

Evaluating open access publishing opportunities:

Recognizing and avoiding predatory journals

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Hello!





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Overview

- Introduction
- Predatory journal basics
- **Tools and strategies**
- **Examples**
- **Wrap-up and questions**



Why are we talking about this?

- Academic publishing is complicated, and it can be confusing
- Academic publishing has wide impacts: on authors, researchers, institutions, readers, and more
- Graduate students and other new researchers don't always come into their programs and roles with knowledge of these issues



01 Introduction

Open access and publication funding models



Closed access



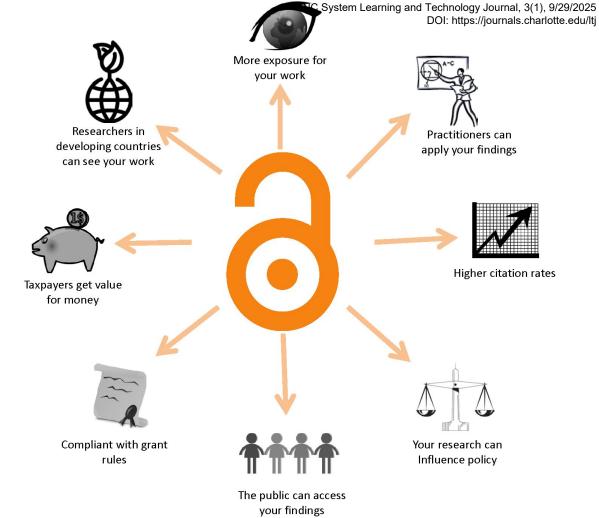
- Traditional, subscription-based academic publishing
- Online content is behind a paywall
 - Funded through subscriptions. In an academic setting it is generally the institution's library that is paying to subscribe (not individual readers)

Open Access (OA)



- Free-to-read online scholarship (no sign-ins, no paywalls, no subscriptions)
- Associated with higher readership and higher citation rates than closed access!
- Funded through institutional subsidies and/or through APCs

Benefits of open access





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APC



- Article Processing Charge
- Funding model used by some open access journals
- Authors pay these fees to the publisher; publishers use these fees to recover costs and to generate revenue
- APC costs vary and can range from nominal to exorbitant

Paying to publish??

That sounds potentially problematic ...

Does that mean anyone can pay to publish anything in open access journals?



Open vs closed - what does it most hitps://journals.charlotte.edu/ltj for peer review and journal quality?

- Quality OA journals implement and follow rigorous peer review and editorial standards - just like quality subscription-based journals
- While APCs are part of publishing in many OA journals, a legitimate OA journal will not charge any fees until after your article is reviewed and accepted for publication

Looking for an OA journal with no APO: https://journals.charlotte.edu/ltj

Try the
Directory of
Open Access
Journals
(DOAJ)



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Peer review practices matter, the policy of the policy of

- With any journal you're considering closed or open access - look for information about peer review policies on their website
 - What type of peer review do they use?
 - What does "peer reviewed" mean to them?

Just like subscription-based journals, OA journals can have varying levels of impact, quality, and prestige

But in the open access realm, we also have to watch out for predatory journals



02 Predatory journal basics

Predatory journals?

"Predatory journals and publishers are entities that prioritize self-interest at the expense of scholarship and are characterized by false or misleading information, deviation from best editorial and publication practices, a lack of transparency, and/or the use of aggressive and indiscriminate solicitation practices"

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Let's break it down

- Prioritization of self-interest (\$\$\$)
 But not all for-profit publishers are predatory
- At the expense of scholarship
 But failing to follow best practices in scholarly publishing isn't always a sign of bad intentions
- Characterized by false or misleading information
 If a journal is deliberately misleading authors and readers, that's a very bad sign
- Aggressive and indiscriminate solicitation practices
 These journals will email anyone and everyone they can, inviting article contributions regardless of an individual's credentials or field

Notes: "predatory" termino of the policy of the prediction of the

Some consider for-profit publishers with high APC costs (and high profit margins) to be predatory - unrelated to journal quality. (That's not what we're focusing on today.)

And note that some people prefer other terms instead of "predatory" - deceptive, exploitative, fraudulent, junk, etc

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They want to make money from your scholarly work without adding any value.

- Predatory journals charge publication fees without providing quality control (peer review) or publishing services such as copyediting, layout, and proofreading.
- They mislead authors by presenting themselves as providing these services.
- It isn't always easy to recognize a journal or publisher that is mis-representing itself

Predatory publishing: What's the impact?

