The dissemination of scholarly information through scholarly publishing is one of the most important requirements to be successful in academia. Approximately 25-45% of nursing scholarship has at least one reference error. Reference inaccuracy occurs in scholarly publishing because most faculty authors focus more on the writing than on the accuracy of the references or these authors inadvertently miss the reference errors. Nevertheless, inaccurate references hinder the retrieval of material if author names are misspelled or the year or volume number is incorrect. Also, this lack of precision can raise questions about the accuracy of other parts of the material and the overall quality of the faculty scholarship.

There are various strategies that authors can use to ensure reference accuracy: (a) the use of a reference manager software program ($100-$200/program), or (b) work with a copyeditor ($30-$50/hr). On the surface, the use of a copyeditor appears to be a more costly strategy than faculty use of a reference manager software. Also, many faculty do not have copyeditor skills; therefore, the use of a copyeditor may be the best strategy for faculty and university performance.

**Aims**

The aim of this retrospective study was to analyze the effectiveness of an internal copyeditor strategy in reducing reference inaccuracy in faculty-authored journal articles.