

Dear Editorial committee BMJ,

Please find enclosed the revised version of our manuscript “Unidentified retracted articles in publisher’s websites, bibliographic databases, social academic networks, and Sci-Hub black open access website: a problem that should no longer be ignored” which we would like to resubmit for publication in BMJ.

We would like to thank Jennifer Rasanathan for her helpful criticism and recommendations that have helped us to improve this article. We also want to thank her for her advices and proposals to fit the style and aims of the analysis section.

The manuscript has been re-written following all comments and recommendations (please see the revised manuscript marked copy).

Please note that the wordcount in this final version is 2129 (excluding the references and words in boxes and tables).

All authors have approved the revised version. We believe that we have addressed Jennifer Rasanathan’ comments at length and that our revised version will satisfy her recommendations.

Sincerely,

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