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Afternoon Talk on
Open Access and Predatory Journals

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Afternoon Talk on Open Access and Predatory Journals

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1. Predatory Journals, Open Access, and us

Predatory Journals (in Japanese : 粗悪学術誌, ハゲタカジャーナル)

- intend for only revenue from publication fee paid by authors
 - > abuse of the business model for **Open Access** Journals
- Their peer review is poor/inappropriate, or not done, and the quality of published papers is not guaranteed

It has become a hot topic in the press of the Mainichi Shimbun in Japan

* The red underlined parts are trial translations of the headlines

- 粗悪学術誌：ネットで急増 査読ずさん、掲載料狙いか 2018-04-03
Predatory Journals rapidly increase on the Internet and take away publication fee through poor peer review.
- 粗悪学術誌：日本から5000本 東大や阪大 論文投稿、業績水増しか 2018-09-03
Predatory Journals published 5000 papers of Japanese institutes, such as Univ. of Tokyo and Osaka Univ, which researchers might use for padding their performance.
 - > **Hokkaido University** is the 7th largest in Japan (74 papers in nearly 15 years)
- 粗悪学術誌：九大が対策 国内初 投稿巡り注意喚起 2018-09-03
Kyushu Univ. takes measures against Predatory Journals the first in Japan, or calls its researchers' attention to posting papers.
- 粗悪学術誌：対策に大学本腰 聞き取り、投稿ルール 掲載上位の名大、新潟大 2018-10-10
Universities are serious against Predatory Journals. Nagoya Univ. will interview the researchers who submitted papers to those journals. Niigata Univ. will set a rule on posting papers.

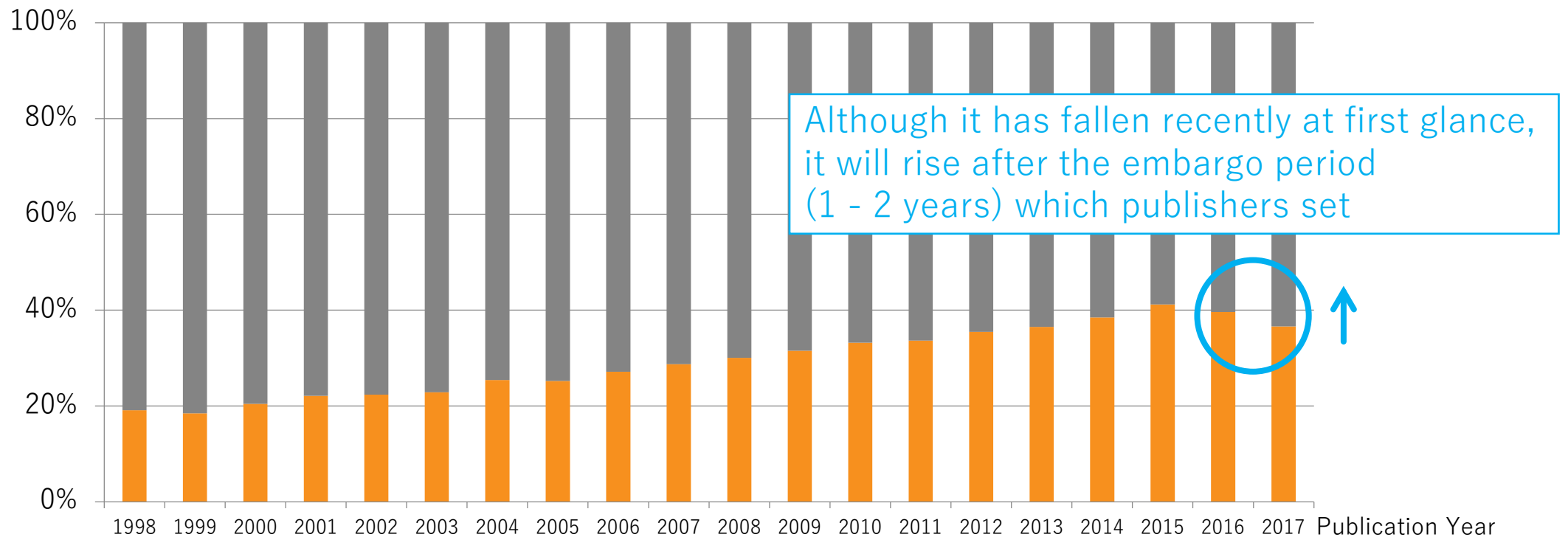
> For details, search “Maisaku (每索)” for “粗悪学術誌”

