

Brief Interview with Dr. Elena T. Carbone

Journal of Nutritional Disorders & Therapy

1. How many years have you been associated with the current research?

Since 2000

2. What is the research topic you are working on now?

I'm study how people attend to and process health information and make decisions regarding the information they receive. I'm particularly interested in health and nutrition literacy. I conduct community-based work in the areas of obesity prevention, diabetes self-management, cancer prevention and food safety.

3. What are attributes for a quality article?

Use of a sound scientific process, with realistic and understandable objectives; methods and results must be relevant to the objectives and meet the mission of the journal. The article must also be clearly written with a logical flow of thought and grammar should be reviewed very carefully prior to submission.

4. Do you have any research funding (NIH or other national funding) now?

I am working on a community transformation grant funded by the CDC.

5. When did you become an editor of OMICS Journal?

In 2011

6. Where can the journal find the maximum scope in terms of niche?

This is a challenging question, as there is a surplus of journals. If the focus is primarily on international studies, perhaps more clearly defining what types of studies are acceptable. Many other journals focus on prevention; the fact that this one is targeted to disorders and therapies distinguishes it.

7. What is the purpose of serving as an editor?

To gain editorial experience and to review a variety of articles that help expand my breadth and depth of knowledge.

8. Do you have any patents?

No.

9. Have you contributed any editorials or papers (any types) to OMICS Journals in the past two years?

Yes.

10. Do you plan to contribute any editorials or papers to OMICS Journals in the next year?

It was my understanding that the editorials were a requirement of the position.

13. How would you define your experience with OMICS Group?

In general, it has been a positive experience. However, the types of articles I receive are often outside my realm of expertise; therefore, I can only provide feedback regarding grammar, style, format, rather than substantive input. I am particularly uncomfortable recommending reviewers in these cases. I also think the categories for the reviews should be more in keeping with other top-tiered journals:

-Accept (as is or with very minor revisions)

-Accept with revision

-Revise (and resubmit if the authors wish)

-Reject

I think it might also help to have a “Research Brief” section for those articles that have merit, but are just not large enough or well developed to constitute a full research article.

14. How do you differentiate Journal of Nutritional Disorders & Therapy with other Journals in the field?

Many more international studies, most of which are relatively small and of median quality overall regarding use of sound scientific principles.