

# Brief interview with Dr. Kevin Coombs (Editor)

## Journal of Medical Microbiology & Diagnosis

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

35; since 1979

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

Cellular protein responses to virus infection

**3. What makes an article top quality?**

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

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

Yes; Canadian Institutes of Health Research

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

2011

**7. What is your greatest career accomplishment?**

So far, identification of specific cellular proteins that appears to completely protect

against influenza virus infection. However, this preliminary in vitro work still needs to be replicated in vivo.

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

Too slowly. There are a variety of trade journals, whose reviewers attempt to skim and consolidate some of the many articles that are published.

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

To keep abreast of what is happening in the field, to provide guidance to the field, and to serve as a gatekeeper to ensure scientifically sound material is disseminated.

**10. Do you have any patents?**

Yes; 1

**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 near future?**

Depends upon “near” definition. Probably in 3-5 years

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

Editorial communications are cumbersome and it often is not clear what is being asked of editors/reviewers. There also appears (at least in the past – hopefully, this has been corrected) poor communication between the editorial office and authors.

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

Possibly