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# Choosing the Right Journal

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# Session outline

Thinking about where to publish:

Predatory journals

How to choose the right journal

Resources that can help us

Scopus demo



# Thinking about where to publish

- Consider relevant journals at the beginning of your project
- Are you going to publish open access?
- Make a list of relevant journal titles

<https://v2.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/>

# Predatory Publishing

“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.”

Grudniewicz, A., Moher, D., Cobey, K.D. et al. (2019) ‘Predatory journals: no definition, no defence.’ *Nature*, 576, pp. 210-212.



# Characteristics of a Predatory Publisher

- Publish out of scope articles
- Unofficial impact factors
- Is an editorial board listed?
- Is it indexed in a database like Medline or CINAHL?
- Soliciting academics through email
- Are publisher contact details included on website
- Is the peer review process explained?



“**Think. Check. Submit.** helps researchers identify trusted journals and publishers for their research. Through a range of tools and practical resources, this international, cross-sector initiative aims to educate researchers, promote integrity, and build trust in credible research and publications.”

[thinkchecksubmit.org](https://thinkchecksubmit.org)

# Choosing the right journal

Decide on your journal before you start writing your paper

## Journal Aim and Scope

- Does the subject of your article match the journal's subject focus?
- Does the journal accept the article type you intend to write & submit?
- What is the target audience and readership of the journal?

# Choosing the right journal

## Prestige and Visibility

- Is the journal considered prestigious in its field? Is it a peer-reviewed journal?
- Consider the journal's impact factor. How does it compare with other journals in the same field?
- Is the journal indexed in reputable bibliographic & subject specific databases?

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## Review and Publication Process

- What is the publication frequency of the journal? How many issues per year?
- What is the journal turnaround time for articles submitted for publication? Does the journal clearly explain their peer-reviewing procedures?
- What is the acceptance rate for the journal?

## Resources to help you choose the right journal

**BMJ** – <https://authors.bmj.com/before-you-submit/how-to-choose-a-journal/>

**Wiley**- <https://authorservices.wiley.com/author-resources/Journal-Authors/find-a-journal/index.html>

**Elsevier** - <https://scientific-publishing.webshop.elsevier.com/research-process/how-to-choose-a-journal-to-submit-an-article/>

# Resources to help you choose the right journal

**JANE** - <https://jane.biosemantics.org/index.php>

**JOT**- <https://jot.publichealth.yale.edu/>

# Resources to help you choose the right journal

Scopus- <https://elh.nhs.wales/>

## Resources List

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NHS Wales e Library- <https://elh.nhs.wales/>

LibrarySearch- [NHS Wales LibrarySearch  
\(exlibrisgroup.com\)](https://www.exlibrisgroup.com)

Think, Check, Submit- <https://thinkchecksubmit.org/>

‘What is Open Access’- <https://youtu.be/PQYzintn0xs>