

Library Shorts: The Tricks of Predatory Publishers

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What are Predatory Publishers?

Author pays publications fees for publishing services and the publisher/journal provides little or no services:

- No peer review
- No editing
- No long-term archiving
- Journals, publishers, conferences
- Often connected with the Open Access publishing modell

→ Damage to reputation



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Common Tricks and Red Flags

- Unsolicited invitations, fake acceptance letters
- Lack of peer review within the publication process
- Misleading metrics: fake impact factors, made up journal rankings
- High or hidden publication fees
- Poor quality websites: Website shows irregular publication cycles, content is not accessible or not available at all → no long-term archiving, no DOIs
- Journal Hijacking: similar website title, expired URLs
- Publisher offers a great range of journals/topics – but little content
- Publisher does not provide contact information or an imprint
- Fake information about editorial boards, members
- AI produced content

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- Use whitelists: Directory of Open Access Journals ([DOAJ](#))
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Fri, Dec 6, 2024, 11:30 AM: Benefits of using PIDs

(Persistent Identifiers like, DOI, ORCID iDs)

Fri, Dec 13, 2024, 11:30 AM: Navigating Publishing Costs at GFZ

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