- 1. Wasted money, including tax dollars and grant funds
- 2. Authors who publish with predatory journals may have the legitimacy of their scholarship called into question, which can seriously impact their careers
- Un-reviewed scholarship is presented as having been vetted; readers are misled, which can have serious consequences

There are different types of predatory journals charlette.edu/ltj

- **Imposter**: a legitimate journal exists, but its title, ISSN, web design, URL (or a near-match of one of those) is used by a fully false organization with no relationship to the established journal
- Hijacked: a journal that was legitimate has changed management or changed editorial policy so that the content has drifted from legitimate to fraudulent
- **Zombie**: a legitimate journal that has ceased publication (often losing its domain name), and its title is resumed by a fraudulent actor
- And just plain old predatory journals that aren't pretending to be a different (legitimate) journal, but are still operating under deceptive practices

Many predatory journals claim to be open access.

And since many legitimate OA journals and predatory journals use APCs as their payment model, we have to be careful when selecting an OA journal to publish in



Tools and strategies for evaluating journal quality

If you receive an email solicitation to publish in a journal that you don't know, or if you see a call for contributions to a special issue from an unfamiliar publisher or journal, investigate before you consider submitting your work

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Tips for handling potentially solicitations

- 1. Research the journal before you consider responding
- 2. Don't click on links directly in the email (start with your search engine)
- 3. Look at the journal website do you see red flags with language, grammar, or other issues?
- 4. Look at some of the journal's recently published content. Predatory journals may sometimes include scholarship that can stand on its own but you may also see nonsensical or out-of-scope papers
- 5. Don't just read what the journal says about itself. Look for external information (lateral reading!). You can do this by using your preferred search engine to look up the journal
- 5. Still not sure? Need a second opinion? Check to see if your library provides support in this area

Gathering information about journal Jo

- Use your search engine of choice to search for the journal, publisher, or conference name and the word "predatory"
- Check the Directory of Open Access Journals (<u>DOAJ</u>)
- Check other academic search indexes is the journal or its content included?
- Wikipedia can sometimes provide information about journal or publisher history/behavior (and links with documentation)
- Consult online tools like <u>Think. Check. Submit.</u>, <u>Journal Evaluation Tool</u>, or the <u>Hijacked Journal Checker</u>

But remember:

Things can change over time (journal practices, publishers, editorial boards, etc)
And the internet doesn't know everything.

Also note:

You don't have to use all of these strategies and tools every time you want to evaluate a journal

Just consider this to be your toolbox you choose what tools to use and when to use them

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Is the journal indexed?

- Where does the journal say it is indexed? (check its website)
 - Are they actual, legitimate scholarly indexes?
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 - Consider checking your preferred indexes or search systems to see if you can find content from the journal



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Only if you can answer 'yes' to the questions on our check list

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- Can you easily identify and contact the publisher?
- Is the journal clear about the type of peer review it uses?
- Are articles indexed in services that you use?
- Is it clear what fees will be charged?
- Do you recognize the editorial board?
- Is the publisher a member of recognized industry initiatives? (<u>COPE</u>, <u>OASPA</u>, <u>DOAI</u>, others?)

Journal Evaluation Tool

- Created by librarians at Loyola Marymount University
- Available online, can be used by anyone
- Offers a rubric and scoring sheet to aid in evaluating journal characteristics

Criterion	Good (3)	Fair (2)	Poor (1)
Step 1. Journal evaluation			
Web search for the	The journal is within the top 5 entries on the first page of search	The journal is on the first page of search results but not within the	The journal is not on the first page of search results or there is at
journal	results and there are no scam alert postings.	top 5 entries and there are no scam alert postings.	least one scam alert post about the journal.
Journal name	The journal name cannot be confused with another journal.	The journal being evaluated has a name similar to another journal but is able to be distinguished between the two.	The journal being evaluated is unable to be distinguished from another with a similar name.
Editorial board	The editorial board is listed with their full names and institutional affiliation.	The editorial board is listed with their full names only (no affiliation).	There is no editorial board listed.
Review process	The journal states whether it is peer reviewed/edited and has a review policy listed.	The journal states whether it is peer reviewed/edited and has no review policy listed.	The journal does not state whether it is peer reviewed/edited and has no review policy listed.
Conflicts of interest	The journal thoroughly and clearly states a conflicts of interest policy, including how it will handle potential conflicts of interest of editors, authors, and reviewers.	The journal states a conflicts of interest policy, but the description of how conflicts will be handled is unclear.	The journal does not state a conflicts of interest policy.
Journal website	The journal website is competently designed and functional. (examples: no broken links, easy navigation, no missing information)	The journal website is adequately designed with passable functionality. (examples: adequate navigation, few broken links, some missing information)	The journal is poorly designed and is not functional. (examples: broken links, poor navigation, missing information)
Revenue sources	The journal clearly states its business model. This includes any revenue sources, like author fees, subscriptions, advertising, reprints, institutional support, and organizational support.	The journal's business model lacks clarity when stating its revenue sources, like author fees, subscriptions, advertising, reprints, institutional support, and organizational support.	The journal does not state its business model.