https://dbs.g-search.or.jp/WMAI/WMAI_ipcu_login.html

2. Open Access

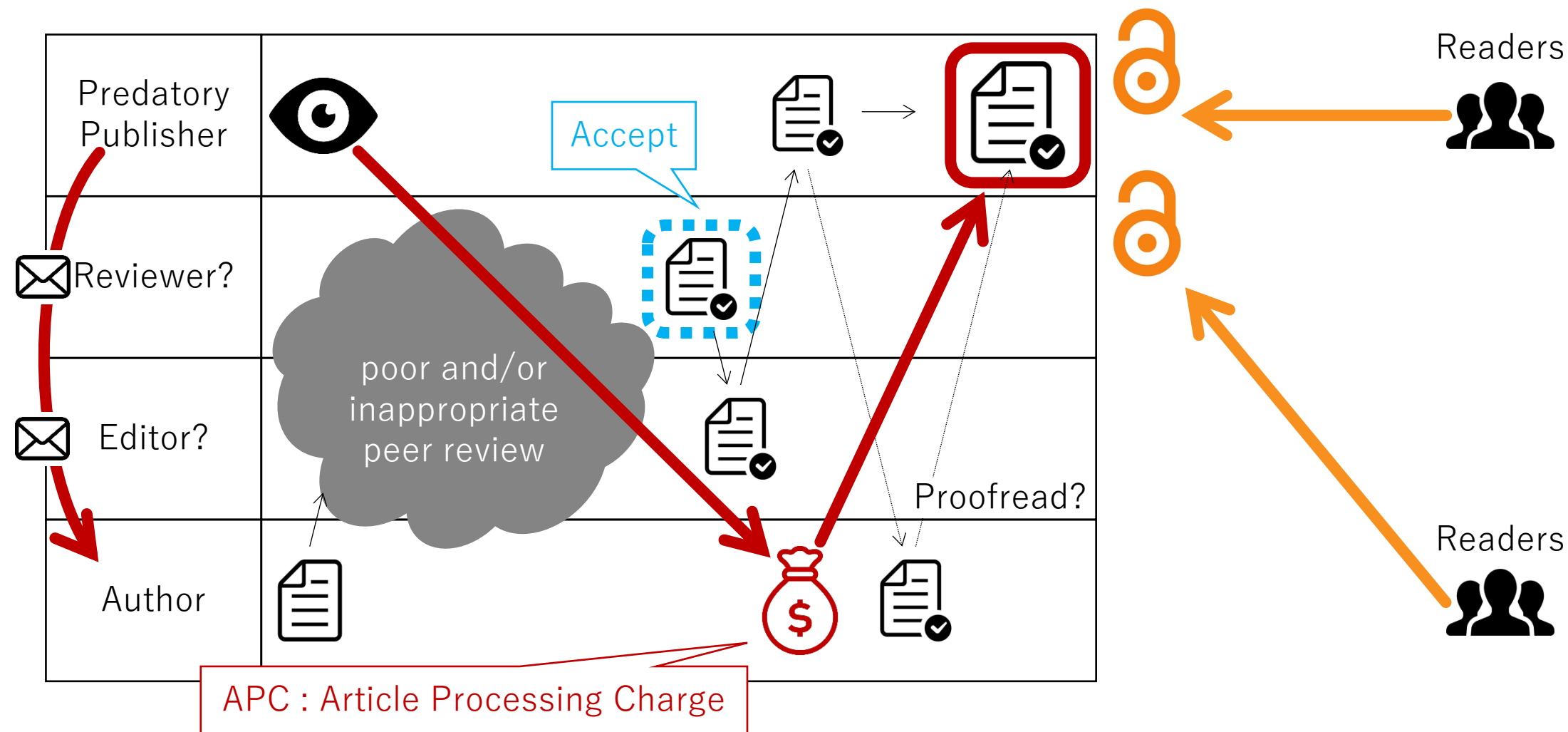
To publish research works on the Internet
and make them available for free by everyone

