Practice Safe Publishing

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Open Access benefits readers & authors





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Open Access Journals

About 20% of peer-reviewed journals are OA¹

About 27% of OA journals have Article Processing Charges (APC) (=43% of articles²)

Average APC is about \$906³

- 1. Ulrich's Web
- 2. David Crotty at The Scholarly Kitchen https://scholarlykitchen.sspnet.org/2015/08/26/do-most-oa-journals-not-charge-an-apc-sort-of-it-depends/
- 3. Solomon and Björk, 2012 http://www.openaccesspublishing.org/apc2/

The Problem

Publishing scams mimic legitimate journals

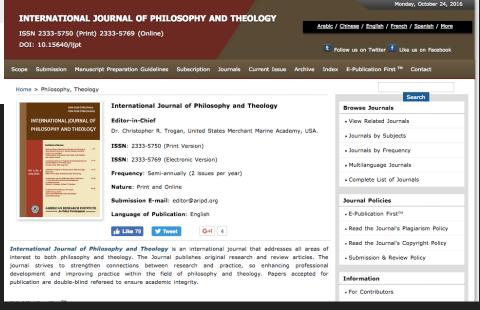
- Exploit authors' need for fast turn-around
- Make money by collecting Article Processing Charges
- Do not conduct actual peer-review or copy editing

Sometimes "hijack" all the information from a legitimate journal, but point to a different URL



The scam site lists editors from the real journal

An author was suspicious when peer-reviewers requested no changes.



OA Scams – Red Flags

- Solicit contributions directly from authors by email
- May not be transparent about procedures and fees
- Make false claims about being indexed by reputable sources
- List conflicting information about policies
- Don't have clear contact information
- Published articles may have proofing errors or other quality issues
- Publisher has many journals with similar titles and overly broad subject coverage

WIU Libraries: http://wiu.libguides.com/gettingpublished

Criteria for Determining Predatory Open-Access Publishers

For more information on predatory publishers, including lists of publishers and standalone journals that meet these criteria, please visit http://scholarlyoa.com

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The criteria below are intended to provide a framework for analyzing scholarly open-access publishers and journals. The criteria recognize two documents published by the <u>Committee on Publication Ethics</u> (COPE):

Code of Conduct for Journal Publishers
Principles of Transparency and Best Practice in Scholarly Publishing

Evaluating scholarly open-access publishers is a process that includes closely, cautiously, thoroughly, and at times skeptically examining the publisher's content, practices, and websites: contacting the publisher if necessary, reading statements from the publisher's authors about their experiences with the publisher, and determining whether the publisher

Beall's list

https://scholarlyoa.com/

Criteria

https://scholarlyoa.files. wordpress.com/2015/01 /criteria-2015.pdf

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Full Text language: English *

Subject: Zoology X

+ Article processing charges (APCs)

Archives Animal Breeding

Archiv Tierzucht

ISSN: 0003-9438 (Print)

http://www.archives-animal-breeding.net/

Peer review

Subject: Agriculture: Animal culture | Science: Zoology

Date added to DOAJ: 9 Dec 2015

(cc)) BY



+ Publisher

◆ DOAJ Seal

Journal license

ZooKeys

ISSN: 1313-2989 (Print); 1313-2970 (Online)

http://zookeys.pensoft.net/

Blind peer review

Subject: Science: Zoology

Date added to DOAJ: 25 Jun 2009

+ Country of publisher

+ Full Text language





Do you or your colleagues know the journal?

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 a recognized industry initiative?

- -Directory or Open Access Journals (DOAJ)
- –Committee on Publication Ethics (Cope)
- -Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association (OASPA)

<u> http://thinkchecksubmit.org</u>

Ask a librarian for help!

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