conferences or are unaware that their names have been used by Defendants.

VIOLATIONS OF THE FTC ACT

- 40. Section 5(a) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45(a), prohibits "unfair or deceptive acts or practices in or affecting commerce."
- 41. Misrepresentations or deceptive omissions of material fact constitute deceptive acts or practices prohibited by Section 5(a) of the FTC Act.
- 42. Acts or practices are unfair under Section 5 of the FTC Act if they cause substantial injury to consumers that consumers cannot reasonably avoid themselves and that is not outweighed by countervailing benefits to consumers or competition. 15 U.S.C. § 45(n).

COUNT I Misrepresentations Regarding Journal Publishing

- 43. In numerous instances, in connection with the marketing of academic journal publishing services, Defendants have represented, directly or indirectly, expressly or by implication, that:
 - Their journals and other publications follow peer review processes standard in the academic journal industry;
 - b. That specific individuals are editors of, members of an editorial board for, or otherwise associated or affiliated with Defendants' journals or other publications;

- Their publications have high impact factors listed in Thomson Reuters'
 Journal Citation Reports; and
- d. Their publications are included in well-known, reputable academic journal indexing services, such as PubMed Central and MEDLINE.
- 44. In numerous instances, the representations set forth in Paragraph 43 are false or misleading or were not substantiated at the time the representations were made.
- 45. Therefore, the making of the representations as set forth in Paragraph 43 of this

 Complaint constitutes a deceptive act or practice, in or affecting commerce in violation of

 Section 5(a).

COUNT II Misrepresentations Regarding Conferences

- 46. In numerous instances, in connection with the marketing of scientific conferences,

 Defendants have represented, directly or indirectly, expressly or by implication, that
 specific individuals have agreed to participate in Defendants' scientific conferences.
- 47. In numerous instances, the representation set forth in Paragraph 46 is false or misleading or was not substantiated at the time the representation was made.
- 48. Therefore, the making of the representation as set forth in Paragraph 46 of this Complaint constitutes a deceptive act or practice, in or affecting commerce in violation of Section 5(a).

COUNT III Deceptive Failure to Disclose Publishing Fees

49. In numerous instances, Defendants have represented, directly or indirectly, expressly or by implication, that consumers may submit articles or manuscripts to Defendants for publication in one of Defendants' journals or other publications.

- 50. In numerous instances in which Defendants have made the representation set forth in Paragraph 49 of this Complaint, Defendants have failed to disclose or disclose adequately to consumers that consumers must pay a publishing fee ranging from several hundred to several thousand dollars. This additional information would be material to consumers in deciding to submit articles or manuscripts to Defendants for review and publishing.
- 51. Defendants' failure to disclose or disclose adequately the material information described in Paragraph 50, above, in light of the representation described in Paragraph 49, above, constitutes a deceptive act or practice in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45(a).

CONSUMER INJURY

52. Consumers have suffered and will continue to suffer substantial injury as a result of Defendants' violations of the FTC Act. In addition, Defendants have been unjustly enriched as a result of their unlawful acts or practices. Absent injunctive relief by this Court, Defendants are likely to continue to injure consumers, reap unjust enrichment, and harm the public interest.

THIS COURT'S POWER TO GRANT RELIEF

53. Section 13(b) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 53(b), empowers this Court to grant injunctive and such other relief as the Court may deem appropriate to halt and redress violations of any provision of law enforced by the FTC. The Court, in the exercise of its equitable jurisdiction, may award ancillary relief, including rescission or reformation of contracts, restitution, the refund of monies paid, and the disgorgement of ill-gotten monies, to prevent and remedy any violation of any provision of law enforced by the FTC.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Wherefore, Plaintiff FTC, pursuant to Section 13(b) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 53(b), and the Court's own equitable powers, requests that the Court:

- A. Award Plaintiff such preliminary injunctive and ancillary relief as may be necessary to avert the likelihood of consumer injury during the pendency of this action and to preserve the possibility of effective final relief, including but not limited to, a preliminary injunction, and an order freezing assets;
- B. Enter a permanent injunction to prevent future violations of the FTC Act by Defendants;
- C. Award such relief as the Court finds necessary to redress injury to consumers resulting from Defendants' violations of the FTC Act, including but not limited to, rescission or reformation of contracts, restitution, the refund of monies paid, and the disgorgement of ill-gotten monies; and
- D. Award Plaintiff the costs of bringing this action, as well as such other and additional relief as the Court may determine to be just and proper.

