

How to avoid predatory journals ?

Predatory journals 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**

Be wary

Repeated requests to publish



Journal 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-existent editorial committee – very small – plethoric



Trust

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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