



Predatory publishers

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It is important to know that publishing in electronic journals published in accordance with the Open Access movement may entail certain risks.

There are publishers who, using the growing popularity of this model, when accepting articles for publication are guided solely by the possibility of making a quick profits and do not care about the content of the journals they publish.



Such activity
of publishers
shall be defined
as *predatory open
access publishing.*



The term was first created by a librarian at the University of Colorado at Denver, **Jeffrey Beall**, who, until 14 January 2017, on his blog Scholarly Open Access was publishing lists of predatory publishers and predatory journals.

On the Internet you will find it under the name **Beall's List of Potential Predatory Journals and Publishers** at:

<https://beallist.net/>



Unfortunately, he was forced to close the blog and delete all content.



On the Internet, an institution called **Internet Archive** is making available its latest archived version of 12 January 2017 at:

[Scholarly Open Access | Critical analysis of scholarly open-access publishing \(archive.org\)](#)

**Guidelines to be followed
when choosing a publisher
and journal
to publish your article
in the Open Access model**



Journals with Impact Factor:

NEVER rely on the IF value given on the publisher/journal's website.

Unfair publishers often use terms such as *Global Impact Factor*, *5 Year Journal Impact Factor*, *Journal Impact Factor*, *Science Impact factor*, *Unofficial Impact Factor*.

The **ONLY** source that provides IF indicators is the database **Journal Citation Reports[®]** (JCR) of the company *Clarivate Analytics*.



Journals with ministerial credit, without IF:

Check whether the title is included on the list of the current list of the Ministry for Education and Science – the last list was announced

by the following regulation: [Komunikat Ministra Edukacji i Nauki z dnia 21 grudnia 2021 r. o zmianie i sprostowaniu komunikatu w sprawie wykazu czasopism naukowych i recenzowanych materiałów z konferencji międzynarodowych.](#)



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If the journal in which you intend to publish your paper is not listed in the JCR database and in the list of MES, we suggest to check the publisher by following the advice on the webpage Think-Check-Submit:

<https://thinkchecksubmit.org/>



You should also be very careful with **emails** encouraging you to publish in journals and participate in conferences.



If you have any doubts concerning the choice of a publication, **we encourage you to contact** the staff of our Library, who will always help you.