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DONATION THANK YOU

In February, we received an individual donation sufficient to operate at our current level for approximately four months! This was our largest individual donation to date and exceeded several of the corporate grants we have received. As always, we are grateful for any donation in any amount from those who use this free resource.

HIJACKS AND SCAMS OF ALL SORTS IN THE WORLD OF ACADEMIC PUBLISHING

The world of academic (including scientific, perhaps especially scientific) publishing has fallen prey to several types of scams, to wit: predators publishers, predatory standalone journals, misleading metrics companies, and hijacked journals. The extent of these schemes is breath-taking. To learn about them (and thus avoid falling prey to them), refer to the work of librarian extraordinaire Jeffrey Beall.

<https://scholarlyoa.com/2015/01/02/bealls-list-of-predatory-publishers-2015/>

REMINDERS

New Feature

In our effort to increase the depth of the content on WIKISTIM, we have begun to add data that we collected from SCS reports for evidence tables created before WIKISTIM datasheets were available. These tables were not as comprehensive as the WIKISTIM datasheets but nevertheless provide valuable information that we can present without waiting until we have the time to hyper-abstract the articles in question completely. To see which datasheets are partially completed, click on “Status” on the right-hand side of the heading of the list of [SCS searchable papers](#). “Partial” will appear, followed by “Completed.”

North American Neuromodulation Society and Neural Interfaces Conference Joint Meeting

We are pleased to report that we will present a session on “Maximizing the Value of Neural Interface Data” at the [NANS2/NIC conference](#) in June in our hometown, Baltimore.

The goal of the session will be to explain how the way something is reported predicts what will be reported and to demonstrate that by presenting a better way to conduct studies and publish data, WIKISTIM will be a positive influence on the quality of the data that will be published as well as on the

way these data are analyzed in relation to the findings of other neural interface studies.

We will address the following:

- What shortcomings exist with current peer-reviewed publication and meta-analysis paradigms;
- How the neural interface research community can work collaboratively using WIKISTIM to improve 1) study design (resulting in more rigorous, useful, and robust methods of gathering data) and 2) the research reports that present these data (resulting in more thorough reporting);
- How WIKISTIM can extend the useful life of neural interface research data and make these findings immediately accessible and easy to analyze and visualize in light of other reported data (that is, shape research findings to enhance them, preserve them, and make them more widely and easily evident and accessible); and
- Why the neural interface research community is uniquely positioned to benefit from and shape the future of the WIKISTIM model

CURRENT STATUS

Our 8 new subscribers in January increased our total to 315. Please continue to encourage your colleagues to register for access to our free resource.

March 1st numbers (These numbers might not add up from month to month as we make corrections. See appendix below for list of new citations.)

- 315 subscribers (48 new)
- SCS citations 1876 (13 new)
- DBS citations 1707 (36 new; 29 Parkinson's; 5 OCD, 2 epilepsy)
- SNS citations 764 (11 new)
- PNS citations 26 (list remains preliminary—update in progress to be reported next month)
- DRG citations 31 (0 new)
- GES citations 470 (1 new)

CONTINUING PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

- Encourage people to earn CME credits by filling in datasheets
- Transform our datasheets into forms that can be completed online easily
- Include additional sections, with VNS next in line
- Optimize performance on various platforms (screen sizes, browser types, etc.)
- Create forms for online data submission, with easy checkboxes when applicable
- Link data fields to additional information (e.g., descriptions and preferred uses of study designs and outcome criteria, authors' CVs, etc.)
- Incorporate cutting edge data visualization graphics that will update immediately as data are extrapolated from papers and uploaded
- Offer a dynamic user experience, including the ability to save searches and customize the way the site behaves
- Secure continued funding
- Continue to make quality improvements

HOW THE NEUROSTIMULATION COMMUNITY CAN HELP

- Submit extracted data from published reports of your choice, or use our datasheets as a guide when you plan your study and write your paper, and then submit the datasheet to us upon journal acceptance.
- Notify us about any reports we might have missed that contain primary data on SCS, SNS, DRG,

PNS, GES, DBS/OCD, DBS/Epilepsy, or reports you would like to see added for DBS/PD.

- Suggest website improvements (and thanks to those who have done this—we have incorporated your suggestions to the best of our ability).

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