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EXHIBIT 1

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Harvard Medical School @gmail.com Keep me away from the wisdom which does not cry, the philosophy which does not laugh, and the greatness which does not bow before children. -Kahlil Gibran With purity and with holiness I will pass my life and practice my art. - Hippocrates

From: Editor - Journal of Nursing & Care <editor.inc@omicsonline.net> Date: Thu, Feb 12, 2015 at 9:10 AM

Subject: Welcoming your research towards Journal of Nursing & Care

To

Dear

-- Forwarded message -

Hope you are doing well!

I wonder if you could write a short review or a short commentary (or any type of article) for Journal of Nursing & Care.

It would be great if you could submit at earliest, so that I could process it for the Upcoming issue.

If it is not feasible for you in February, then please let me know your feasible time to contribute.

Submit manuscript at http://www.editorialmanager.com/medicalsciences/default.asp or send as an e-mail attachment to the Editorial Office at editor.jnc@omicsonline.org

Please provide me your acceptance for the same!

I will be waiting for your positive mail.

Have a nice and healthy day ahead!

With Kind Regards,

Editor

Professor Emerita

College of Nursing

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Journal of Nursing & Care http://omicsgroup.org/journals/nursing-care.php

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About Us

OMICS International Organises 300+ Conferences Every Year across USA, Europe & Asia with support from 1000 more scientific societies and Publishes 500+ Open access journals which contains over 30000 eminent personalities, reputed scientists as editorial board members.

OMICS Group International is an amalgamation of Open Access publications and worldwide international science conferences and events. Established in the year 2007 with the sole aim of making the information on Sciences and technology 'Open Access', OMICS Group publishes 500 online open access scholarly journals in all aspects of Science, Engineering, Management and Technology journals. OMICS Group has been instrumental in taking the knowledge on Science & technology to the doorsteps of ordinary men and women. Research Scholars, Students, Libraries, Educational Institutions, Research centers and the industry are main stakeholders that benefitted greatly from this knowledge dissemination. OMICS Group also organizes 300 International conferences annually across the globe, where knowledge transfer takes place through debates, round table discussions, poster presentations, workshops, symposia and exhibitions.

Founding Director at Dr.Srinubabu

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- » 500 Open Access journals
- » 21 Days rapid review process
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- » Panel discussions & interactive sessions
- » Perfect platform for global networking
- » B2B meetings
- » Alliances and associations
- » Collaborative Research opportunities
- » Supported by reputed associations and societies

OMICS Group follows an Open Access publication model that enables the dissemination of research articles to the global community free of cost.

- » Abstracts and full texts (HTML, XML and PDF format) of all articles published by OMICS Group are freely accessible to everyone immediately after publication.
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- » We strongly believe that removing barriers to research published online will greatly aid to the progress in Clinical, Medical, Pharmaceutical, Chemistry, and Management disciplines.
- » OMICS Group supports the Bethesda Statement on Open Access Publishing.

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- » OMICS Scholarly Journals strictly adhere to standard review process.
- » All the articles are subjected to peer-reviewing prior to publication.
- » OMICS Group will keep up to date with latest advances in the respective fields and papers published in its journals will reach the readers directly through E-mail.
- » Archived online transactions of OMICS Group provide the International scientific community with immediate and permanent access to individual papers.
- » OMICS Group accepts online letters from the Editors and brief comments that contribute to the previously published articles or other relevant findings in OMICS field.

OMICS Group Journals encourages original and well researched articles for publication. With the help of a strong 30,000 experts as editorial board members and reviewers, OMICS Group journals uphold the standard review process. All the articles submitted for publication are subjected to a blind peer review. Upon incorporating the changes the articles are published online. Once approved for publication, these articles remain archived permanently in their respective repositories. OMICS Group Journals follow online tracking system where the authors can submit their articles online and track its status from time to time.

OMICS Group Journals are known for their high impact factor journals and a section of OMICS Group journals are indexed in the world renowned science database like Medline, PubMed Central, Obscure and Scopus. OMICS acquired as many as 40 reputed journals such as Oral Health and Dental Management and Molecular, genetic Medicine and others.

Yet another prominent feature of OMICS Group Publication activities is its alliance with reputed scientific research, academic institutions and International associations, societies as well as world federations. This alliance is paving the way for collaboration in the areas of journal production, review process, quality and subscription management.

