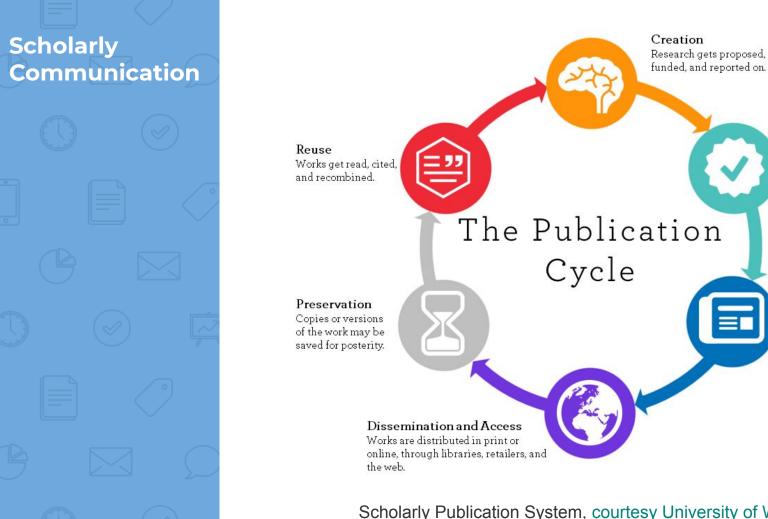
Professional or Predatory?: Distinguishing Legitimate from Illegitimate in an Era of Open Access

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Agenda

- Scholarly communication
- Recognizing predatory practices
- Resources for evaluating journals and publishers
- Open Access publishing models
- Open Access resources



Evaluation

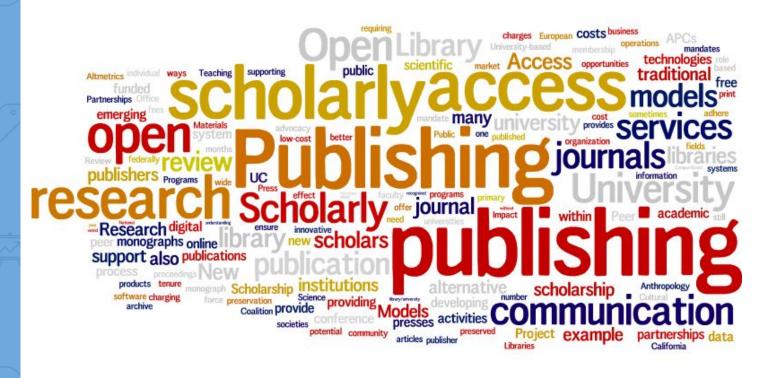
Academic works are evaluated for quality and edited by their peers.

Publication

A publisher provides editing, layout, and publication services.

Scholarly Publication System, courtesy University of Winnipeg

Scholarly Communication





The Problem

- Spammy solicitation emails
- Rapid turnaround of papers = little to no peer review
- Loss of copyrights
- Deceptive article processing charges (APC)
- Hijacking journals & websites
- Poor indexing
- "Pseudo" Conferences



The Problem

Impact

- Northern German Broadcasting (2018)
 - ▶ 5,000 German scientists alone
- Shen & Björk (2015)
 - In 2014: 422,000 articles published
 - \$74 million in APCs
- Massive waste of resources



Why is this happening?

- Open access models
 - Easy entry into publishing environment for unscrupulous publishers
- "Publish or Perish"
 - Academics who feel they have to publish at any cost







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OmniScriptum





Publishing company

Omniscriptum Publishing Group, formerly known as VDM Verlag Dr. Müller, is a German publishing group headquartered in Saarbrücken, Germany, with offices in Argentina, Latvia, Mauritius, and Moldova. Wikipedia

Headquarters: Saarbrücken, Germany Founder: Dr Wolfgang Philipp Müller

Founded: 2002

Number of employees: 70 (2007)

Area served: World

Key person: Thorsten Ohm

Profiles



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Is this legitimate?

"Dear Dr. [First Name Last Name],

Greetings from Genoteq!

We are happy to inform you that your abstract had been accepted for presentation at our esteemed conference.

We are glad to have eminent people like you at our congress.

Please find the attached acceptance letter, we are requesting you to proceed for registration and confirm your slot towards our conference.

As an early bird offer we are offering you 2 nights of free accommodation at the conference venue.

Early bird date: 15th May, 2018

Please let us know the package that you want to register so that we can proceed further.

