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I am intellectually passionate in promoting health information for all, especially in and from low -and middle – income country settings; and particularly espouse the cause of equitable research and metrics for, and loco-regional medical journals in, LMICs.

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My institutional affiliations with, and leadership roles in PAMJE, APAME and WAME and as Co-Chair of the NJSC are strongly intertwined with my advocacies.

Apart from these, I believe I have no financial or other (including personal) relationships and political or religious beliefs that might lead to a conflict of interest in making this reaction.

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**How to Avoid Predatory journals**

1. Is the journal or publisher listed in Beall's List?

If so, it should be avoided, as this "blacklist" is regularly updated and specifies criteria for identifying predatory journals and publishers.



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Potential, possible, or probable predatory scholarly open-access journals

Standalone Journals	
Year	Number of journals
2013	126
2014	303
2015	507

Number of predatory, standalone journals, 2013-2015


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### How to Avoid Predatory journals

2. If claiming to be an open access journal, is the journal in the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)?

This is a sort of "whitelist," and journals here must meet specific criteria.

**But DOAJ is currently revising its lists AND OA models have issues (passing costs to authors)**

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10,410 Journals  
6,266 searchable at Article level

134 Countries  
1,887,433 Articles

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**Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)**  
DOAJ is an online directory that indexes and provides access to high quality, open access, peer-reviewed journals.

All journals that were accepted into DOAJ before March 2014 are now required to register. If you have a journal indexed in DOAJ, please log into your Publisher Area and follow the instructions.



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### How to Avoid Predatory journals



3. Is the publisher a member of recognised professional organisations that commit to best practices in publishing, such as the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE); the International Association of Scientific, Technical, & Medical Publishers (STM); or the Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association (OASPA)?

**Also ICMJE, EASE, WAME, APAME, PAMJE, etc.**

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### How to Avoid Predatory journals



4. Is the journal indexed? Do not accept the journal's claims about being indexed. Instead verify these claims by searching for the journal in databases such as PubMedCentral (free) or the Web of Science (requiring subscription).

**Also Scopus, WHO GHJ (WPRIM, IMSEAR), HERDIN, etc. BUT BEWARE the vicious cycle against LMIC journals!**

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### How to Avoid Predatory journals

4.1 Fake journals often claim to have an "impact factor" or claim to be indexed in "ISI". Their claim can be verified on the Thomson-Reuters website here <http://ip-science.thomsonreuters.com/mjl/>

**WHAT is REAL IMPACT (and not just IMPACT FACTOR?)!**

Shashok K. Reply to "Predatory vs legitimate journals"  
WAME ListServe, July 9, 2015



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What is the status of my journal submission?

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Search Terms:   
Search Type:   
Title Word:

**THE MASTER JOURNAL LIST** includes all journal titles covered in Web of Science.  
Refer to the Journal Submission Process if you wish to submit a print or electronic journal for evaluation.  
Our essay, The Thomson Scientific Database: The Journal Selection Process, describes the selection process used.

**SOURCE PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS**  
Arts and Humanities Citation Index Source Publication  
Science Citation Index Expanded Source Publication  
Social Science Citation Index Source Publication

**JOURNAL LISTS FOR SEARCHABLE DATABASES**  
Arts & Humanities Citation Index® (Web of Science)  
Biological Abstracts  
BIOSIS PREVIEWS  
Biological Abstracts/RRM

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**How to Avoid Predatory journals**

5. Is the journal transparent and following best practices when it comes to editorial and peer review processes, governance, and ownership?

**Does it uphold ICMJE guidelines, for instance?**  
**DO we promote the development and interests of local journals?**

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**ICMJE** INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF MEDICAL JOURNAL EDITORS

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Following the ICMJE Recommendations

**Recommendations** **Conflicts of Interest**

Read the Recommendations for the Conduct, Reporting, Editing, and Publication of Scholarly Work in Medical Journals.

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**How to Avoid Predatory journals**

5.1. Are there contact details for the journal and its staff (email, postal address, working telephone number)? Reputable journals have a named editor and editorial board comprised of recognised experts.

**But beware of "pirated" names!**

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<http://scholarlyoa.com/2015/07/07/predatory-journal-lists-murdered-doctor-as-its-editor-in-chief/>

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Critical analysis of scholarly open-access publishing

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Other pages

**Predatory Journal Lists Murdered Doctor as Its Editor-in-Chief**

**Editorial Board**

**Editor-in-Chief**  
**ROGER BRUMBACK**  
Creighton University School Of Medicine, United States

The researcher listed as the editor has been dead for two years.

The *American Journal of Medical Sciences and Medicine* currently lists a doctor murdered in 2013 as its Editor-in-Chief.

The journal is published by Science and Education Publishing Co. Ltd., more commonly referred to as Science and Education or simply Scipub.

