Journals

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Why publish?

• Dissemination is an essential part of research
• Pride in your work
• Career: “Publish or perish”
• And now, with the rise of predatory journals......
  “Publish and perish”
Journals

- When I was a boy...
  - Journals by subscription: reader pays
  - Peer review

- Then came Open Access...
  - Author pays
  - Wider and faster dissemination

- And now, predatory journals...
  - For profit: author pays – no paper, no $$$$%
  - “Peer review” becomes “Peer at”
  - Little or no quality control or review
Characteristics of predatory journals

- Open access
- For profit: author pays (going rate often $US 100)
- Rapid review, acceptance and appearance
- Spam, unsolicited emails
- Lack of transparency
- Not professional (emails, web site etc etc)
- Happy to publish rubbish: little or no quality control

- They attract the “naïve, unscrupulous and desperate”
- Beware!
Opportunity!

- Email from welcomebackwinners@gmail.com; on behalf of *Jeff Edwards howellree@gmail.com

- “Good Morning I am Jeff I contacted you concerning the fund $ 5.2 Million dollars deposited in a bank here by my late client who bear the same name with you. Please contact for more details Thanks You, Jeff Edwards”
Opportunity!

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But what’s wrong with publishing in these journals?

“A man is known by the company he keeps”

(Aesop)
Ike Antkare

- Ike wrote 102 papers, most in 2009
- 1 with multiple *other* authors cited (for the web-bots to find), the rest only citing *his own* papers – all 100-odd
- Google Scholar $h$-index of 94
  - Higher than Einstein
  - All papers total nonsense

https://hal.inria.fr/hal-00713564/document
Typical reference list...

Total rubbish is good enough for some

International Journal of Advanced Computer Technology (Online)

http://www.ijact.org
Email: editor@ijact.org, submit_ijact@yahoo.in

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TITLE: Get me off Your F***ing Mailing List
AUTHOR: David Mazi`eres and Eddie Kohler

Your manuscript has been accepted with minor changes for publication in the International Journal of Advanced Computer Technology (IJACT).

Originally a response to a spamming conference email, the paper was later submitted to this journal.

Rated as "excellent" by the journal's peer-review process and accepted for publication
OK, but how can I tell?
The black-list – avoid!

- Beall’s list
  - ...of publishers
  - ... of stand-alone journals

- See [https://scholarlyoa.com/](https://scholarlyoa.com/)
  - [https://scholarlyoa.com/publishers/](https://scholarlyoa.com/publishers/)
  - [https://scholarlyoa.com/individual-journals/](https://scholarlyoa.com/individual-journals/)
The white-list – should be OK

- Journals by subscription: reader pays
- Open access:
  - Publisher a member of Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association [http://oaspa.org/](http://oaspa.org/)
- Long established journals
  - Professional Institutions (IEEE, ASME etc)
  - Publishers (Elsevier, Springer etc)
  - Check on Web of Science, Incites etc
- Ask these questions:
  - In which journals do the landmark papers appear?
  - The papers I cite: in which journals do they appear?
Shades of grey – warning signs

- Be careful, and if in doubt, avoid.

- Do your research
  - Impact factor
  - Journal indexes
  - Ask colleagues, supervisor etc
  - See references
References/sources/guides

General

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Predatory_open_access_publishing
UoA Open Access webguide: http://www.library.auckland.ac.nz/guides/open-access#=2&choosing-an-open-access-journal

Open access journals: the white list – should be OK

Publisher is a member of Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association  http://oaspa.org/
Journal is listed in the Directory of Open Access Journals  https://doaj.org/

Journal citation reports (ISI Journal Citations Reports)

Available through UoA Lib portal  http://www.library.auckland.ac.nz/databases/
Check them out at the Web of Science.  Click Journal Citation Reports for an individual journal, journals in an area etc
These are OK: http://ipsience.thomsonreuters.com/ and https://jcr.incites.thomsonreuters.com
***  Not this one!  Its counterfeit...  http://isi-thomsonreuters.com/main

Beall’s site: the black list - avoid

Beall’s web site: https://scholarlyoa.com/
Beall’s list of publishers: https://scholarlyoa.com/publishers/
Stand-alone journals: https://scholarlyoa.com/individual-journals/
Beall’s criteria: https://scholarlyoa.com/2012/08/04/criteria-for-determining-predatory-open-access-publishers/
“But it has an Impact Factor/is Indexed”

• Predatory metrics! The journals pay for inclusion.

• https://scholarlyoa.com/other-pages/misleading-metrics/ has about 50 of them:

  AE Global Index
  Advanced Science Index
  African Quality Centre for Journals
  American Standards for Journals and Research (ASJR)
  Arab Impact Factor = معامل التأثير العربي
  CiteFactor
  ...
  ...
  ...
“But it's on Google Scholar”

- Google Scholar does not screen for quality and indexes predatory journals
Summary

- On the black-list?
- On the white list?
- If in doubt, avoid.
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