

A small scale preliminary study in 'Scientometrics'

Dear Researchers and Faculty members in India

We Seethapathy GS and Santhosh Kumar JU, researchers in India, Seethapathy GS is a PhD candidate at University of Oslo (UiO-<http://www.uio.no/english/>) and partly affiliated to TransDisciplinary University (TDU-<http://tdu.edu.in/>) Bangalore, before joining UiO, he was a researcher at TDU, ATREE (<http://www.atree.org/>), and UAS-GKVK Bangalore (<http://www.uasbangalore.edu.in/>). Santhosh Kumar JU is a PhD candidate at Kuvempu University (KU-<http://www.kuvempu.ac.in/>) and partly affiliated to UAS-GKVK, Bangalore, before joining KU he was a researcher at IIHR Bangalore (<http://www.iihr.res.in/>) as well. Both of us also had an opportunity to do an internship at few of highly ranked foreign universities.

Apart from our main core research, both of us are very interested in Scientometrics research therefore we are planning to do a small pilot scale research about Indian research publications and its impact on world wide research. Therefore it would be great if you could share your ideas through this survey. It is quick and takes less than 7 minutes, and let's us innovate our network, teaching and research in India.

You are being invited to participate in this study anonymously and there are no risks associated if you, decide to participate in this study, and if you are not interested, you can also choose not participate in this study. The information collected may not benefit you directly, but the information learned in this study should provide more general benefits. This survey is anonymous web-based survey. No one will be able to identify you or your answers, and no one will know whether or not you participated in the study.

You are free to not to answer any particular question you do not wish to answer for any reason.

If you have any questions about this study, please contact

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***Required**

1. Would You like to participate in this study *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes *Skip to question 2.*
- NO *Stop filling out this form.*

About You

Some background information

2. Could you tell us your academic position in academic/research institutes in India? *

Mark only one oval.

- Faculty/Scientist/Professor
- Post Doctoral Researcher/Young Scientist
- PhD Candidate
- Other researchers

About you

Some background on your interests and publications

3. Could you tell us your scientific discipline? *

Mark only one oval.

- Arts and Humanities
- Business and Economics
- Social Science
- Earth Science
- Medicine
- Engineering
- Chemistry
- Physics and Astronomy
- Life Sciences
- others

4. Could you tell us the number of research articles you have published ? *

Mark only one oval.

- 1-5
- 5-10
- 11-19
- >20
- Not willing to answer

Skip to question 5.

Publication Details**5. Are you the corresponding author for most of the recent article you have published? ***

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Hard to Say
- Not willing to answer

Repository for Articles

6. Does your institute have the policy of depositing all your faculty publications in library repository? *

So that all faculty publication is available to anyone using the library

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Hard to say
- Not willing to answer

7. Do you aware of any such common repository is available within India for all Indian academic research publication? if so, Could you tell us

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Evaluation of Publication

8. Does any committee within your institute evaluate your research article after or before it's publication for its merits and demerits? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes *Skip to question 9.*
- No *Skip to question 10.*
- Hard to Say *Skip to question 10.*
- Not willing to answer *Skip to question 10.*

Ethical Committee

9. Could you tell us the name of the committee which evaluates the articles at your institute? *

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Open Access Journals

10. Do you know about open access journals? *

i.e., Anyone with Internet can access your article for free of cost

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Hard to say

Pay-for-Publication

Among two main models of Open Access, pay-for-publication is more predominant! i.e., the authors pay for publication (either from a grant, institutional funds, or their own resources)

11. Have you published in open access journals upon paying as 'Article Process Charges' either from a grant, institutional funds, or your own resources? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Not willing to answer

Open Access Journals

Few basic details on Article Processing Charges

12. Do you have provision in your research projects which covers 'Article Processing Charges' to pay for your article to get published in open access? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes *After the last question in this section, skip to question 15.*
- No
- Hard to say

13. Does your research institute have provision to pay for your article to get published in open access? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Not Willing to answer

14. In any case, have you paid your own money as Article Processing Charges? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Not Willing to answer

Is Publication?!

a Sense of Satisfaction and Achievement to the author/s

15. Do you agree publishing research article as an achievement/personal satisfaction towards your research? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
 No
 Hard to say

16. Do you have any in-built pressure in you to publish research article? For example, publishing research article provides you job opportunities/promotions? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
 No
 Hard to say
 Not willing to answer

17. if you could tell us your opinion on why you like/want scientific publication?

Is Publication?!

18. A PhD candidate, In order to submit/defend his/her PhD thesis, Having published 1-3 research article is an eligible criteria at your institute? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
 No
 Not willing to answer

Open access predatory journals

For more information about 'Predatory Journals' Please read in this database: <http://scholarlyoa.com/publishers/>

19. Do you 'aware' of a group of journals called 'Predatory'? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes Skip to question 20.
 No Skip to question 21.
 Hard to say Skip to question 21.
 Not willing to answer Skip to question 21.

Since, you are aware of open access predatory journals now

20. Some of your publication in predatory journal is due to your 'Unawareness' about predatory journals? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes *Skip to question 22.*
- No *Skip to question 22.*
- Not sure *Skip to question 22.*
- Not willing to answer *Skip to question 22.*

Since, you are unaware of open access predatory journals so far

21. Do you think that you have published in Predatory journals 'Unknowingly' ? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Not sure
- Not willing to answer

Further Interview and Suggestions

22. Will you be interested to participate in this survey in future? if so could you give us your e-mail ID and academic address! so that we will contact you further

23. Please let us know if you have comments!