OMICS Group International Conferences attracts reputed world class scientists, researchers, policy makers and students. Research from various prominent institutions reaches these platforms and they are discussed here with a view to promote knowledge dissemination. Papers presented in the international conferences are published in the respective OMICS Group Journals. OMICS journals also serve as publication partners with certain organizations working for a genuine cause. For example, OMICS Group Journal of Nanomedicine & Biotherapeutic Discovery associated with Sector Nanotech Dubai-2013 and Nanoapp-2013, Ukraine.

OMICS Group International organizes as many as 300 International Science conferences. These conferences attract world renowned personalities, scientists, entrepreneurs, budding scientists, students and policy makers. This serves a stage where the public private partnerships, academic and industry collaborations materializes, leading to great research and academic innovations.

OMICS International organizes Science Congress, World Summits, and International science conferences in India, USA, Dubai, Australia and Europe. OMICS International thus is making a world tour taking its agenda of spreading knowledge related science and technology 'Open Access'. OMICS Group Conferences are known for their innovation and unique features.

International workshops and symposiums, Exhibitions, and tradeshows are part of the OMICS Group conferences. This a place for B2B meetings, networking, collaborations and entrepreneurial decision making where travel allowances, great research funds, scholarships and incentives serves as catalysts for the further scientific development.

With a view to encourage young talents in the field of Sciences and Technology, OMICS Group International offers 'Young Scientist Awards' to the young, entrepreneurial and budding scientists in the age group 30 years, with unpublished, original work. The award winning proposal receives \$1000 as prize money and the paper would be published in the concerned OMICS Group Journal. Selective proposals that qualify for the presentation also receive travel grant and accommodation.

OMICS Group formed a network by signing agreements with more than 1000 international societies and formed 'scientific alliances' to make healthcare information Open Access. OMICS Group also offers various services like Publication Management, Processing Management, Event Management quality and subscription management to other similar institutions through this network.



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EXHIBIT 3



Peer Reviewed Journals

OMICS Group International is one of the leading Open Access Publishing houses, which has around 500+ peer-reviewed journals, 30,000 eminent and renowned Editorial Board members, and highly qualified, expert reviewers to meet the objectives of the Peer-Review Process. OMICS Group International peer-review policies are highly appreciated, accepted and adaptable to the criteria that have been prescribed by the international agencies such as NIH, PubMed etc. OMICS Group International also organizes 300+ conferences per year globally.

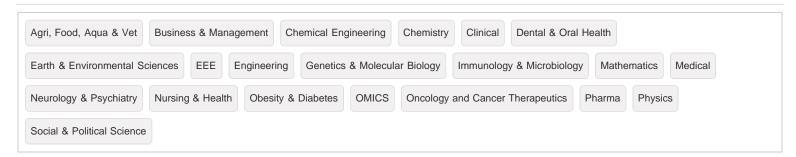
There is a great deal of information out there on scientific topics. However, whether it can be trusted or not is a key issue at present. The main question that often emerges in this aspect is about the review process adopted to screen the articles for publication. One of the most acceptable and proven process adopted in majority reputed international journals is peer reviewing.

Benefits of peer-review:

- Establishes the legitimacy of exploration based upon the expert information of different specialists in the order, consequently averting adulterated work from being acknowledged within an area of study.
- Provides significant criticism with the intention that scientists can revise and enhance their papers before Publication.
- Enables Journal editors to select the most important research findings for publication in their journals, based upon the subject, independent reviews of an expert group.
- The process of peer review is comprehended and acknowledged by the majority of researchers. The forum includes experts, those who have common area of interest, expertise and experience to evaluate the work to be published. The reviewers will be given priority utmost to reflect the appraisals of a research work and to extract the potentialities of the researcher.

List of Peer Reviewed Journals:

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Advances in Crop Science and Technology Open Access Official Journal of Arab Society of Plant Protection

Advances in Dairy Research Open Access

Agrotechnology Open Access

Aquaculture Research & Development Open Access Official Journal of Reef Ball Foundation

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Entomology, Ornithology & Herpetology Open Access

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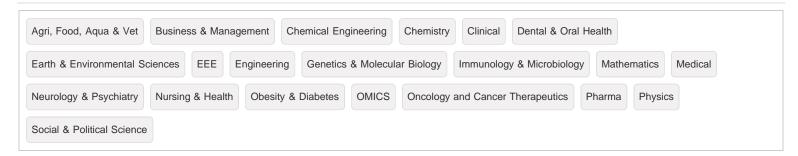
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