Open Access rate of papers of Hokkaido University
- 20% of papers published in 1998 > 40% in 2017



We can check whether a paper is open access on Web of Science by collaborating with ImpactStory (accessed 2018-10-18)
Search Criteria : Indexes=SCI-E, SSCI, A&HCI Document Types=Article, Review Organization-Enhanced=Hokkaido University

3. Predatory Journals



Predatory publishers urge authors to post papers for the purpose of their APC
Research works through only inappropriate or poor peer review are published

3. Predatory Journals

Serious concerns

Doubts on the validity of research works

- The research works are less found and less evaluated because scholarly literature databases do not collect them
- Oversights due to poor peer review may be distributed on Google, etc.

Troubles on paying APC

- Some cases where billing is more expensive than initially presented APC

Lack of publishing process

- Some cases where predatory publishers won't respond to withdrawal of the paper
 - > The paper can not be posted to another journal because it becomes "dual submission"
- Doubts about permanent storage and access of the papers

Damaging social reputation of the author and his university

- We can know whose papers are published in predatory journals because predatory journals are open access and some blacklists are made
- The cheated APC is originally a public grant

4. Not to be involved in Predatory Journals

1. Know their features
2. Check the whitelists by the scholarly publishing industry
 - Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE)
 - Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)
3. Check the scholarly literature databases which have selection criteria
 - Scopus (Elsevier's database)
 - Web of Science Core Collection (Clarivate Analytics' database)
4. Check blacklists
 - Beall's List of Predatory Journals and Publishers, and so on
5. Verify the metrics which the journals express by themselves

4. Not to be involved in Predatory Journals

1. Know their features

13 features of Potential Predatory Journals

Shamseer, Larissa, et al. "Potential predatory and legitimate biomedical journals: can you tell the difference? A cross-sectional comparison." BMC medicine 15.1 (2017): 28.

<https://doi.org/10.1186/s12916-017-0785-9>

1. The scope of interest includes non-biomedical subjects alongside biomedical topics
2. The website contains spelling and grammar errors
3. Images are distorted/fuzzy, intended to look like something they are not, or which are unauthorized
4. The homepage language targets authors
5. The Index Copernicus Value is promoted on the website
6. Description of the manuscript handling process is lacking
7. Manuscripts are requested to be submitted via email
8. Rapid publication is promised
9. There is no retraction policy
10. Information on whether and how journal content will be digitally preserved is absent
11. The Article processing/publication charge is very low (e.g., < \$150 USD)
12. Journals claiming to be open access either retain copyright of published research or fail to mention copyright
13. The contact email address is non-professional and non-journal affiliated (e.g., @gmail.com or @yahoo.com)



4. Not to be involved in Predatory Journals

2. Check the whitelists by the scholarly publishing industry

Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE) - Members

<https://publicationethics.org/members>

12,036 journals (including non-OA journals) join COPE (accessed 2018-10-23)

The screenshot shows the COPE Members page with a dark header containing the COPE logo, a search bar, and navigation links (Home, About COPE, Core Practices, Resources, Cases, Membership, News, Events, Contact Us). Below the header, there's a 'Members' section with a bar chart and two tabs: 'MEMBERS SEARCH' and 'PUBLISHERS'. The main content area displays search results for 'MEMBERS SEARCH', showing 'Showing 1-25 of 12095 results.' and an 'Order by: Title' dropdown. A list of journals is shown, including '2D Materials' (Editor-in-Chief: Professor Vladimir Fal'ko), '3D Research' (Editor-in-Chief: Eun-Soo Kim), '4OR' (Editor-in-Chief: Mr Philippe Baptiste), 'A Current Bibliography on African Affairs' (Editor: Dr Roger Moeller), and 'AACN Advanced Critical Care' (Editor-in-Chief: Dr Mary Fran Tracy). On the right side, there's a search sidebar with input fields for 'Name (optional)' and 'Any country', a 'Search' button, and two sections: 'Search by type' (listing Journal (12036), Associate Corporate (32), Associate Member (27)) and 'Search by subject' (listing Medicine (2997), Life Sciences (1648), Psychology, Social and Behavioural Sciences (1154), Economics, Finance, Business and Industry (1083)).

