



Coffee Lectures

Protecting Yourself from Fraudulent Publishers

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New knowledge in 10 minutes:

- You are aware of the problems of predatory publishing.
- You know criteria to recognize predatory publishers and journals.

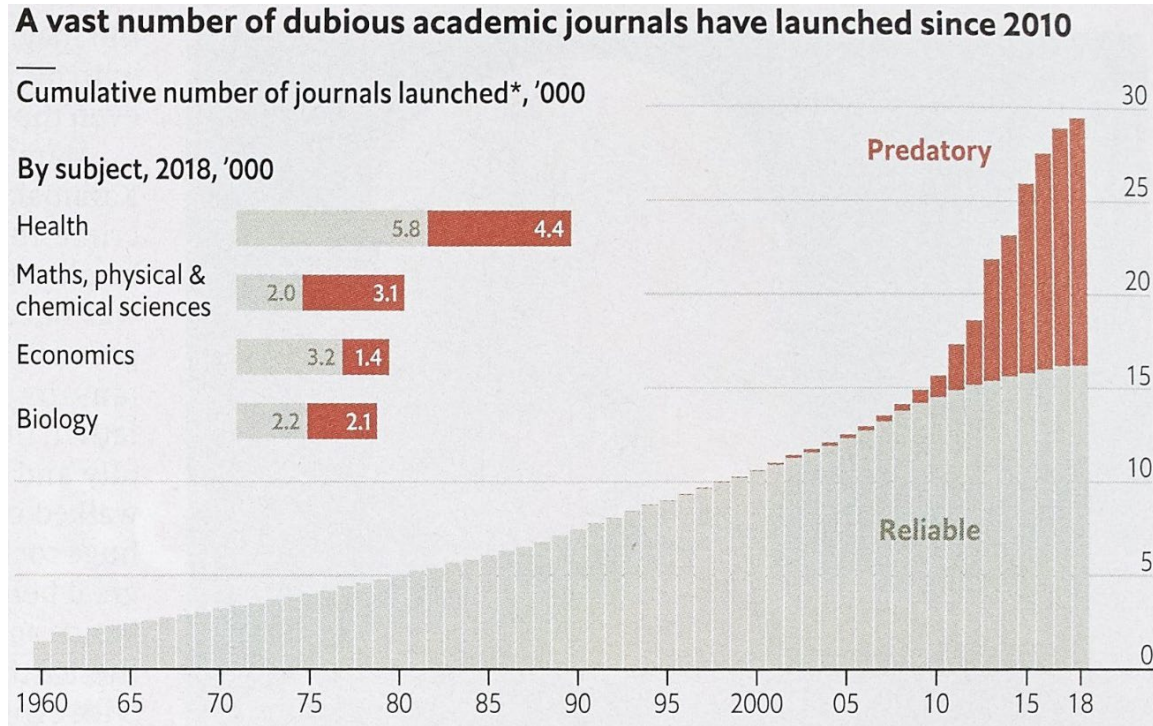
Definition: What are we talking about?

- Definition: “Predatory journals and publishers are entities that **prioritize self-interest at the expense of scholarship** and are characterized by **false or misleading information**, deviation from **best editorial and publication practices**, a **lack of transparency**, and/or the use of **aggressive and indiscriminate solicitation practices**.”

