

To

The Editor,
Indian Journal of Medical Ethics.

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Respected Sir,

We are writing to submit an article titled **"Flood of COVID-19 related fake publications - reputed journals should not drown."**

This is to confirm that the article is original and has been co-authored by the undersigned. Both authors have participated in the work sufficiently to meet the ICMJE guidelines for authorship. Both have read and approved the manuscript.

In this manuscript, we have raised the concern regarding the current problem of undesired and fake publications riding on the COVID 19 wave.

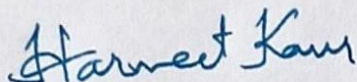
We believe that this short manuscript is appropriate for publication by Indian Journal of Medical Ethics because being a reputed journal it should highlight this problem and set a precedence for others too.

This manuscript has not been published and is not under consideration for publication elsewhere. We have no conflicts of interest to disclose. This research was not funded by anybody.

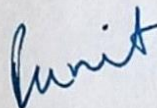
We give consent to Dr Harmeet Kaur to act as the author for correspondence. We have read the terms and conditions of authorship of IJME and accept them.

Thank you for your consideration!

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