4. Not to be involved in Predatory Journals

2. Check the whitelists by the scholarly publishing industry

Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)

<https://doaj.org>

12,917 peer-reviewed OA journals pass the rigorous screening and are registered (accessed 2018-10-23)

The screenshot shows the DOAJ website homepage. At the top left is the DOAJ logo and the text 'DIRECTORY OF OPEN ACCESS JOURNALS'. Below this is a navigation bar with links: Home, Search, Browse Subjects, Apply, News, About, For Publishers, API. A search bar is prominently displayed with the text 'Search DOAJ' and a search icon. Below the search bar are checkboxes for 'journals' and 'articles', and a link for '[Advanced Search]'. To the right of the search bar, a statistics box shows: 12,197 Journals, 9,189 searchable at Article level, 128 Countries, and 3,433,751 Articles. Below the search bar is a section titled 'Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)' with a brief description of the directory and its funding. Below that is a 'Latest News' section with three news items, each with a title, a short summary, and a 'Read More...' link. To the right of the main content area is a sidebar with a language selection dropdown, a list of links (FAQs, OAI-PMH, XML, Widgets, Open Access Resources, Transparency & Best Practice, Download metadata, Journals Added/Removed, New Journals Feed), a link for 'Funding for sustainable Open Access (incl. SCOSS)', and links for 'Our members', 'Our publisher members', 'Our sponsors', and 'Our volunteers'. At the bottom of the sidebar are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Google+, and YouTube, and a 'SUPPORT DOAJ' button. At the bottom left of the page, there is a link to 'Read more DOAJ news on our news page'.

4. Not to be involved in Predatory Journals

3. Check the scholarly literature databases which have selection criteria

Scopus

<https://www.scopus.com/sources>

- World's largest scholarly literature database
- selects 24,683 peer-reviewed (active) journals
- Hokkaido University does not subscribe, but we can check its covered journals on the Internet
- * The number of its journals is based on the title list described in the next slide (accessed 2018-10-22)

Scopus 検索 収録誌 アラート リスト ヘルプ

収録誌

タイトル タイトルを入力

項目を選択して絞り込み

適用 フィルタをクリア

表示オプション

- Open Accessジャーナルのみを表示
- 以下の出版物のみを表示
- 最低 0 件の文献 (過去3年間)
- Citescore上位区分
- トップ10%のタイトルのみを表示
- 99-75パーセンタイル
- 74-50パーセンタイル
- 49-25パーセンタイル
- 24-0パーセンタイル

出版物タイプ

- Journals
- Book Series

39,647 件の結果

出版物名	CiteScore	最大パーセンタイル
Ca-A Cancer Journal for Clinicians	130.47	99% 1/120 Hematology
MMWR. Recommendations and reports : Morbidity and mortality weekly report. Recommendations and reports / Centers for Disease Control	63.12	99% 1/87 Epidemiology
Chemical Society Reviews	39.42	99% 2/359 General Chemistry

収録誌詳細

Academic Journal of Cancer Research

Scopus収録期間: 2010 ~ 2013 (Scopusの収録が中止)

出版社: International Digital Organization for Scientific Information (IDOSI)

ISSN: 1995-8943

分野: Biochemistry, Genetics and Molecular Biology: Cancer Research; Medicine: Oncology

Scopus Journal Metricsにアクセス

SJR 2016 0.102

SNIP 2016 0.330

Scopus収録期間

出版年	文献数	操作
2010	7 件の文献	引用分析

Note that inactive and/or discontinued journals also are hit here
* There are reasons for discontinuation

4. Not to be involved in Predatory Journals

3. Check the scholarly literature databases which have selection criteria

Scopus - the Source title list / the Scopus Discontinued titles list

<https://www.elsevier.com/solutions/scopus/how-scopus-works/content>

The image shows a screenshot of the Elsevier website with several annotations and two Excel spreadsheets. The website content includes a navigation menu, a link to 'Learn more about Content Selection and Title Re-evaluation Policies', and three download links for source and book title lists, and a link to discontinued titles. The Excel spreadsheets show columns for Source Record ID, Source Title, Print-ISSN, E-ISSN, Active or Inactive status, Coverage, and Article language in source. The first spreadsheet is titled 'ext_list_September_2018.xlsx' and the second is 'Discontinued-sources-from-Scopus_Sept_2018.xlsx'.

