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## **Predatory Journals**

**A growing concern within the open access publishing model**

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## **Abstract**

The growing number of predatory journals within the open access publishing model is an increasing concern for information users and researchers. With false promises of high scientific quality, low turnaround time for publishing manuscripts and no or very low submission costs, the predatory journals illicitly generate profit by targeting researchers and information seekers that are in immediate need of information.

The predatory journals and their websites are designed to imitate legitimate and high-quality publications and some open access journals have been hijacked and copied in order to deceive the readers to believe it's the original journal. Publishing in predatory journals can potentially damage the career of researchers and information seekers are misled to information of false or poor scientific standards.

Relating to information tolerance, predatory publishing has a negative impact on the concept of open access where information seekers and researchers without access to expensive information sources or research funding are specifically affected by these highly questionable marketing strategies.

By providing information about the nature of predatory publishing and guide users to high quality open access journals, librarians can support researchers to practice safe publishing and provide users with tools to separate high quality open access journals from predatory journals.

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