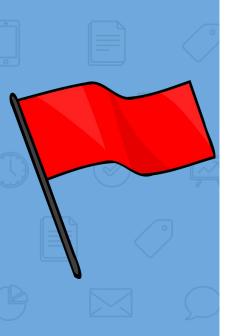
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- Genotech vs. Genoteq
 - Looks like hijacking
- Genoteq
 - Less than a year old
 - Journal issues







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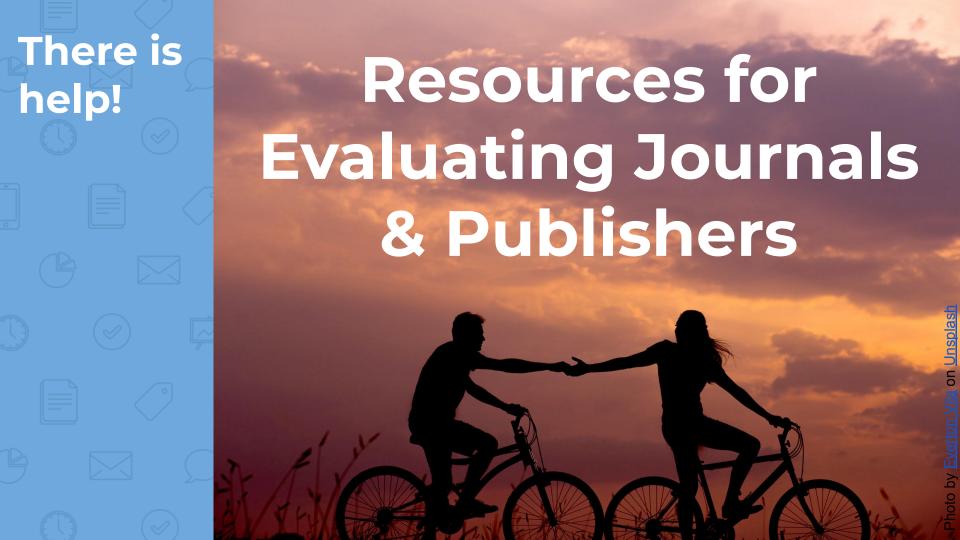
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title: Quality of life in patients after acute myocardial infarction Bruno Henrique Fiorin, Federal University, Brazil



Resources for Evaluating Journals & Publishers

Free Resources

- Beall's List
- PredatoryJournals.com
- OASPA Principles of Transparency
- Journal Evaluation Tool
- Think Check Submit
- Harzing's Publish or Perish

Subscription Resources

- Scopus
- Web of Science
- Cabell's

Scholarly Journal Blacklists

Jeffrey Beall

- Beall's List of Potentially Predatory Journals & Publishers
 - ▶ 1,150
- Problems w/ list
 - Beall had sole responsibility for maintaining
 - Distrusted all open access models
 - Accusations of classism/racism
- List taken down 1/2017

Scholarly Journal Blacklists

PredatoryJournals.com

- Maintains a list of Journals and Publishers engaged in potentially predatory practices
- Run on GitHub (transparency)
- Main author(s) maintain anonymity
- Last activity January 2018

Scholarly Journal Blacklists

Cabell's is a source for journal info, evaluation metrics, and submission details.

Blacklist exposes predatory and deceptive publishers.

http://www.cabells.com





4D International Research Journals

4D International Journal of IT and Commerce

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Violations

a Open access

Reviewed Oct 13, 2016

Criteria v1.0

About

Disciplines

Computer Science, Economics & Finance

ISSN.

2011

Launch date



VIOLATIONS View Appeal Policy

Publication Practices

· Falsely claims indexing in well-known databases (especially SCOPUS, DOAJ, JCR, and Cabells).

Peer Review

- The founder of the publishing company is the editor of all of the journals published by said company.
- Little geographical diversity of board members and the journal claims to be International.
- The journal's website does not have a clearly stated peer review policy.

Website

• The website does not identify a physical address for the publisher or gives a fake address.

Have an update on a predatory journal?

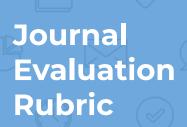
VISIT JOURNAL WEBSITE

Principles of Transparency and Best Practice in Scholarly Publishing

- Website
- Name of journal
- Peer review process
- Governing body
- Editorial team/contact information
- Copyright and Licensing
- Author fees
- Publication ethics
- Publishing schedule
- Access
- Archiving
- Direct marketing

Source:

https://oaspa.org/information-resources/principles-of-transparency-and-best-practice-in-scholarly-publishing/