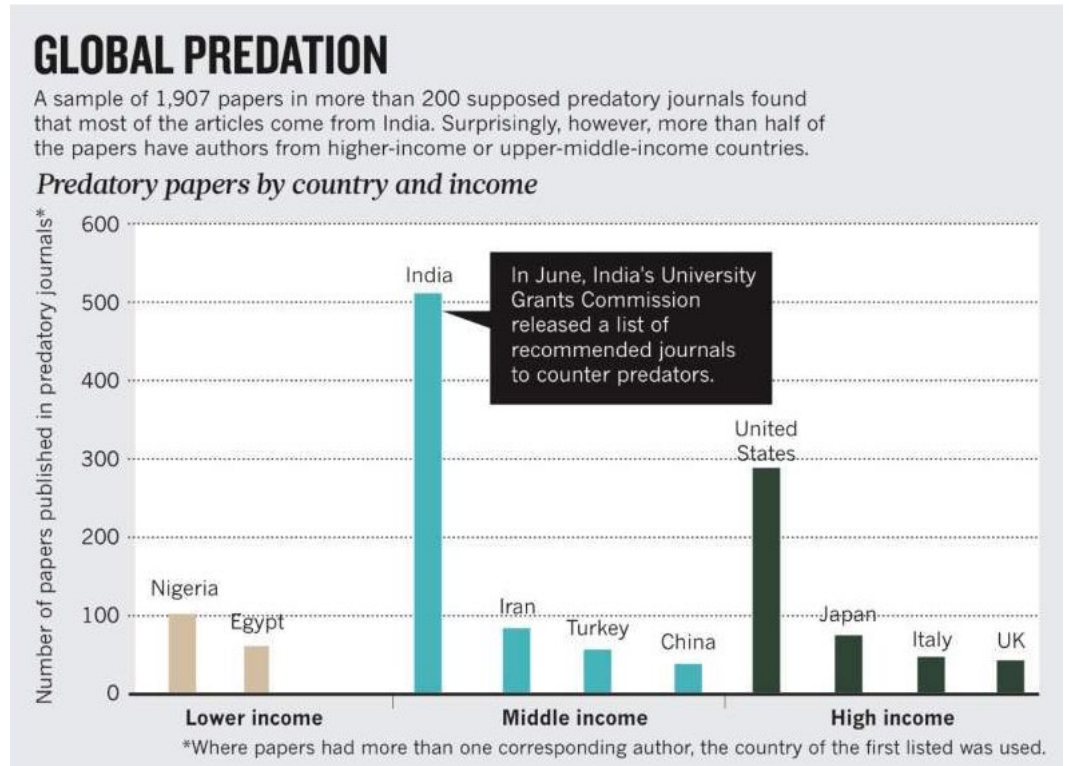
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Scale of the problem



"Garbage in." Economist, May 30th-June 5th 2020, p. 81.

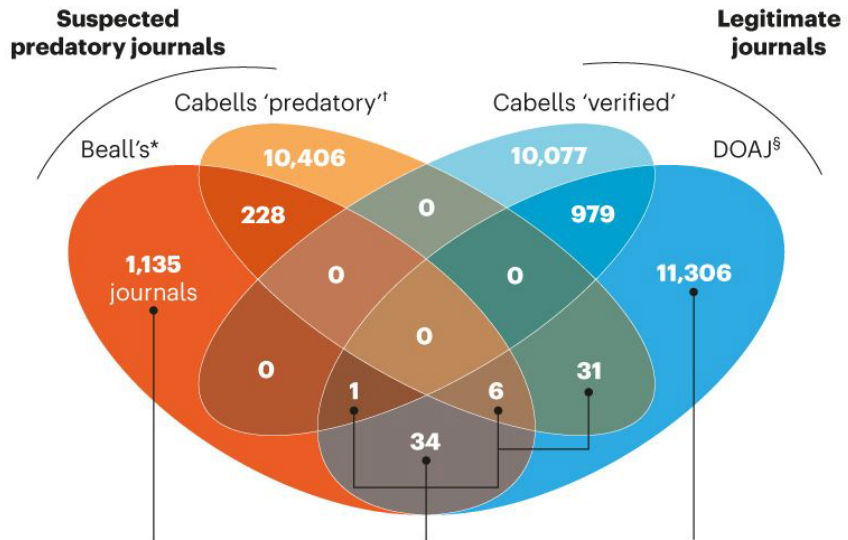


Moher, D. et. al (2017), Nature 594, 23-25, [10.1038/549023a](https://doi.org/10.1038/549023a)

Categorization

NO LIST TO RULE THEM ALL

Assessments of which journals are likely to be predatory or legitimate do not tally, and titles can appear in both categories. There is no way to know which journals were considered for a list but left off, or which were not considered.



Beall's list highlighted the issue of predatory journals, but faced criticism over transparency and legal threats from listed titles. It ceased operation in 2017.