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o Publisher Uses His McGill University Email Address and Affiliation to Conduct Business

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**How to Avoid Predatory journals**

5.2. Are the costs associated with publishing clear? Credible journals do not ask for a submission fee. Many bona fide open access journals require a publication charge, but this is levied after acceptance and through a process separate from the editorial process.

**HOW can we support local journals?**

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**Journal of Pregnancy & Child Health**  
Image Article: Volume 2 Issue 4

Dear Dr. Jose Florencio Lapeña,

Journal of Pregnancy & Child Health (JPCH) the international journal is now seeking Image Articles for Volume 2 Issue 4, 2015. We welcome all the **Image Articles** that are related to **Pregnancy, Child Health, Child Birth, Health related Issues**, etc.

All the details about our Journal can be found at below given link of our Journal web page:-  
<http://omicsgroup.org/journals/pregnancy-and-child-health.php/>

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All the Image Articles have very minimal publication charges i.e. USD 50only.

We adhere to the code of practice of COPE, The Committee for Publication Ethics in Medical Journals, and encourage authors to follow the guidelines of CLAS (in the USA) and others regarding the use of appropriate language.

Journal of Pregnancy & Child Health is part of OMICS Publishing Group; it is an Open Access publisher. Please contact the editors on below mention ID, for further information.

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**Tips on Dealing with Predatory journals**

1. Predatory publishers are not cooperative with attempts to "retract." OMICS, for example, have filed a million dollar lawsuit against Jeffrey Beall; and keeps a running list of articles they've published reporting research funded by the US National Institutes of Health.

**THIS includes victimized editors, reviewers & authors**

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**Tips on Dealing with Predatory journals**

2. It can be hard to distinguish legitimate and non-legitimate journals.

**Beware**, there are also predatory publishers that are not always easy to identify.

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**Publishers**

Year	Number of publishers
2011	18
2012	23
2013	225
2014	477
2015	693

Number of predatory publishers, 2011-2015

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**Tips on Dealing with Predatory journals**

3. Some institutions have developed "acceptable journals lists." Many questionable journals are unfortunately indexed in PubMed, and there are still journals simultaneously on the Directory of Open Access list ("whitelist") and Beall's List ("blacklist").

**Check Scopus, WHO GHIL (WPRIM, IMSEAR), HERDIN CHED JAS should reconsider criteria**

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**World Health Organization Global Health Library (GHL)**

- Database of abstracts & metadata on journal articles
- Five regions of the World Health Organization (WHO) with regional indices medic

Global Health Library: <http://www.who.int/ghl/en/>  
Global Index Medicus: <http://www.who.int/ghl/medicus/en/>

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Region	Database	Articles	Journals	URL
Western Pacific	WPRIM	408,528	473	<a href="http://www.wprim.org">http://www.wprim.org</a>
Pan American	SciELO	375,811	951	<a href="http://www.scielo.org">http://www.scielo.org</a>
African	AIM	13,257	150	<a href="http://indexmedicus.afro.who.int/">http://indexmedicus.afro.who.int/</a>
South East Asia	IMSEAR	135,215	114	<a href="http://imsear.hellis.org">http://imsear.hellis.org</a>
Eastern Mediterranean	IMEMR	125,000	523	<a href="http://www.emro.who.int/information-resources/imemr/imemr.html">http://www.emro.who.int/information-resources/imemr/imemr.html</a>

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#### Other Predatory Practices

#### Misleading Metrics

- 26 companies that "calculate" and publish counterfeit impact factors (or some similar measure) that predatory publishers use in their websites and spam email to trick scholars into thinking their journals have legitimate impact factors.
- BUT beware of misusing and abusing metrics!**

Beall J. Misleading Metrics list. Accessed July 18, 2015. Available at <http://scholarlyoa.com/2015/01/02/bealls-list-of-predatory-publishers-2015/>

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**International Journal of  
Research in Advent  
Technology**

**IJRAT**

**Impact Factor  
2014-15**

**0.765**

Holy Impact Factor!

This is from the homepage of the **International Journal of Research in Advent Technology** (whatever that is).

This value was assigned to the journal by **International Impact Factor Services**. The journal does not have an authentic impact factor assigned by Thomson Reuters. This metric is an impostor.

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#### Other Predatory Practices

#### Hijacked Journals

- 30 journals for which someone has created a counterfeit website, stealing the journal's identity and soliciting articles submissions using the author-pays model (gold open-access).

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The screenshot shows the website for the Philippine Scientist Journal. It features a navigation menu with options like Home, Submission, Current Issue, Before Issues, and Contact Us. There is a search bar and a list of recent articles or news items. The main content area displays a featured article with a thumbnail image and text. The footer contains contact information and a list of journals indexed by the site.

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