

# Brief Interview with Dr. Ahmad Al Riyahi (Editor)

## Journal of Biodiversity, Bioprospecting and Development

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

One year of research related to iron deficiency anemia in chronic kidney disease.

Two years of research related to RNA interference (RNAi) in *Toxoplasma gondii*.

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

Iron deficiency anemia in chronic kidney disease.

3. What are attributes for a quality article?

The research aims at developing parameters that help in finding an appropriate balance between erythropoiesis and maintaining appropriate iron levels.

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

Not currently. However, previous related research was funded by Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS).

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

February 2014

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

Pharmaceuticals and pharmacological applications are very important for biodevelopment. Recent focus on nanotechnology will also promote this field. I believe this will be a great prospect for the journal.

7. What is your greatest career accomplishment?

I'm hopeful that my published findings will contribute to the development of novel drug targets for fighting the antibiotic-resistant *Toxoplasma gondii*.

8. How does the published scientific content assist the potential researchers?

My work on RNAi helped elucidate the biological process as well as potential pharmaceutical applications.

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

It broadens my scope of scholarly publications and keeps me updated with recent research findings in different areas. As well, it helps maintain a strong network with scientists of different backgrounds.

10. Do you have any patents?

No, however, I've deposited genomic sequences in public database under my name.

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

No.

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

Yes.

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

Very professional.

14. Your opinion on conducting Editorial Board meetings at related Conferences?

Great idea!

15. Would you recommend OMICS to your friends or colleagues?

Yes.

16. How do you differentiate Journal of Biodiversity, Bioprospecting and Development with other journals in the field?

It's a journal of great potential. I appreciate the unique scope of encouraging research and development while maintaining the safety and biodiversity of our biological system.