

Brief Interview with Dr. Michael A. Kirby

Anatomy & Physiology Current Research

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

I have been conducting funded research for nearly 35 years.

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

I am currently working on a second 5 year RO1 NIH project to determine the role of the spinal cord in labor and delivery.

3. What makes an article top quality?

How well it is designed, measured, referenced and written.

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

Good Introduction to explain why and what was done. A detailed Methods section, Results are correctly analyzed and clearly written. Finally, a Discussion that clearly covers the work of the papers and integrates it with previous work in the field, and a Reference section that adequately covers cited articles.

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

Yes.

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

Two years ago.

7. What is your greatest career accomplishment?

I was invited to give the keynote address to the Brazilian Medical Society describing my research on the development of the fetal primate retina.

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

Literature search, oral presentations.

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

To insure that only the best science is published.

10. Do you have any patents?

No.

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 near future ?

Yes.

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

No.

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

Yes, absolutely.

15. How do you differentiate Anatomy & Physiology: Current Research with other journals in the field?

This is one of the few journals that publish current topic(s) research in anatomy.

Although it also publishes physiology papers, for me its major advantage is the willingness to publish new anatomical findings.