How to avoid predatory journals?

Predatory jounals offer fast publication and show little regard for scientific quality and integrity. They most often offer open access publishing with APC

Publishing in a predatory journal can harm the article's quality, and affect the author's reputation

Repeated requests to publish

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Jounal name identical to another - no ISSN

Non accessible past issues – many special issues

Very short publication deadlines – little information on the evaluation system

Benefits in exchange for coordinating an issue – reviewing – integration into the board

Non-existant editorial committee – very small – plethoric

Journal recommended for its scientific quality – well-known in the field

Transparency regarding the editorial process and copyright

Journal listed in the **DOAJ** (not sufficient to ensure reliability)

Journal publisher is a member of the OASPA, an association for open access

Scientific predation also exists in document editing and conference organisation

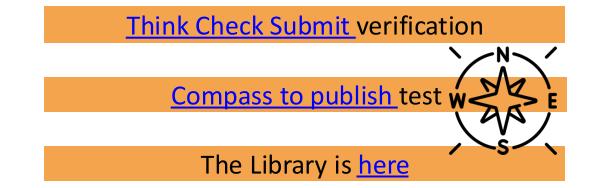
Journal practices and policies evolve. They can get better or worse

Predatory journals adapt to systems designed to avoid them

A journal in the « gray zone » is a journal with predatory practices, hosted by a trusted publisher

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