Some websites track predatory journals.cha

- Exercise judgement and critical thinking when using these sites/lists
- Consider who is creating and maintaining the list
- Look for the criteria used in creating the list
- How old is the list/site? Is it still updated and maintained?
- Example:
 - Retraction Watch <u>Hijacked Journal Checker</u>

Keep in mind - it might not be predatory, its charlotte.edu/tj might just be:

- A vanity press: generally pay-to-publish; no peer review or quality control is offered by the publisher
- A commercial or marketing opportunity: non-academic companies are increasingly reaching out to researchers, offering services to showcase or promote scholarship to the public through marketing or the creation of media (that you would be expected to pay for)
- A legitimate scholarly publishing opportunity: While it can be uncommon to see direct email solicitations from legitimate journals, it can happen!

Dear Dr.

I would like to speak with you concerning your work on the A comprehensive model of women's social cognition and responsiveness to infant crying: Integrating personality, emotion, executive function, and sleep paper.

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How can I recognize a predatory journal? Examples

Unfortunately, there's no one criterion that can be easily applied across all journals

There are many potential red flags-and some gray areas-and every situation is a little different

Not sure about a journal or publisher? Color https://journals.charlotte.edu//tj

- 1. Does this solicitation relate to my area of expertise?
- 2. Has my information been harvested from a legitimate site?
- 3. Does the scope of this publication make sense?
- 4. Is this a realistic publication timeline?
- 5. Who is the person or publisher soliciting my work? Do I know or recognize them?
- 6. Is this a professional communication?
- 7. How much is this going to cost?
- 8. Is this journal really what it claims to be?

Does this solicitation relate to my area of expertise?

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 Many predatory journals contact potential authors indiscriminately, without any regard for the journal's supposed scope or the author's area of work

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As a librarian with no engineering expertise, is can delete this solicitation immediately

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It is great pleasure and an honor to extend you a warm invitation to attend the is going to be held on Sept 22-23, 2022 in Barcelona, Spain.

We came through your article entitled "Local Name Authorities and Linked Data: The Landscape", we appreciate your work and we thought your expertise work conference.

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- Many predatory journals pull citation information from legitimate publications, then contact those authors directly
- 2. Watch out for solicitations that address you in a name format you associate with citations

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These journals also sometimes use keywords to try to match your published article to their scope (with potentially hilarious results)

Here, my name and article title were pulled from a recent publication

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ISSN Online: 2640-0588 Current Issue: Vol.3, No.3, 2019

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(3) Periodontology	(9) New scientific instrumentation or procedures

(4) Endodontology

Does the scope of this publication make sense?



- Most reputable journals publish within a niche under a broad discipline, and they have reviewers with expertise in that area
 - a. Do the journal's aims and scope align with your work?
 - b. Do the journal's aims and scope make sense?
 - c. Is the journal actually publishing works that fit within their stated scope?
- 2. Look for "Journal information," "Aims & Scope," or "About the Journal" on the journal website

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 - a. Are they affiliated with a university or research institution? Are they writing from an institutional or organizational email account?
 - b. What is the role of the person who is reaching out? Does it make sense that they would be soliciting content for a legitimate publication?
 - c. Are they a legitimate researcher in my discipline or field? Have they been duped into guest editing a special issue for a predatory publication?

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Is this professionalism?

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Watch out for flattery

Respected Dr. Anna R Craft,

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I have faith in you that your one article contributes the most to our journal.

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Await your positive response.

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- 1. Are there APCs associated with this journal? If so, is there clear information about publication costs, currency used, and how payments are made?
- 2. Does the journal request payment in a currency that is associated with the country where the publisher claims to be located?
- 3. The use of APCs is a common practice in open access publishing including with legitimate journals. Journal policies around costs should be transparent and easily accessible. If something seems fishy, avoid it!

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- Pay careful attention to the publication title. Some predatory journals use titles that mimic existing legitimate journals. Some predatory journals even publish under the exact same titles as legitimate journals (imposters!)
- 2. Also consider that journals are sometimes transferred to new leadership or new publishers, and this can affect practices and quality in the future (hijacked! zombies!)

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If a journal is unfamiliar to you, evaluate it carefully before submitting your work



05 Wrap-up And questions

Evaluating journal quality can be DOI: https://journals.charlotte.edu/ltj challenging, but there are tools to help!

- <u>Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE)</u> <u>tools</u> and <u>resources</u>
- Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)
- <u>Journal Evaluation Tool</u>
- Think. Check. Submit.
- UNCG <u>Predatory Journals Tutorial</u>

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THANKS!

Any questions?

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