Journal Evaluation Tool

Shilpa Rele, Marie Kennedy, Nataly Blas, Loyola Marymount University

- Rubric
- Guidelines on 16 criteria for evaluating journals
 - Similar to OASPA list

https://digitalcommons.lmu.edu/librarian_pubs/40





Choose the right journal for your research

https://thinkchecksubmit.org/

Publish or Perish

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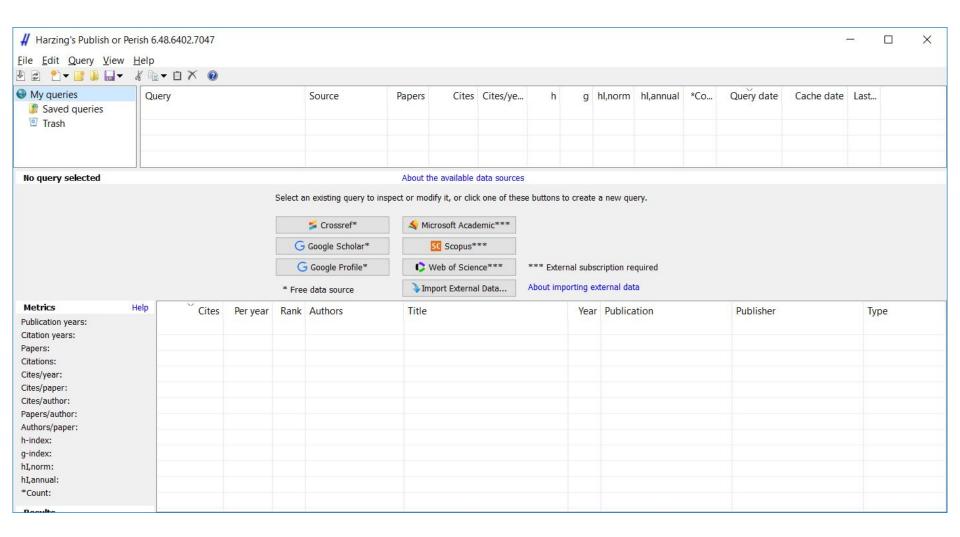
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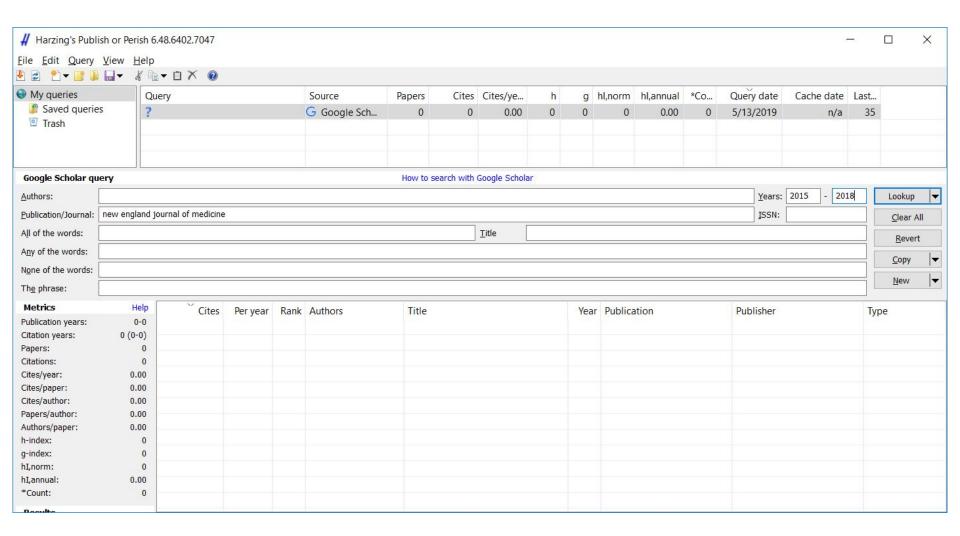
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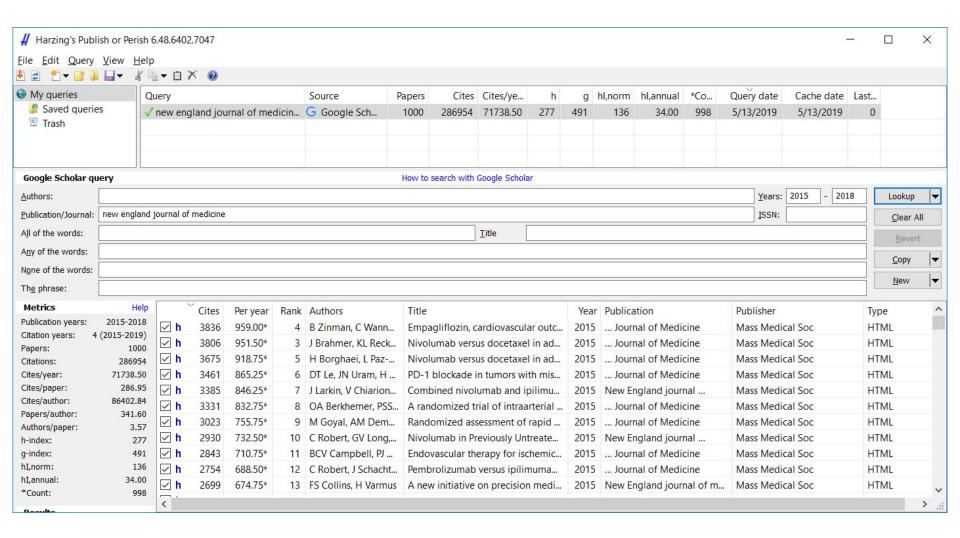
Publish or Perish

