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## To anonymous, responsible of defamatory website “predatory.reports.org”

We like to emphasize:

- 1) Your anonymous website (<https://predatoryreports.org/news/f/list-of-all-frontiers-media-predatory-journals>) states now

*\* Only the journals owned by **Frontiers Media** were included in the list. Those only edited by Frontiers but owned by other societies have been removed from the list.*

IJPH and PHR are independent “society journals” owned by SSPH+, a not-for-profit Foundation of twelve Swiss universities. Frontiers does not have in any way any “editor role” in our society journals. We have completely independent editorial boards. Frontiers acts only as the publisher of what our editors have decided to publish in IJPH and PHR. You must correct your misleading statement about Frontiers “editing” our journals.

- 2) Your anonymous defamation website continues to list our journals here:

<https://predatoryreports.org/the-predatory-journals-2>

You must remove our journals immediately!

- 3) The SSPH+ Foundation Board reserves the right to file criminal charges against unknown persons for defamation and spreading lies, that fundamentally damage the reputation of our journals, thereby jeopardizing the revenues necessary to operate an independent editorial office, waive APC for LMIC authors, and support the training of PhD students.

Signed on behalf of SSPH+ and the Editors of IJPH and PHR, strongly objecting your concerted threats to the long-standing reputation of our journals

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