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## **Information on publishing**

### **❖ Sites with useful guides to publishing**

#### **Emerald:**

**[http://www.emeraldgrouppublishing.com/authors/workshops/ggp\\_online.htm](http://www.emeraldgrouppublishing.com/authors/workshops/ggp_online.htm)**

### **❖ Taylor and Francis**

**<http://journalauthors.tandf.co.uk/>**

❖ **Springer**

[http://www.springer.com/gp/authors-  
editors/journal-author](http://www.springer.com/gp/authors-editors/journal-author)

❖ **Wiley online Library**

[http://exchanges.wiley.com/authors/journal-  
author-guide\\_268.html](http://exchanges.wiley.com/authors/journal-author-guide_268.html)

**Journal/Publishers website have guides for authors**

**The links may be referred to as:**

- ❖ Author guides**
- ❖ Author instructions**
- ❖ Resources for authors etc**

- ❖ **These sites give you information on what publisher's expectations are.**
- ❖ **Each journal has journal specific instructions**
- ❖ **You must therefore refer to the journal site for the instructions and expectations of the journal**



# **Instructions to authors are for example on:**

- ❖ Subject/Geographical coverage**
- ❖ Submission process**
- ❖ No of words for Article and Abstract**
- ❖ Structure of the abstract**
- ❖ Format of the article**

- ❖ **Font**
- ❖ **Pagination (eg figures and tables)**
- ❖ **File type**
- ❖ **Referencing style**

**Nb: Refer to a previous issue of the journal for an idea of the kind of articles it publishes**

# Ethical issues

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- ❖ **The manuscript has not been submitted to more than one journal for simultaneous consideration.**
- ❖ **The manuscript has not been published previously**
- ❖ **No data have been fabricated or manipulated (including images) to support your conclusions**





❖ **No Plagiarism**

❖ **Consent to submit has been received explicitly from all co-authors, as well as from the responsible authorities**

# Finding the right journal

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- ❖ Be realistic about where you send your manuscript for consideration for publication
- ❖ Do not send an interesting but specialized manuscript to a general journal that is looking for topics of broader interest or major scientific importance
- ❖ Discuss where you want to publish with an experienced colleague, either before formatting manuscript or at the very least before submission

# Finding the right journal

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- ❖ Aims and scope
- ❖ ISI Impact Factor (frequency with which the "average article" in a given scholarly journal has been cited in a particular year or period)
- ❖ Does the journal have an international audience?
- ❖ Is the journal peer reviewed?

- ❖ **Who is on the editorial board?**
- ❖ **Is the journal available online?**
- ❖ **Is the journal published by an international association or learned society?**

# **Sites for authenticating publishers/Journals**

## **1. Social Science citation index**

<http://ip-science.thomsonreuters.com/cgi-bin/jrnlst/jloptions.cgi?PC=SS>

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2. SJR (<http://www.scimagojr.com/journalrank.php>)
3. SNIP (<http://www.journalmetrics.com/snip.php>)
4. SherpaRomeo (<http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/>)

## **Sites for authenticating publishers/Journals**

**5. Directory of Open Access Journals - <http://doaj.org/>**

**6. Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association-<http://oaspa.org/>**

# How to avoid a scam



## **How to avoid a scam!**



- 1. When you google the title of the journal, is the first hit the journal website, or is it a blog discussing why this journal is a fraud?**
- 2. Take a look at the journal website.**



**3. Is it transparent about any author fees and the peer review process?**

**4. Check whether the journal is listed in the Directory of Open Access Journals. If not, it's not a recognized open access journal.**



**5. Check to see if this journal is listed in mainstream library journal databases.**

**6. Check whether the publisher appears in Beall's List of Predatory Publishers.**

**7. Another good test is whether the publisher is a member of the Open Access Publishers Association**

**8. Ask whether the journal website promises more than it can reasonably deliver.**

**9. Ask a subject specialist for assistance.**

**10. Has the journal published any issues? read an article or two and assess for yourself.**

**11. Searching in the box marked “Search this journal” on the journal web page for the name of an author of an article in a recent issue of the journal does not return any hits.**

**12. No specific person is identified as the editor of the journal**

**13. The journal should have a physical address**




- ❖ **beware of unsolicited offers to publish your thesis!**
- ❖ **Use common sense, as you would when shopping online: if something looks fishy, proceed with caution!**
- ❖ **in doubt? talk with your supervisor, or the Library.**





IF IT'S TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE,  
IT USUALLY IS.



Don't be fooled. If something  
sounds too good to be true,  
it probably is.

# Links to Blacklisted Journals

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- ❖ **Beall's List of Predatory Publishers -**  
**<http://scholarlyoa.com/publishers/>**
- ❖ **<http://allfakejournals.blogspot.com/>**
- ❖ **[http://www.academia.edu/9631250/Blacklisted Journals](http://www.academia.edu/9631250/Blacklisted_Journals)**

# Misleading Metrics

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**A list of questionable companies that purport to provide valid scholarly metrics at the researcher, article, or journal level.**

**<http://scholarlyoa.com/other-pages/misleading-metrics/>**

# Hijacked Journals List

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- ❖ list includes 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).
- ❖ <http://scholarlyoa.com/other-pages/hijacked-journals/>



# PREDATORY STANDALONE JOURNALS

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## ❖ LIST OF STANDALONE JOURNALS

❖ <http://scholarlyoa.com/individual-journals/>

# References

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- <http://i.bnet.com/blogs/scam51.jpg>
- <http://image.slidesharecdn.com/lib-1202807027688565-3/95/lib-1-728.jpg?cb=1202778230>
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Thank you!

Any questions or  
remarks?