Learn more about Content Selection and Title Re-evaluation Policies

You can download the title list (including cancelled titles) and the discontinued title list from the bottom of the link above

Looking for something else?

Content types included on Scopus are either serial publications that have an ISSN (International Standard Number) such as journals, book series and some conference series, or non-serial publications that have an ISBN (International Standard Book Number) like one-off book publications or one-off conferences. To check if a title is on Scopus, visit the freely available Source Title page, or consult the titles lists below.

- Download the Source title list (XLSX, 16.2 MB)
- Download the Book title list (XLSX, 14,4 MB)
- Check the Scopus Discontinued titles list (XLSX, 101,5 KB)

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Web of Science Core Collection - SCI-E, SSCI, A&HCI, & ESCI

<http://webofknowledge.com/wos>

Web of Science Core Collection

データベースを選択 Web of Science Core Collection

基本検索 引用文献検索 詳細検索 + その他

例: Cancer* OR Molecular Cancer

出版物名 検索 検索のヒント

タイムスパン 全範囲 (1900 - 2018)

詳細設定

- Science Citation Index Expanded (SCI-EXPANDED) --1900-現在
- Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI) --1900-現在
- Arts & Humanities Citation Index (A&HCI) --1975-現在
- Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI) --2015-現在

前回更新されたデータ: 2018-10-22

Hokkaido University

Japanese Support Page

Web of Science by Clarivate Analytics

- World's largest scholarly literature database
- All the index files of journals are available in Hokkaido University
- famous for its rigorous selection criteria
- The collection has covered 20,687 peer-reviewed journals by the addition of the new index file, ESCI since 2015
- * The number of the covered journals is based on the Master Journal List described on the next slide (accessed 2018-10-22)

4. Not to be involved in Predatory Journals

3. Check the scholarly literature databases which have selection criteria

Web of Science - Master Journal List

<http://mjl.clarivate.com>

On the Internet we can check the journals covered by Web of Science Core Collection, and also the journals of other index files, whose criteria differ from the collection above

Clarivate Analytics Master Journal List

Master Journal List

Search our Master Journal List

Search Type: Title Word

Search

Journal Lists | Journal Evaluation | Scope Notes

Journal Lists for Searchable Databases

Web of Science Core Collection
Arts & Humanities Citation Index
Science Citation Index Expanded
Social Sciences Citation Index
Emerging Sources Citation Index

Subject Indexes on the Web of Science platform
Biological Abstracts
BIOSIS PREVIEWS
Biological Abstracts/RRM
Zoological Record

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Current Contents / Agriculture, Biology & Environmental Sciences
Current Contents / Arts & Humanities
Current Contents / Clinical Medicine
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4. Check blacklists

Beall's List of Predatory Journals and Publishers

<https://beallslist.weebly.com>

BEALL'S LIST OF PREDATORY JOURNALS AND PUBLISHERS

[PUBLISHERS](#) [STANDALONE JOURNALS](#) [CONTACT](#) [OTHER](#) [THINK CHECK SUBMIT](#)

Search for standalone journals (name or URL)

Potential predatory scholarly open-access journals

Instructions: simply enter the journal's name or its URL in the search box above. If the journal has a publisher that was assessed to be predatory, then it is included on the [Publishers](#) list.

Original list

This is an archived version of the Beall's list - a list of potential predatory journals created by a librarian [Jeffrey Beall](#). We will only update links and add notes to this list. A list of new predatory journals is available below the original one.

- Academic Exchange Quarterly
- Academic Research Reviews
- Academy of Contemporary Research Journal (AOCRJ)
- ACME Intellectuals
- Acta de Gerencia Ciencia (CAGENA)
- Acta Advances in Agricultural Sciences (AAAS)
- Acta Kinesiologica
- Acta Medica International
- Acta Scientiae et Intellectus
- Acta Velit
- The Advance Journals of Engineering Mathematics and Computer Sciences (AJEMCS)
- Advance Research Journal of Multidisciplinary Discoveries
- The Advanced Science Journal
- Advances in Aerospace Science and Technology (AAST)
- Advances in Biomedicine and Pharmacy (ABP)
- Advances in Forestry Letter
- Advances in Science, Technology and Engineering Systems Journal (ASTESI: ASTES)

Original description

This is a list of questionable, scholarly open-access standalone journals. For journals published by a publisher, please look for the publisher on the list of publishers, [here](#). This list is...

those of predatory journals have been added to the list. The criteria for determining predatory journals are here.