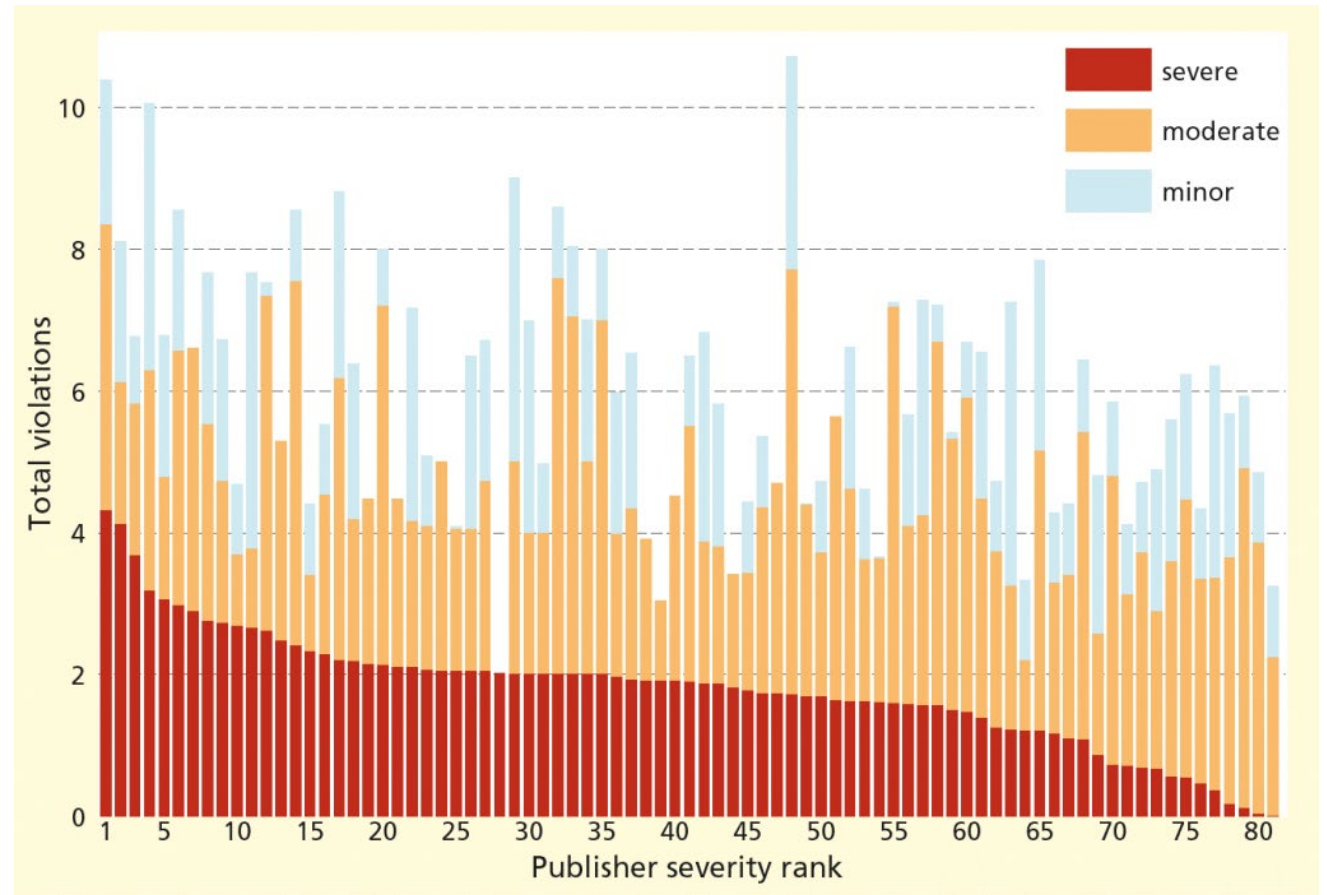
Some journals deemed legitimate by the DOAJ were deemed predatory by Beall's and/or Cabells lists.

The DOAJ relies mainly on information from publishers. It regularly purges titles that do not meet quality criteria.

*Informally assessed by University of Colorado Denver librarian Jeffrey Beall in ~2008-17; †Pay-to-access lists from Cabells, a scholarly analytics company; ‡The Directory of Open Access Journals, a community-curated list requiring journal best practices such as peer review and statements on author fees and licensing.



