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Company History

In 2009 we were acquired by and registered as an official trademark of the Olisa Foundation—a private Texas nonprofit corporation with offices in El Paso, Texas; Washington DC; Abuja, Nigeria and Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Currently, the evolution of **American Journal of Biological Defense** or **AmJBioDfn** started with humble beginnings in San Diego CA in 1998 when we were founded as the Biological Agents Company as a sole proprietorship of former US Naval Chemical Biological and Radiological Defense (CBRD) Officer— Nzedegwu Olisa. Soon afterwards we incorporated in Washington DC in 2000 as the Biological Agents Professional Corporation. During this time—believing that key to mitigating cross-border infectious and communicable disease outbreak and associated public health concerns would require biologic and macroeconomic interventions that change human behavior, we sought and received ISSN and US Trademark protection from both the US Library of Congress and US Patent and Trademark as an Open-Source, Peer Reviewed Periodic Academic online **Health Security** journal specializing in publishing **Evaluation, Efficacy and Impact Research** in the emerging and holistic field of **Contagion Risk Management**. Separately, *Biological Agents® Index* remains in use as our proprietary free AI-Insilco tool for bioinformatics and public health capacity building. See US Copyright(s) TXu001101217;TXu001597164 ; TXu001068657.

Furthermore, some of the interdisciplinary research that meet our publication criteria include the following: **Macroeconomics; Public Health; Public Policy; International Affairs; International, Humanitarian and Finance Law; Finance and Banking; Computer Science; Media and Journalism; Sociology; Education; Psychology; Medicine; Food Science and Biotechnology**.

Finally, but interestingly, in the early years, Biological Agents Company researched and developed medicines and AI that formed the current backbone of our company. Significantly, **Olisferrol® (Braunmycin)**, and to build public capacity in the field of health security, **AmJBioDfn | AI** powers **Biological Agents® Index (BAI)** online infectious disease surveillance and a periodic Health Security manual available at www.biologicalagents.com. To conclude, we strive for and maintain an internationally diverse Editorial Board of experts.

Rules, Regulations and Policies

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1.0. General Responsibilities

General responsibilities are applicable to our Journal Press staff, Editors and Reviewers herein referred to as Peer Review Publication Team (PRPT).

- **Privacy:** PRPT will keep all information, knowledge and wisdom derived from assigned manuscript submitted by intending authors private and confidential unless otherwise authorized in writing by submitting author.
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- **Productive Valuation:** Peer Reviewers will adopt the approach of capacity building. That is feedback should have the impact of continuous improvements. This will be achieved by identifying limiting aspects of the research productively, recommending possibilities for improvement as needed with clear and concise communication for Authors and the PRPT. This will be achieved by including proper citations of prior research, anecdotal facts, or current best practices while at the same time reporting all intentional or unintentionally plagiarized material to include systematic errors coming from an Authors or their affiliations.

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3.0. Responsibilities of Publisher and Editorial Board

Specifically, Publisher has general responsibility of policy making while the Editorial Board has the responsibility of policymaking and oversight to collectively have the impaction of complying with US and International standards for academic and periodic peer review publishing for the sole impact of industry quality and excellence.

Additionally, Publisher and Editorial Board ensure adoption of US and International best practices and guidelines while using feedback from Editors(s), Reviewers, and Authors. The Publisher and Editorial Board have the responsibility of generating, complaining and instituting policies for monitoring and ensuring fairness, equity, productive, cost efficient and effective peer-review and editorial process. Finally, the general goal here is to positively impact and build global health security capacity but to specifically manifest the following Impact Goals:

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1. To provide feedback to Authors that continuously build socioeconomic and scientific capacity.
2. To identify, enhance and mentor new and experienced Peer Reviewers to ensure that author information in articles is of the highest quality and legible for all to read.

3. To support Editors through the evaluation process so manuscripts comply within the scope of the journal.
4. To select and staff the most efficient and effective Editorial Board to ensure journals utmost integrity with respect to properly administering manuscript retractions, corrections, and addition of supplemental data.
5. To Advise the Publisher and his Associates on best practices needed to produce the most impactful and high-quality manuscripts for our readers.
6. To identify and institute the best corrective measures to mitigate plagiarism of any kind.

4.0 Responsibilities of the Publisher and Journal

Specifically, Publisher and Journal has responsibility to formulate policy and make decisions in consultation with members of the Editorial Board but specifically to implement the following criteria:

1. Confidentiality,
2. Timeliness,
3. Fairness and Equity,
4. Consideration and implementation of US and International regulatory guidelines, policies and best practices that communicate recent and novel socioeconomic and scientific information pertaining to scope of AmJBioDfn.
5. Provide constructive recommendations to all stake holders as necessitated for continuous improvement towards knowledge production and dissemination by adopting acceptable publication best practices as it pertains to peer reviewed and periodic journals.
6. Ensuring innovative and efficient web development, web management, social media management for journals and articles with the help of the staff members.
7. Ensuring "Open Access" for all publications by AmJBioDfn.

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Furthermore, Authors must provide legible reproducible data and information of nature that supports presented figures and tables.

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- **Submissions:** Go to www.AmJBioDfn.org/submission to submit manuscripts. Additionally, All submitted articles should be on a standard letter page with one” margins all round in addition to the following:
 1. Single spaced
 2. 12 fonts.
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