



Predatory publishing

What is predatory publishing?

...predatory publishers...publish counterfeit journals to exploit the open-access model in which the author pays. These predatory publishers are dishonest and lack transparency. They aim to dupe researchers, especially those inexperienced in scholarly communication.

What should an academic or researcher expect from publishing?

- Contribution to your reputation
- Visibility to a professional community
- Record of research
- Recognition of quality work
- Peer review

News

- ABC's Background briefing
- More examples:

email that had two PDF attachments. One was a formal statement of acceptance and the second was the reviewer report.



The screenshot above is from the acceptance letter. The following screenshot is from the review form, in which an anonymous reviewer indicated that the paper's appropriateness for the journal is "excellent."



It's clear from examining the reviewer report that the same filled-out form is used for most or all submissions. Certainly, no peer review was completed despite the journal's claim to be a peer reviewed journal.



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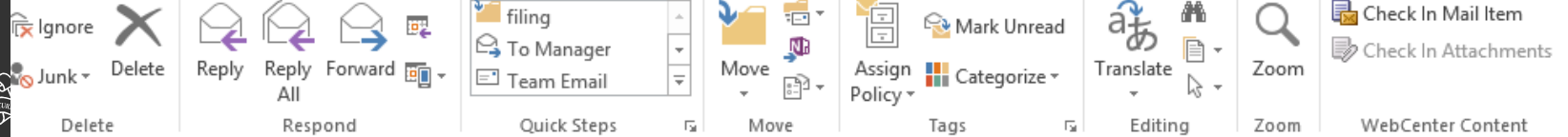
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- **If you haven't heard of the journal or conference** check tools such as Incites, Beall's list or ask your local librarian
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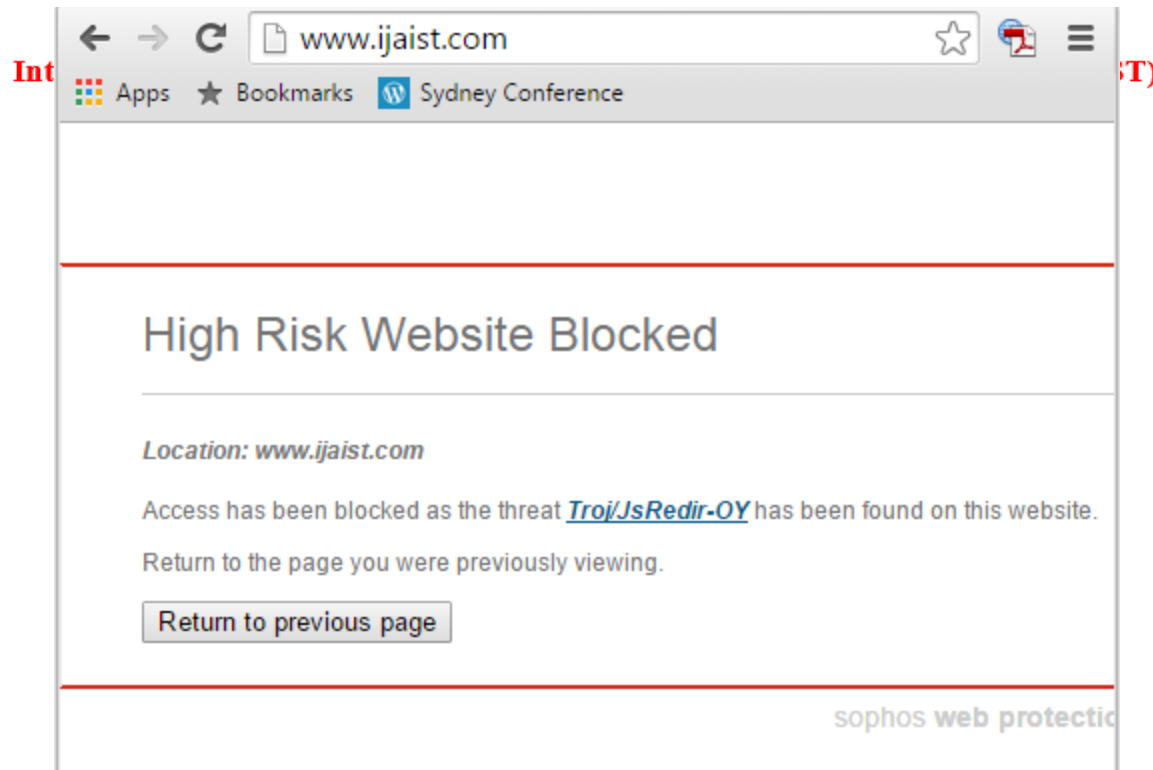


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6 Issues/Year

Key Indicators

Year	Total Cites	Journal Impact Factor	Impact Factor Without Journal Self Cites	5 Year Impact Factor	Immediacy Index	Citable Items	Cited Half-Life	Citing Half-Life	Eigenfactor Score	Article Influence Score	% Articles in Citable Items	Normalized Eigenfactor
Graph												
2014	1,005	1.158	0.871	1.514	0.079	63	7.4	7.5	0.00155	0.390	100.00	0.17235
2013	937	1.087	0.869	1.387	0.117	60	7.2	8.2	0.00204	0.504	98.33	0.22485
2012	827	1.238	1.039	1.384	0.146	41	6.6	7.0	0.00208	0.477	95.12	Not A...
2011	807	1.299	1.113	1.888	0.157	51	5.9	7.0	0.00274	0.617	98.04	Not A...
2010	923	1.406	1.148	1.880	0.180	50	6.2	7.5	0.00208	0.453	98.00	Not A...
2009	939	1.708	1.519	1.998	0.149	47	6.0	7.6	0.00287	0.592	97.87	Not A...
2008	729	1.648	1.494	1.351	0.167	54	6.9	8.2	0.00165	0.335	92.59	Not A...
2007	448	1.080	0.919	1.018	0.146	48	5.8	7.4	0.00186	0.363	93.75	Not A...
2006	408	0.852	0.647	Not Av...	0.233	43	6.0	7.4	Not A...	Not A...	90.70	Not A...
2005	413	0.747	0.655	Not Av...	0.091	44	6.5	5.7	Not A...	Not A...	97.73	Not A...
2004	366	0.699	0.741	Not Av...	0.045	44	5.1	6.0	Not A...	Not A...	97.73	Not A...

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Journal Source Data

	Citable Items			Other
	Articles	Reviews	Combined	
Number in JCR Year 2014 (A)	63	0	63	3
Number of References (B)	2,396	0	2,396	24
Ratio (B/A)	38.0	0.0	38.0	8.0

Criteria

- Beall's Criteria for Determining Predatory Open-Access Publishers
- Committee on Publishing Ethics:
 - Code of Conduct for Journal Publishers
 - Principles of Transparency and Best Practice in Scholarly Publishing
- Quality editorial board (note this can be circumvented by predatory publishers)

Not just open access publishers

- In early 2014 Springer and IEEE removed more than 120 papers after Cyril Labbé of Joseph Fourier University in Grenoble, France, discovered computer-generated papers published in their journals.

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