

Minutes of the First Beijing International Publication Ethics Conference of Medical Journals

The First Beijing International Publication Ethics Conference of Medical Journals was held during 1~2 June 2013, which was sponsored by News Office of Ministry of Health, Medical



Journal Branch of China Periodicals Association, Chinese Medical Association Publishing House, organized by Journal of Chinese General Practice, Chinese Clinical Trial Registry, West China Hospital, Sichuan University, and cosponsored by Society of China University Journals, Shanghai Society of Scientific & Technical Periodicals, WANFANG DATA CO. LTD.

Mr. Qun-an Mao, director of the News Office of Ministry of Health, and Mr. Feng Shi, Chair of the Medical Journal Branch of China Periodicals Association, talked about the contribution the medical journals for the development of medical and health enterprise, the huge challenges the medical journals are facing. They



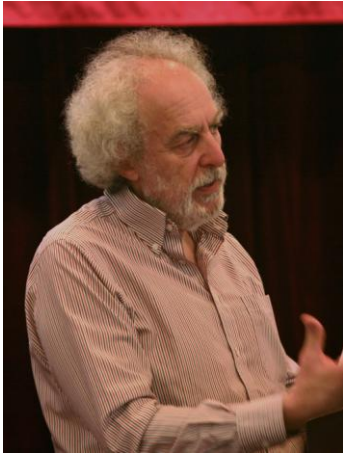
expressed their energetically support to the conference and development of publication ethics for medical journals on behalf of government and the guild society.



The invited speakers include Professor Suzanne Morris, the ombudsman of Committee of Publication Ethics (COPE); Professor

Michael Berkwits, the former secretary of the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE), and currently Deputy Editor, New Media, The JAMA Network; Professor Douglas Altman, leader of the EQUATOR Network (Enhancing the QUALity and Transparency Of health Research)





and CONSORT group, director of Centre for Statistics in Medicine, Oxford, UK; Professor David Moher, leader of CONSORT group, Ottawa Hospital Research Institute, Centre for Practice-Changing Research (CPCR), Canada; Professor Francis P Crawley, Executive Director of the Good Clinical Practice Alliance – Europe (GCPA); Vice Chief Editor

Stephanie Harriman, BioMed Central, United Kingdom;

A/professor Taixiang Wu, Administrator of Chinese Clinical

Trial Registry; Professor Zhaoxiang Bian, Associate

Vice-President, Associate Director, Institute of Creativity,

Director of Clinical Division, School of Chinese Medicine,

Hong Kong Baptist University; and Mr. Charley Miao, vice



director of International Development Department of WAN FANG Co. LTD. Their talks

regarded the publication ethics issues including prevention of the misconduct in

editing and publication, medical research reporting and clinical trial transparency,

clinical trial registration, authorship right of the research report, and so on.

The conference was initiated to establish a China Committee of Medical Journal Publication



Ethics (CCMJPE) aims to develop the guidelines and regulations

of publication ethics for the medical journals editors and

publishers. The committee will also be a platform for exchanging

information and education of publication ethics for the editors and

publishers. The mission of the committee is stated in the statement

that “making, disseminating and practicing the regulations of publication ethics among medical journals editors and publishers, to ensure the fair, responsible and transparency in health research and service practice process, include ethics review for the research and practice, development and producing of products, patients



nursing quality and safety, clinical trial registration and results reporting. To allow public to



be able to publically and fairly get research data, method and relative information, to improve the society public trust of health research and health

care service. The delegates of the conference decided to organize the publication ethics academic conference of medical journals regularly, expanding membership among the medical journals.

A special workshop “The EQUATOR day” was held in 2 June which focused on the reporting guidelines. 120 researchers took part in this workshop. Professor Taixiang Wu opened the day with introductions. Professors David Moher and Douglas Altman, as well as Dr. Stephanie Harriman from BioMed Central, delivered talks and practical session during the day. The rich resources of reporting guidelines of

clinical studies fascinated the audience, their questions to the speakers reflected their good understanding and interest in the talks.



Another great success was CONSORT for TCM workshop held on 3 June. 2013, co-chaired



by both Professor Taixiang Wu and Professor Zhaoxiang Bian. Twenty-three TCM experts and David Moher and Douglas Altman attended the meeting. The participants discussed some key

concepts of reporting TCM trials, and the timeline of publishing the formal version of the CONSORT for TCM. After the workshop, Dr. Yu Wenming, Vice-Commissioner of State Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine, and Ms. Wang, the director of International Cooperation Dept. of State Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine, met the main members of CONSORT for TCM working group, include David Moher, Douglas Altman, Taixiang Wu, Zhaoxiang Bian, Hongcai Shang, et al. Dr. Yu said that the State Chinese Medicine Administration fully supports the development and dissemination of CONSORT for TCM and will help ensure its wide spread use and dissemination.

