

Brief Interview with Dr. Donald G. Phinney

Translational Medicine

1. How many years have you been practicing and/or performing research?

I have been working as an independent investigator for approximately 15 years.

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

My laboratory is divided into two main areas of research. The first is adult stem cell biology and cell-based therapy and the other is development of novel cancer therapeutics.

3. What makes an article top quality?

Top quality articles describe innovative findings by using rigorous, complimentary methods of scientific investigation.

4. What are the qualities you look for in an article?

I look for redundancy in methodological approaches, reliability and consistency of results, clarity of writing, and innovative findings.

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

Yes.

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

2012.

7. What is your greatest career accomplishment?

The research we are currently pursuing is the most exciting and impactful of my career.

8. How does the research published percolate through to practitioners?

Historically, scientific discoveries that withstood scrutiny from the community at large were often translated to practice but we have entered an era when even untested

therapies are rapidly being advanced into the clinical arena. This is most evident in the cell therapy field.

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

I believe the purpose of an editor is to maintain a high standard of ethics in publishing, identify papers that are impactful and employ rigorous science, and provide constructive feedback to authors.

10. Do you have any patents?

Yes.

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

Yes.

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

Yes.

13. Do you have any trouble with OMICS Journals in the past?

No

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

Yes

15. How do you differentiate Translational Medicine with other journals in the field?

I believe Translational Medicine is unique based on the range of topics covered by the journal, the fact that it is open access, and the wide ranging expertise of the editorial board.