



# CHECKLIST

## For identifying predatory publishers

### What to look for

### What to check



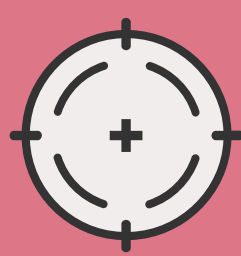
#### Contact information



- ◆ Does the journal's website provide complete contact information?
- ◆ Does it include a verifiable address?



#### Scope of the journal



- ◆ Is the journal's scope multidisciplinary?
- ◆ Does it combine multiple, unrelated, wide-ranging fields?



#### Editorial board



- ◆ Does it include recognized, affiliated experts? (TIP: Contact a few & inquire about their experience with the journal)



#### Author fee policy



- ◆ Does the journal charge authors publication fees? (TIP: Find out about such charges before submission)



#### Quality of articles



- ◆ Does the journal publish good quality research? (TIP: Check with your Dept. Head or Supervisor to gauge quality)



#### Peer review process



- ◆ Is the peer review process described on the journal's website? (TIP: Most credible journals are likely to display it)



#### Indexing information



- ◆ Is the journal indexed or a member of a prominent publisher association?
- ◆ Does it display an ICV\*?



#### Retraction policy



- ◆ Does the journal have a clear policy for recalling articles? (TIP: Check journal policies or it's instructions to authors)



#### Pitch for authors



- ◆ Does the journal guarantee publication or quick peer review? (TIP: If it sounds too good to be true, it probably isn't.)



#### E-mail invitation



- ◆ Do the journal, its editors and staff all have institutional or journal-affiliated email addresses?

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