

Mind the Gap:  
Best Practices to  
Prevent Falling for  
Predatory Publishers  
and Conferences

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***MIND THE GAP***

## Part 1: Predatory Journals

# Skills

Know	Know what resources are available to identify potential journals for manuscript submission, and how to access them.
Understand and apply	Understand and apply criteria for journal selection.
Understand	Understand the difference between a legitimate and a predatory open access journal.
Apply	Apply criteria for vetting a journal prior to submission.

# In a nutshell...

The total number of scientific journals launched between 1665 – 2007.



The total number of scientific journals launched in the last 10 years.



# Finding a journal for manuscript submission

- ◆ Elsevier Journal Finder  
<http://journalfinder.elsevier.com/>
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<https://journalsuggester.springer.com/>
- ◆ JANE  
<http://jane.biosemantics.org/>
- ◆ Directory of Open Access Journals  
<http://doaj.org/>
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# Elsevier Journal Finder

<http://journalfinder.elsevier.com/>

- ◆ Enter title and abstract of your manuscript
- ◆ Matches your manuscript to Elsevier journals
- ◆ Open access filter

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# RESULTS

- ◆ Publication Type – OA or Subscription
- ◆ Cite Score
- ◆ Decision Time
- ◆ Publication Time

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**CiteScore**  All journals 

**Time to 1st decision**  All journals 

**Publication type**  OA Journals that offer Gold OA  
 S Journals with subscription

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Showing 47 journals matching your paper

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<b>Enfermeria Clinica</b> OA S ISSN: 1130-8621 	Text match score 	Top matching keywords primary care	CiteScore 0.33	Impact Factor -	Acceptance rate 28%	Time to 1st decision 10 weeks	Time to publication 31 weeks
<b>Journal for Nurse Practitioners</b> OA S ISSN: 1555-4155 	Text match score 	Top matching keywords primary care	CiteScore 0.33	Impact Factor 0.700	Acceptance rate 29%	Time to 1st decision 2 weeks	Time to publication 15 weeks
<b>Applied Nursing Research</b> OA S ISSN: 0897-1897 	Text match score 	Top matching keywords primary care	CiteScore 1.53	Impact Factor 1.327	Acceptance rate 13%	Time to 1st decision 6 weeks	Time to publication 2 weeks
<b>International Journal of Nursing Studies</b> OA S ISSN: 0020-7489 	Text match score 	Top matching keywords primary care	CiteScore 4.32	Impact Factor 3.570	Acceptance rate 34%	Time to 1st decision 3 weeks	Time to publication 8 weeks
<b>Nursing Outlook</b> OA S ISSN: 0029-6554 	Text match score 	Top matching keywords primary care					

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- ◆ Enter title and abstract of your manuscript
- ◆ Matches your manuscript to Springer and BioMed Central journals
- ◆ Various filters

# RESULTS

- ◆ Entire Manuscript
- ◆ Publication Type – OA or Subscription
- ◆ Impact Factor
- ◆ Acceptance Rate
- ◆ Time to Decision
- ◆ Indexing Services

Suggest journals

## Journal of General Internal Medicine



4,606  
Impact factor

-  
First decision (average)

-  
Acceptance rate



## Pediatric Rheumatology



2,673  
Impact factor

48 days  
First decision (average)

48%  
Acceptance rate



## BMC Palliative Care



2,922  
Impact factor

122 days  
First decision (average)

48%  
Acceptance rate



## The Journal of Behavioral Health Services & Research



1,343  
Impact factor

121 days  
First decision (average)

35%  
Acceptance rate



## Journal of Religion and Health



1,253  
Impact factor

191 days  
First decision (average)

41%  
Acceptance rate



## Public Health Reviews



-  
Impact factor

66 days  
First decision (average)

52%  
Acceptance rate



## BioPsychoSocial Medicine



1,197  
Impact factor

33 days  
First decision (average)

27%  
Acceptance rate



## Implementation Science



4,525  
Impact factor

25 days  
First decision (average)

16%  
Acceptance rate



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- ◆ Find journals, articles, authors

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 "autism spectrum disorders, stress, parents, family practice, nursing "

# RESULTS

## ◆ KEYWORDS:

- ◆ Autism spectrum disorders
- ◆ Stress
- ◆ Parents
- ◆ Family practice
- ◆ Nursing