Searches:

- Crossref
- Google Scholar
- Google Scholar Profile
- Microsoft Academic
- Scopus (subscription required)
- Web of Science (subscription required)





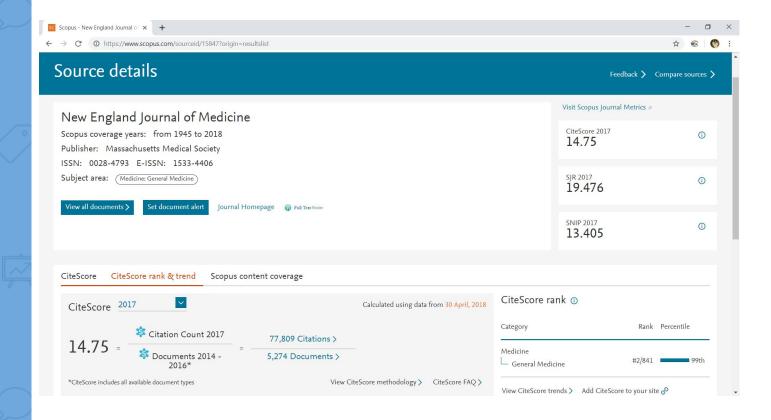


Scopus and Web of Science

Largest abstract and citation databases of peer-reviewed literature.

Include tools to track, analyze, and visualize research.

Scopus







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- for free
- no restrictions on access
- no restrictions on sharing



- Green Open Access
- Gold Open Access
- Hybrid Open Access

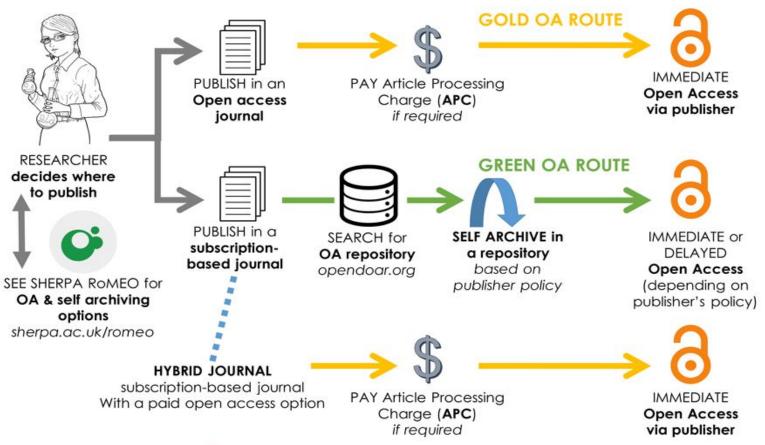
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- Green Open Access
- Gold Open Access
- Hybrid Open Access

- Gratis Open Access
- Libre Open Access

Open Access Publishing



Directory of Open Access Journals

"DOAJ is a community-curated list of open access journals and aims to be the starting point for all information searches for quality, peer reviewed open access material."

https://doaj.org/



Summary

- ▶ 13,176 journals
- ► 10,191 searchable at article level
- ► 130 countries
- 3,970,695 articles



Journal of Global Initiatives

Journal of Global Initiatives: Policy, Pedagogy, Perspective

ISSN: 1930-3009 (Print)

https://digitalcommons.kennesaw.edu/jgi/

Editorial review

Subject: Social Sciences

Date added to DOAJ: 3 May 2019 Record Last Updated: 3 May 2019



Energy Strategy Reviews

ISSN: 2211-467X (Print); 2211-4688 (Online)

https://www.journals.elsevier.com/energy-strategy-reviews

Blind peer review

Subject: Social Sciences: Industries. Land use. Labor: Special industries and trades: Energy industries. Energy

policy. Fuel trade

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Cancer Communications

ISSN: 2523-3548 (Online)

https://cancercommun.biomedcentral.com/

Blind peer review

Subject: Medicine: Internal medicine: Neoplasms. Tumors. Oncology. Including cancer and carcinogens