Grudniewicz, A. (et al.), Nature 576, 210-212 (2019) | 10.1038/d41586-019-03759-x



Kyle Siler (2020), <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/impactofsocialsciences/2020/05/13/there-is-no-black-and-white-definition-of-predatory-publishing/>

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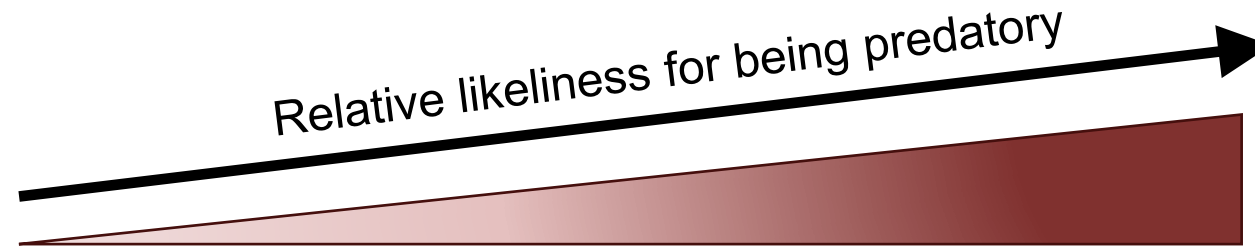
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Predatory Publishers & Journals: Characteristics



Publication Speed:	low	high
Peer Review Time:	long	short
Mailings:	none or few	aggressive, soliciting
Pictures on website:	ok	blurred, unauthorized
Impact Metric/Indexing:	DOAJ, WoS, Scopus, Medline	Index Copernicus Value, etc.
Editorial board members:	verified, renowned scientists	unverified, unknown
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Hijacked Journals

Scandia
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Scandia transitioning to immediate Open Access

In recent years, each issue of *Scandia* became digitally available through Open Access after a six-month delay. The Swedish Research Council has pushed for the increased accessibility of research, and the editorial staff wants to contribute to this effort. Therefore, from 2025, each issue will *immediately* become available as Open Access. New issues will also be available for purchase through print-on-demand.

“Hijacked journals are a form of cybercrime in which a malicious third party creates a cloned website to impersonate a legitimate publication. [...] The purpose of a hijacking is to generate money quickly by charging illegitimate article-processing fees to unsuspecting researchers.”

(Ryan, J. (2024), Nature. <https://doi.org/10.1038/d41586-024-02399-1>)

Library recommendations

- Journal selection:
 - Indexing: [Directory of Open Access Journals \(DOAJ\)](#)
 - Membership: **OASPA** (the [Open Access Scholarly Information Services](#))
 - Finish Journal Evaluation site: www.julkaisuforum.fi
 - More tips: <http://thinkchecksubmit.org>
 - Journal's website
- Peer Review: No → Waste of time
- Ask the library for a second opinion (e-publishing@library.ethz.ch)

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- Name of the journal: the name is unique; it is not the same or easily confused with another journal.
- Can you cross check with information about the journal in the **ISSN portal**?

Can you easily identify the journal?

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Is the journal clear and readable?

- Does the website mention the journal's content, reviewers, how many articles are published, etc.
- Is the publisher offering the journal in your subject area?
- The journal doesn't have a history of being retracted or withdrawn.

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Number of publication channels in the JUFO portal

32786	Scientific series
3981	Book publishers
2295	Professional/general series

Monitor your publication record

1. Search your name and affiliation online to ensure you are not on editorial boards of predatory journals or conference committees.
2. Check for unconsented acknowledgements, which misuse your name or imply your endorsement of the content.

If anything turns up, contact the publisher or the corresponding author, reach out to the Integrity Office for advice (integrity@ethz.ch).

“These check-ups aren’t cure-alls for predatory publishers, deceptive practices, unheeded reviews or simple mistakes. Think of it like cleaning up a beach: more litter will wash in, but the more that’s removed, the cleaner the beach is and the more pollution is discouraged.”

Cabanac, G. (2021). Nature, 598 (7882), 541, <https://doi.org/10.1038/d41586-021-02901-z>



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