Confidence	Journal	Article Influence ?	Articles
	Journal of autism and developmental disorders <span>Medline-indexed</span>	1.3	Show article
	Autism : the international journal of research and practice <span>Medline-indexed</span>	1.2	Show article
	PloS one <span>High-quality open access</span> <span>Medline-indexed</span> <span>PMC</span>	1.1	Show article
	Journal of psychosocial nursing and mental health services <span>Medline-indexed</span>	0.2	Show article
	Disability and rehabilitation <span>Medline-indexed</span>	0.6	Show article
	Journal for specialists in pediatric nursing : JSPN <span>Medline-indexed</span>	0.4	Show article
	Family process <span>Medline-indexed</span>	0.5	Show article
	Journal of intellectual disabilities : JOID <span>Medline-indexed</span>		Show article
	Revista de neurologia <span>Medline-indexed</span>	0.1	Show article
	Issues in mental health nursing <span>Medline-indexed</span>	0.9	Show article
	Archives of disease in childhood <span>Medline-indexed</span>	1.1	Show article
	Sch Psychol Q	1.2	Show article
	Autism research and treatment <span>High-quality open access</span> <span>PMC</span>		Show article
	Comprehensive psychiatry <span>High-quality open access</span> <span>Medline-indexed</span>	0.7	Show article
	Community mental health journal <span>Medline-indexed</span>	0.4	Show article
	Journal of clinical nursing <span>Medline-indexed</span>	0.5	Show article
	Neuropsychiatric disease and treatment <span>High-quality open access</span> <span>PMC</span>	0.5	Show article
	American journal on intellectual and developmental disabilities <span>Medline-indexed</span>	0.9	Show article
	Child and adolescent psychiatric clinics of North America <span>Medline-indexed</span>	0.6	Show article
	Clinical child and family psychology review <span>Medline-indexed</span>	2.8	Show article
	Journal of child neurology <span>Medline-indexed</span>	0.5	Show article
	Developmental neurorehabilitation <span>Medline-indexed</span>	0.5	Show article
	East Asian Arch Psychiatry <span>Medline-indexed</span>		Show article
	Journal of family theory & review	1.7	Show article
	Zhonghua er ke za zhi = Chinese journal of pediatrics <span>Medline-indexed</span>		Show article
	Intellectual and developmental disabilities <span>Medline-indexed</span>	0.6	Show article

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Enter keywords

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Filter options include subject discipline, publisher, language, license



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Intensive care, First aid (3)

Psychology (3)

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Persian (11)

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Chinese (3)

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Polish (3)

Korean (2)

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Open peer review (3)

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<input type="checkbox"/> 1	International Journal of Nursing Studies <a href="#">Check for full-text @ UMMS</a>	4.32	97% 3/111 General Nursing	2,555	592	84
<input type="checkbox"/> 2	Journal of Nursing Scholarship <a href="#">Check for full-text @ UMMS</a>	2.97	95% 6/111 General Nursing	665	224	76
<input type="checkbox"/> 3	Journal of Advanced Nursing <a href="#">Check for full-text @ UMMS</a>	2.66	94% 7/111 General Nursing	2,184	820	79
<input type="checkbox"/> 4	Journal of Nursing Management <a href="#">Check for full-text @ UMMS</a>	2.59	98% 1/29	908	350	78

# Criteria for selecting a journal

Criteria	Considerations
<b>Scope</b>	Does your research fall within the scope of the journal? Is this a journal that is used by you, your mentors, or colleagues?
<b>Audience</b>	Who is your desired audience? International? Very specific research area?
<b>Publication Types and Format</b>	Some journals publish specific types of research and may not be appropriate if you have a specific manuscript type in mind.
<b>Reputation</b>	Published by a recognized publisher or society? Who are the editors/editorial board? Who has published in it? Impact factor?
<b>Quality</b>	Peer reviewed? Indexed in MEDLINE, Scopus or Web of Science? Do articles meet your standard for rigor and quality?
<b>Editorial Policies</b>	Word count restrictions? Allows authors to comply with funder public access mandates? Posts statement of ethical practices?
<b>Access</b>	Does the journal allow for free access to their articles? What are the open access options and is there a fee?

# A reputable journal's website makes it easy to find:

- ◇ Editor
- ◇ Editorial Board
- ◇ Abstracting & Indexing
- ◇ Highlighted Articles
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**Journal Metrics**

- > CiteScore: **1.89**
- Impact Factor: **1.829**
- 5-Year Impact Factor: **2.139**
- Source Normalized Impact per Paper (SNIP): **1.127**
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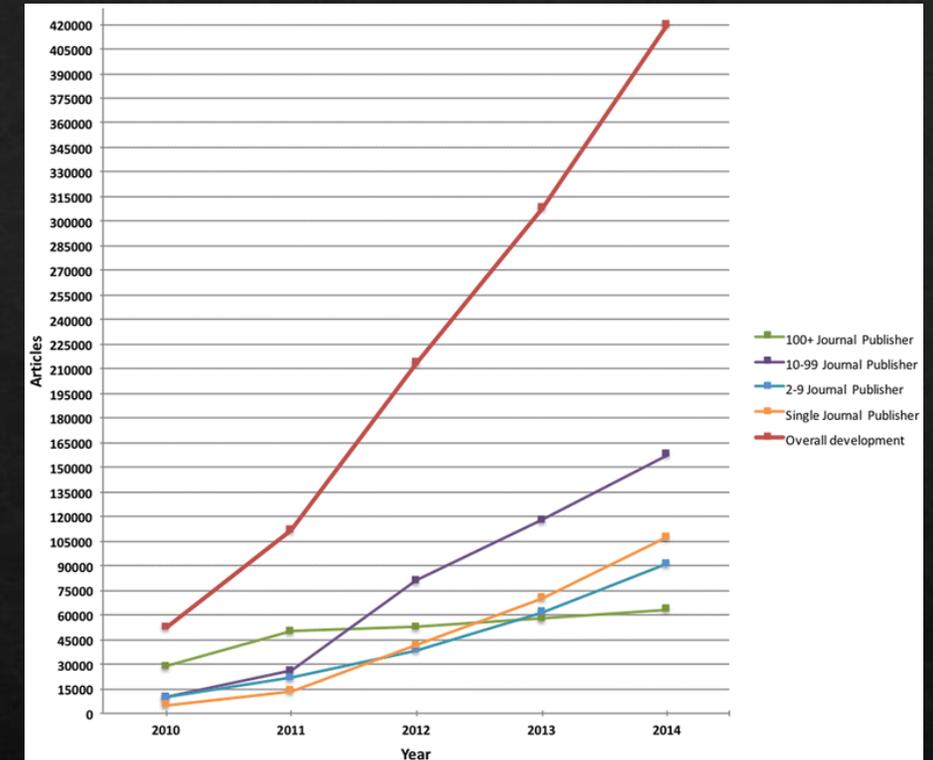
# Predatory Journals & Publishers

