

Brief Interview with Sandra Hodge (Editor)

Pulmonary & Respiratory Medicine

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

15 years.

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

Chronic lung diseases including COPD, childhood bronchiectasis and non-Eosinophilic asthma.

3. What are attributes for a quality article?

A quality article should be easy to read and communicates results and analysis to the wider scientific community. A quality article logically addresses a specific, clearly presented and original research question. The article should clearly present the question in the Abstract and Introduction, then give enough detail in the Methods section to explain exactly how they addressed the question, and for the reader to reproduce the study if required. Results with appropriate and clear figures and correct statistical analyses are essential, as is a Discussion that clearly interprets the results and explores their relevance.

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

Yes, national funding.

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

3 years ago.

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

By continuing its record of publishing high-quality manuscripts in the field of pulmonary and respiratory medicine.

7. What is your greatest career accomplishment?

Being the first to identify a defect in the ability of alveolar macrophages to phagocytose apoptotic cells in smokers and patients with emphysema/chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and then identifying the defect as a therapeutic target that could reduce the chronic inflammation in this disease.

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

By presenting a broad view of interesting and often clinically relevant current research developments in the field of pulmonary and respiratory medicine.

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

Contributing to my profession; ensuring the peer-review process is fair, thorough, and performed within an acceptable period of time; and contributing to the revision and eventual publication of an interesting manuscript.

10. Do you have any patents?

Submitted.

11. Have you contributed any editorials or papers (any types) to OMICS

Journals in the past two years?

Yes, in JPRM 2012 (1) AND 2013 (2).

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

Probably.

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

Vary satisfying.

14. Your opinion on conducting Editorial Board meetings at related

Conferences? This is ideal.

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

Yes.

16. How do you differentiate Journal of Pulmonary & Respiratory Medicine with other journals in the field?

This journal is an excellent forum for the introduction and presentation of a very broad spectrum of both pulmonary and respiratory-related manuscripts, reviews and editorials and includes (but is not limited to) clinical research (eg, therapeutic investigations, allied health, epidemiology) and experimental and scientific findings (eg, molecular, immunological, genetic and cellular studies).