We hope that tenure and promotion committees can also decide for themselves how importantly or not to rate articles published in these

- An anonymous postdoctoral researcher has taken over the list of potential predatory journals and publishers, which had been published by Jeffrey Beall, a university librarian and now closed.

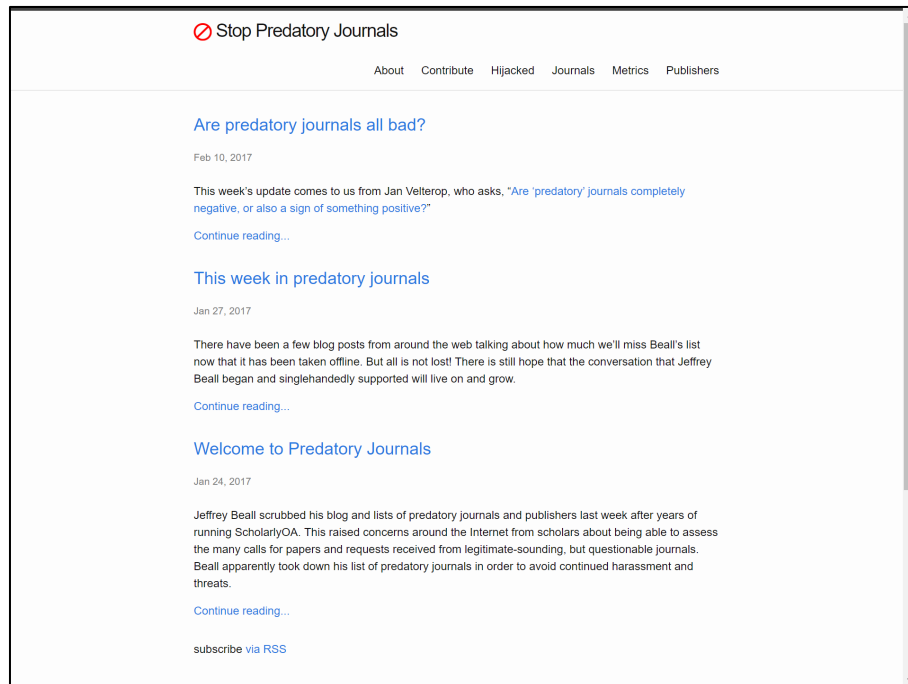
- This consists of (Beall's) Original list and Update

4. Not to be involved in Predatory Journals

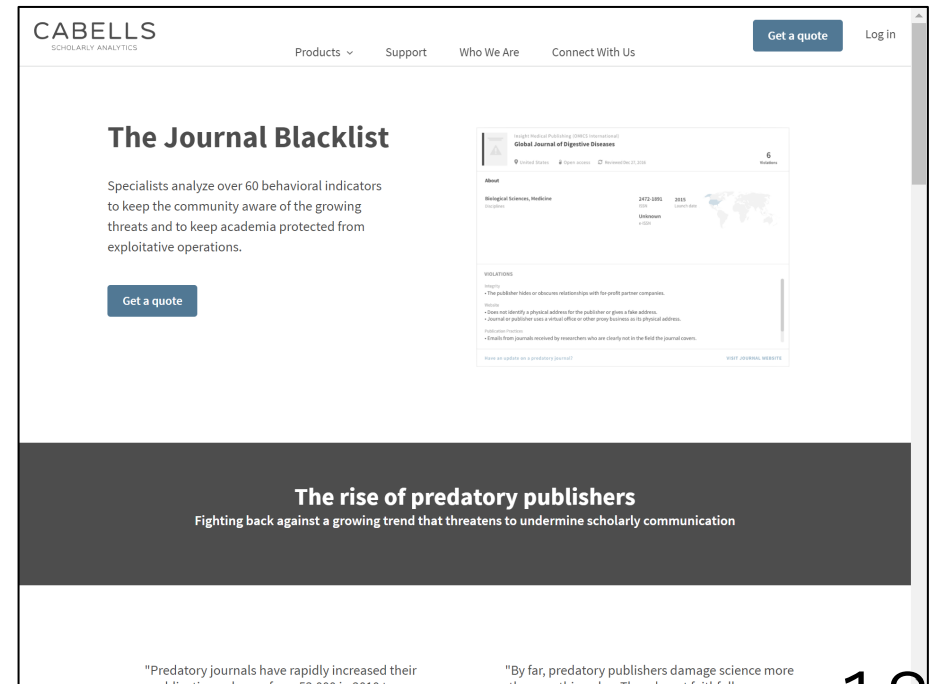
4. Check blacklists

Other blacklists

- Stop Predatory Journals
<https://predatoryjournals.com>
the archive of the Beall's list?
no update since Feb. 2017?



