

# JOURNAL REVIEWER, BLINDED REVIEW, INTERNET BOASTING AND SELECTION OF QUALIFIED REVIEWER

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## ABSTRACT

The blind review is usually an important policy of international peer review journal. Sometimes, the problem of blinding disclosure can be seen due to the violation of good reviewing practice by the reviewer. It is necessary to have the qualified reviewer for reviewing process of any international journal. Here, the author reports and discusses on an interesting case study of a problem of a reviewer who boast that she was invited for reviewing of an international medical journal.

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## INTRODUCTION

In academic journal, an important consideration is the academic content. It is different from non-academic journal that the standard peer review process is necessary before acceptance of any article for publication. To decrease the bias in reviewing process is the important consideration. The blinded review is usually an important policy of international peer review journal. Sometimes, the problem of blinding disclosure can be seen due to the violation of good reviewing practice by the reviewer [1 -2]. It is necessary to have the qualified reviewer for reviewing process of any international journal. Here, the author reports and discusses on an interesting case study of a problem of a reviewer who boast that she was invited for reviewing of an international medical journal.

## CASE STUDY

The case is a case generated by an assistant professor in health science in a rural university in

Thailand. She posted an interesting picture with comment in her Facebook indicating that she was invited by an international medical journal from Pakistan to review a submitted article. She post the review invitation with the name of the submitted article on her Facebook and claimed for her proudness. Many local researchers clicked "Like" for her post with some comments.

This content was observed by a professor in the university and notified her that this practice could be a violation of good reviewing practice and conduct for reviewer. Therefore, she removed the post.

## DISCUSSION

The blinded review process is the favorable process for any standard international scientific journal. To achieve the success, the good selection of the reviewer is important. As noted by, "*common weaknesses of reviews were lack of specificity and inappropriate focus* [3]."

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In the present case, the selected reviewer lacks the knowledge on good reviewing practice and boasted the invitation for review in the Facebook. This practice should not be done since it directly invades the code of good reviewer in good reviewing practice.

Many new reviewers might feel proud when they get invitations from standard international journals. Some might perform unwanted behaviors such as posting the invitation on internet and this directly destroys the confidence of blinded review process. The journal should carefully select the reviewer and should have the note to the reviewer to follow the good reviewing practice. In case that there is a problem, such as

in the present case, no further reviewing invitation should be offered.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** None

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