


Introducing the Asian Pacific Island Nursing Journal (APINJ)

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As the Dean of the Schools of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences at the University of Nevada Las Vegas (since 2004) and the Editor of Biological Research for Nursing (since 2002), I was both honored and delighted when Dr. Inouye shared with me that the Asian American/Pacific Islander Nurses Association (AAPINA) was interested in developing a journal and asked me to serve as consulting editor. I immediately arranged a phone call with Daniel Ruth, Senior Acquisitions Editor with Sage Publications, a leading international publisher of journals, books, and electronic media for academic, educational, and professional markets since 1965.

After many discussions and a few revisions of the journal proposal, Sage agreed to publish the Asian Pacific Island Nursing Journal (APINJ) as an online open-access journal. This is wonderful because it means that the work of AAPINA members and those of others doing work on the Asian American/Pacific Islander population will have a venue for rapid dissemination of their work. The content is available to readers anywhere and anytime at no cost and may easily incorporate multiple media sources such as links, images and sound. This will improve the research in this area and ultimately improve the healthcare of this population. The business advantage of this model is that this can be done cost-effectively without a guarantee of subscriptions.

Online open-access journals have been the subject of debate around recent publishing models. Many professionals have resisted this model and categorized all open-access journals as second rate. Some of these have been referred to as “Predatory” journals by Jeffrey Beall, an academic librarian, because of the high author charges and poor or non-existent review. This has led to confusion for authors and editors in the nursing profession. Therefore, it is appropriate to distinguish between these predatory journals and APINJ, published by a reputable publisher. The table below provides guidelines for evaluating the integrity of a journal. It has been adapted from “Predatory Publishing: What Editors Need to Know” written by the INANE Predatory Publishing Collaborative and published in the September 2014 issue of Nurse Author & Editor. Please keep these issues in mind when submitting manuscripts to any journals, especially those that you have not heard of or seen. Also, you can rest assured that APINJ will develop and evolve into a substantial journal with integrity. Your submissions to APINJ will assure the success and continuance of this journal.

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Guidelines for Evaluating the Integrity of a Journal.

Question	What to Look for	Red Flags	APPINA
Who is the Editor in charge of journal content?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A person who has a reputation in the discipline. Direct contact information for the editor is provided. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You cannot find any evidence of the Editor's standing in the discipline. There is no contact information. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Jillian Inouye is well-known for her research in this population. Her contact information is provided.
What is the journal's process for assuring quality of content?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A clear description of the process for review of manuscripts prior to publication is stated. The names & duties of the editorial, advisory or review panel members are listed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A promise of rapid review & publication (quality reviews take time). Mystification of those who are involved in the review process. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The review process is stated & is expected to take 4 weeks. The editorial board is clearly shown on the webpage.
Does the journal have sound business & publishing practices?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The journal & its publisher is a member of COPE. The journal is in the INANE/NA&E Directory of Nursing Journals. If the journal shows an impact factor, it is verifiable in the Journal citation Reports (Web of Science) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The publisher/journal is on Beall's List at Scholarly Q&A. The journal name or other information is suspiciously like another journal. The journal/publisher solicits manuscript using excessively complimentary emails. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sage Publications is a member of COPE. The journal has been vetted for inclusion & listed in the INANE NA&E Directory of Nursing Journals. It takes 3-5 years before a new journal will be eligible for consideration by the Web of Science.
Are there author processing charges?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information about author processing charges (APC), if any, is clear & easily accessible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Processing charges are not readily accessible or are unclear. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Processing charges are \$500 per article for APPINA member & \$1000 for non-APPINA members.
Is the journal associated with a professional organization?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Association with a known professional organization is clearly stated. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The association, if any, is completely unknown to you. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The journal is associated with APPINA.
Is the publisher a longstanding publisher of scientific literature?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The name of the publisher is well known. The publisher publishes other journals that you respect. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You have never heard of the publisher & are not familiar with the journals they publish. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sage has been in the publishing business for 50 years.

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