- Cabell's Blacklist (& Whitelist)
<https://www2.cabells.com/about-blacklist>
<https://www2.cabells.com/about-whitelist>
charged
(only institutional subscriptions)



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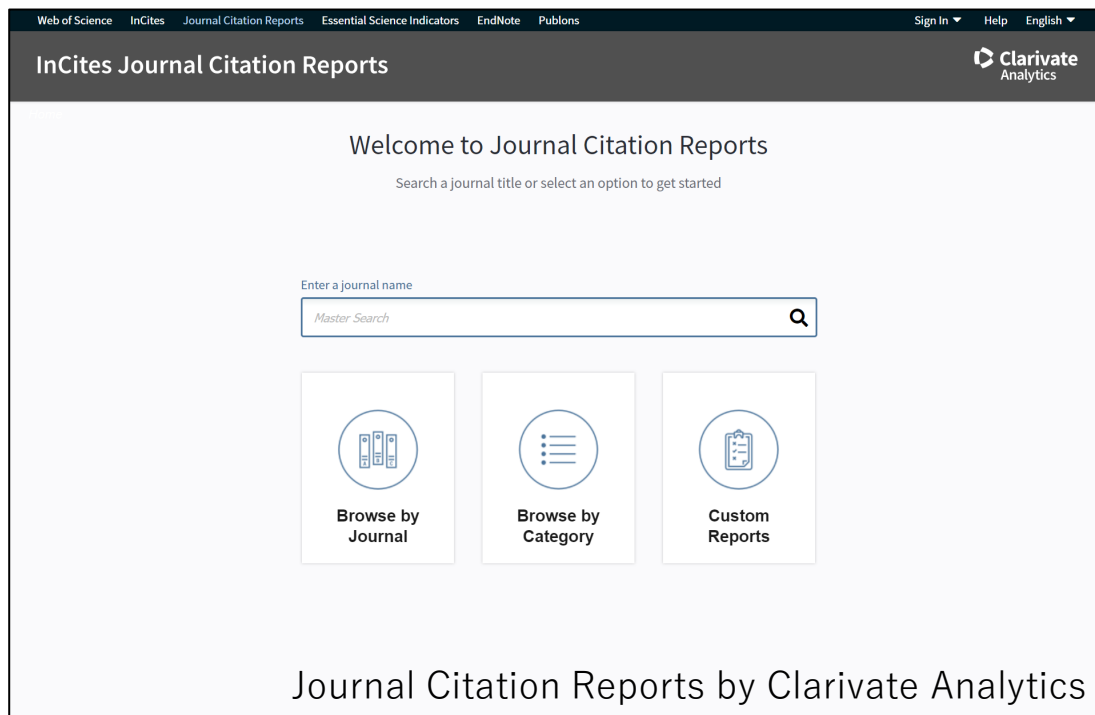
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Journal Impact Factor : JIF, one of the most famous metrics

- calculated and provided by Clarivate Analytics
- for only the journals covered by SCI-E or SSCI of Web of Science Core Collection (i.e. top journals of natural science or social sciences)
- The first JIF of a journal needs 3 years from the first issue

- We can check JIF on Journal Citation Reports (JCR)

<http://jcr.incites.thomsonreuters.com>



4. Not to be involved in Predatory Journals

5. Verify the metrics which the journals express by themselves

Various impact factors are mentioned, but **neither** is the JIF of Clarivate Analytics at least

International Journal of
CURRENT ADVANCED RESEARCH
Quality in open access publishing
Impact Factor: 2016- 5.995 ICV: 61.97

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GLOBAL Impact factor 0.543

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Identific quality, scientific quality,

