

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

You lookin' at me?

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The recent paper by Cohen and colleagues [1] provides a fascinating glimpse into the anatomy of a peer review fraud. We commend the authors and the journal for providing an unvarnished view of how such a fraud was perpetrated.

However, we wonder in turn about the rigor of the peer review process leading to the publication of this article. In reference to the profile shown in Figure 1, the authors write

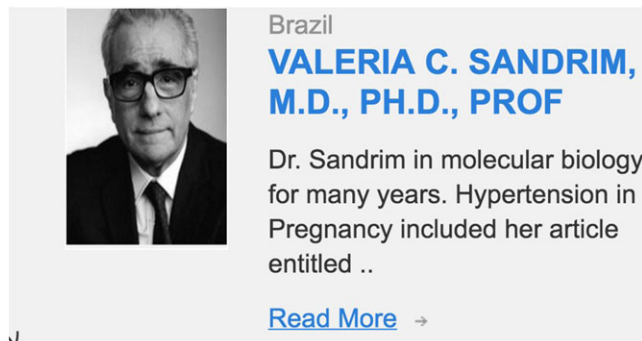


Figure 1

This image from <http://www.editpub.net/index.php> depicts neither Valeria C. Sandrim nor Henry Kissinger, but rather Martin Scorsese. A permanently archived copy of the website is available at <https://web.archive.org/web/20160415020858/http://www.editpub.net/index.php>

'Readers can check for themselves, but it is hardly conceivable that a Brazilian female researcher has the picture of Henry Kissinger by accident'.

Readers can check for themselves, but it is hardly conceivable that this photograph of Academy Award-winning director Martin Scorsese has been misidentified as a picture of Henry Kissinger by accident.

Sincerely,

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Competing Interests

There are no competing interests to declare.

Reference

- 1 Cohen A, Pattanaik S, Kumar P, Bies RR, Boer A, Ferro A, *et al.* Organised crime against the academic peer review system. *Br J Clin Pharmacol* 2016; 81: 1012–17.