Date added to DOAJ: 6 Nov 2018 Record Last Updated: 6 Nov 2018



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DOAJ's Publishing basic standards for inclusion

- Coverage
- Access
- ISSN
- Editorial boards
- Impact Factors
- Article processing charges
- Author guidelines
- Publishing Rights
- Plagiarism

DOAJ's policy on "predatory" publishers and journals

- 'questionable' instead of predatory
- Objective review
- List of journals added to and removed from DOAJ

Journal Title	ISSN	Date Removed (dd/mm/yyyy)	Reason
European Journal of Social & Behavioural Sciences	2301-2218	9-May-2019	Suspected editorial misconduct by publisher
International Journal on Emerging Mathematics Education	2549-4996	6-May-2019	Journal not adhering to Best practice
JMM Case Reports	2053-3721	6-May-2019	Ceased publishing
Advances in Natural Sciences : Nanoscience and Nanotechnology	2043-6262	2-May-2019	Journal is no longer Open Access
Jurnal Kajian Informasi & Perpustakaan	2303-2677	2-May-2019	Journal not adhering to Best practice
Journal of Educational, Health and Community Psychology	2088-3129	30-Apr-2019	Suspected editorial misconduct by publisher
Journal of Medical Physiology	2538-2322	26-Apr-2019	Journal not adhering to Best practice
Critical Multilingualism Studies	2325-2871	24-Apr-2019	Web site URL no longer works



You want to put your research articles online, but...

- Some publishers prohibit authors to self archive
- Others allow it only under certain conditions
- Others are quite happy for authors to show their work in this way.



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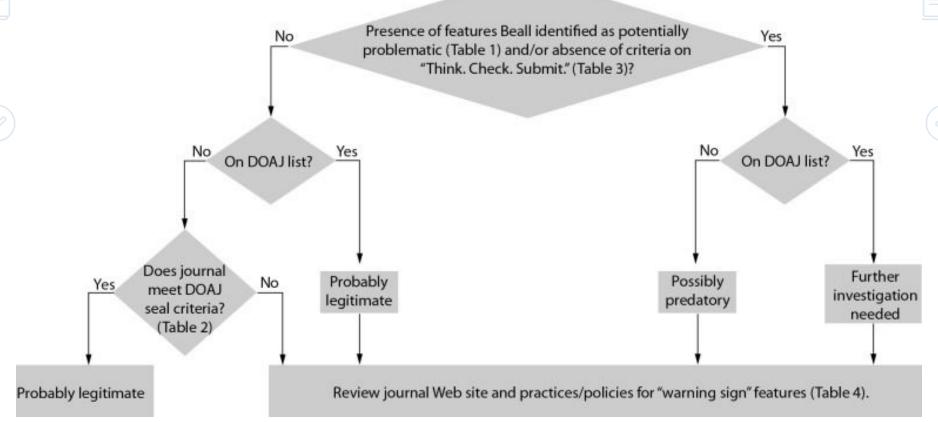


Information on a journal-by-journal basis

- Publisher open access policies
- Summaries of self-archiving permissions
- Conditions of rights given to authors on a journal-by-journal basis.

SHERPA / RoMEO Archiving Policies

ROMEO Colors	Archiving Policy
green	can archive pre-print <i>and</i> post-print or publisher's version/PDF
<u>blue</u>	can archive post-print (ie final draft post-refereeing) or publisher's version/PDF
<u>yellow</u>	can archive pre-print (ie pre-refereeing)
<u>white</u>	archiving not formally supported



Predatory Journals Algorithm

(Laine & Winker, 2017, http://www.wame.org/identifying-predatory-or-pseudo-journals)

Other resources for Open Access content

OpenDOAR - Directory of Open Access Repositories

http://v2.sherpa.ac.uk/opendoar/

DOAB - Directory of Open Access Books https://www.doabooks.org/

Open Access Publishing Websites



- Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association
 - http://oaspa.org
- Directory of Open Access Journals
 - http://www.doaj.org
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 - http://oad.simmons.edu
- Harvard Open Access Project
 - https://cyber.harvard.edu/hoap
- Open Journals Systems
 - https://pkp.sfu.ca/ojs



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Selected resources



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