IJCEM JOURNAL
SJIF Impact Factor 3.135,
IBI Impact Factor 3.76,
INDEX COPERNICUS 59.85,
ITRDA Impact Factor 4.129
DJQF Quality Factor 0.80
COSMOS Impact Factor 4.232
GLOBAL IMPACT FACTOR 0.543
ISI Impact Factor 4.482

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FACTOR : 4.482)

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VALUE : 59.85)

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COSMOS Impact Factor 4.232
GLOBAL IMPACT FACTOR 0.543
ISI Impact Factor 4.482

Biochemistry Journals Impact Factors List

Journal Name	Journal Impact Factor*	Citations Report
Biochemistry & Analytical Biochemistry	2.63	Citations Report
Journal of Glycobiology	1.8	Citations Report
Journal of Plant Biochemistry & Physiology	1.55	Citations Report
Enzyme Engineering	1.33	Citations Report
Biochemistry & Physiology: Open Access	0.8	Citations Report
Journal of Membrane Science & Technology	0.59 1.29 (5 Yr Journal Impact Factor)	Citations Report
Bioenergetics: Open Access	0.47 0.82 (5 Yr Journal Impact Factor)	Citations Report

Medical Sciences Journals Impact Factors List

Journal Name	Journal Impact Factor*	Citations Report
Journal of Cancer Science & Therapy	3.15 1.22 (5 Yr Journal Impact Factor)	Citations Report
Dentistry	2.83 2.08 (5 Yr Journal Impact Factor)	Citations Report
JOP. Journal of the Pancreas	2.1 2 (5 Yr Journal Impact Factor)	Citations Report
Emergency Medicine: Open Access	2.0	Citations Report
Journal of Arthritis	1.83	Citations Report
Journal of Bone Research	1.83 0.813 (5 Yr Journal Impact Factor)	Citations Report
Gynecology & Obstetrics	1.56 (5 Yr Journal Impact Factor)	Citations Report
Journal of Sports Medicine & Doping Studies	1.54 1.75 (5 Yr Journal Impact Factor)	Citations Report
Journal of Yoga & Physical Therapy	1.36	Citations Report
Journal of Lung Diseases & Treatment	1.33	Citations Report

- "Open Access Journal Impact Factors" of the OMICS Journals
- According to the description at the bottom of the webpage, It is based on Google Scholar Citation Index

5. Literacy, calm, and communication are important

Think. Check. Submit.

<https://thinkchecksubmit.org>

<http://thinkchecksubmit.org/translations/japanese>

The screenshot shows the English version of the Think. Check. Submit. website. At the top, there are three buttons: 'THINK' (with a red exclamation mark), 'CHECK' (with a green checkmark), and 'SUBMIT' (with a green arrow). Below this is the text 'Choose the right journal for your research'. A navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Think', 'Check', 'Submit', 'About', 'Languages', 'FAQ', and 'Think. Check. Attend.'. The main content area features a video player with a cartoon illustration of a person at a computer. To the right of the video is a 'Get involved - sign up for our mailing list here:' form with fields for 'Full name' and 'Email address', a 'SEND' button, and a red 'Click to support!' button. Below the form, it says '1500 people have clicked to show their support so far'. There is also a 'Latest news' section with a link to 'Take part in the Think. Check. Submit. 2018 Survey'.

The screenshot shows the Japanese version of the Think. Check. Submit. website. At the top, there are three buttons: 'THINK' (with a red exclamation mark), 'CHECK' (with a green checkmark), and 'SUBMIT' (with a green arrow). Below this is the text 'Choose the right journal for your research'. A navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Think', 'Check', 'Submit', 'About', 'Languages', 'FAQ', and 'Think. Check. Attend.'. The main content area features a green 'JAPANESE' button. Below this is a paragraph of Japanese text. To the right is a 'Get involved - sign up for our mailing list here:' form with fields for 'Full name' and 'Email address', a 'SEND' button, and a red 'Click to support!' button. Below the form, it says '3 people have clicked to show their support so far'. There is also a 'Latest news' section with a link to 'Take part in the Think. Check. Submit. 2018 Survey'.

I think the followings are important:

- beware sweet words
(excessively flattering call for papers, too short publication process)
- do not lose to the pressure of “Publish or perish”
- consult with your boss and colleagues (and also library staff!)

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