Let's Switch Gears

# Beware the “predatory publisher”

“... the name most frequently used to describe a nebulous concept of research journal publishers who use unethical business practices, minimal or no peer review, or limited editorial oversight to publish articles that are below a minimally accepted standard of quality.”

Ross-White et al (2019). Predatory publications in evidence Syntheses. Available from: <http://dx.doi.org/10.5195/jmla.2019.491>



Shen and Bjork (2015). ‘Predatory’ open access: a longitudinal study of article volumes and market characteristics. Available from:

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# Predatory publishing tactics

- ◇ Aggressively soliciting article submissions;
- ◇ Promising rapid publication;
- ◇ Eliminating or automating peer review;
- ◇ Not following reporting or publication guidelines (CONSORT, COPE);
- ◇ Not submitting content to major indexing and abstracting databases;
- ◇ Cloaking APCs until the article has been published;
- ◇ Misrepresenting editorial board;
- ◇ Refusing to withdraw a manuscript;
- ◇ Harassing authors to submit payment.

# Characteristics of predatory publishers

- ◇ Overly broad scope (includes biomedical and non-biomedical subjects)
- ◇ Spelling and grammatical errors on website
- ◇ Poor quality images
- ◇ Homepage language targets authors
- ◇ Index Copernicus Value is promoted as a quality indicator
- ◇ Lack of information about manuscript handling
- ◇ Accepts or requests manuscripts by email
- ◇ Rapid publication is promised
- ◇ No retraction policy
- ◇ No information on whether or how content will be archived
- ◇ Low article processing charges
- ◇ Journal retains copyright or does not mention copyright
- ◇ Non-professional contact email address (e.g., @gmail.com or @yahoo.com)

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- Only then should you submit your article.

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## Part II: Predatory Conferences



# 9 Signs that a Conference is Fake

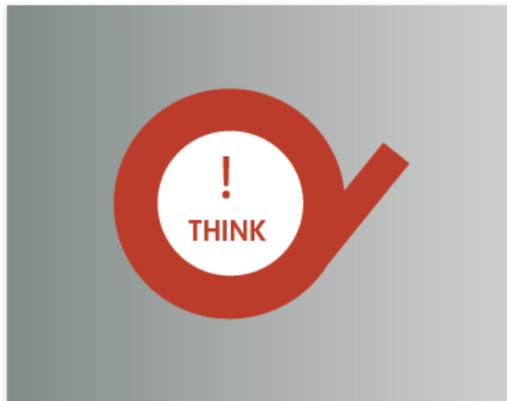
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1. The conference has an overly ambitious title.
2. The technical program is very broad.
3. The language on the conference website is ... off.
4. Renowned organizations are sponsoring a low-profile conference.
5. The organizer's contact details are missing or aren't quite right.
6. Another conference with a suspiciously similar name already exists
7. The conference or its organizers have known associates.
8. The organizers are charging higher-than-normal fees.
9. The conference is unusually frequent.

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Is it the right conference to attend and present your research?



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# Check These



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#### Organizers & Sponsors

- Are you aware of the society or the association organizing this conference?
- Can you easily identify the venue of the conference?
- Is it the first time that this conference is being held?
- Have you or your colleagues attended this conference before?
- Is it clear what fees will be charged (conference fee, registration fees, ..., etc.) and would these be waived if you are accepted as a speaker?
- Are any of the sponsors involved in the conference?
- Are you aware of any of them, especially with industry-related fields such as Engineering & Biomedical research?
- Did you check the conference website? Is all the information (such as the attendance fees, submission date, conference date, editorial committee, program details and venue) presented in a proper way?
- Have you read any papers from this conference proceedings before?

#### Agenda & Editorial Committee

- Is there a clear information about the timeline and the agenda for the conference?
- Do the scope and objectives of the conference fit your field and core interest or not?
- Have you heard of the Keynote speakers?
- Is the Editorial Committee listed on the website?
- Have you heard of the Editorial Committee members before?
- Is the Committee clear about the editorial control over presentations and the type of peer-review it uses?

#### Conference Proceedings

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