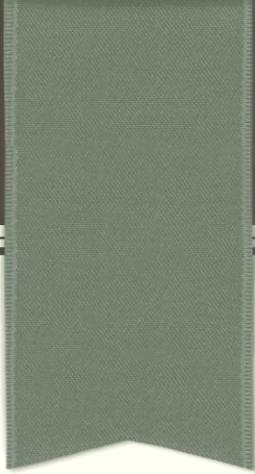


Predatory Journals: How to spot them





Are you thinking about publishing your research and joining a credible academic conversation? Then you need to be aware of

PREDATORY JOURNALS:

How to spot them



Predatory journals?

- Money makes the world go round
- Time is money

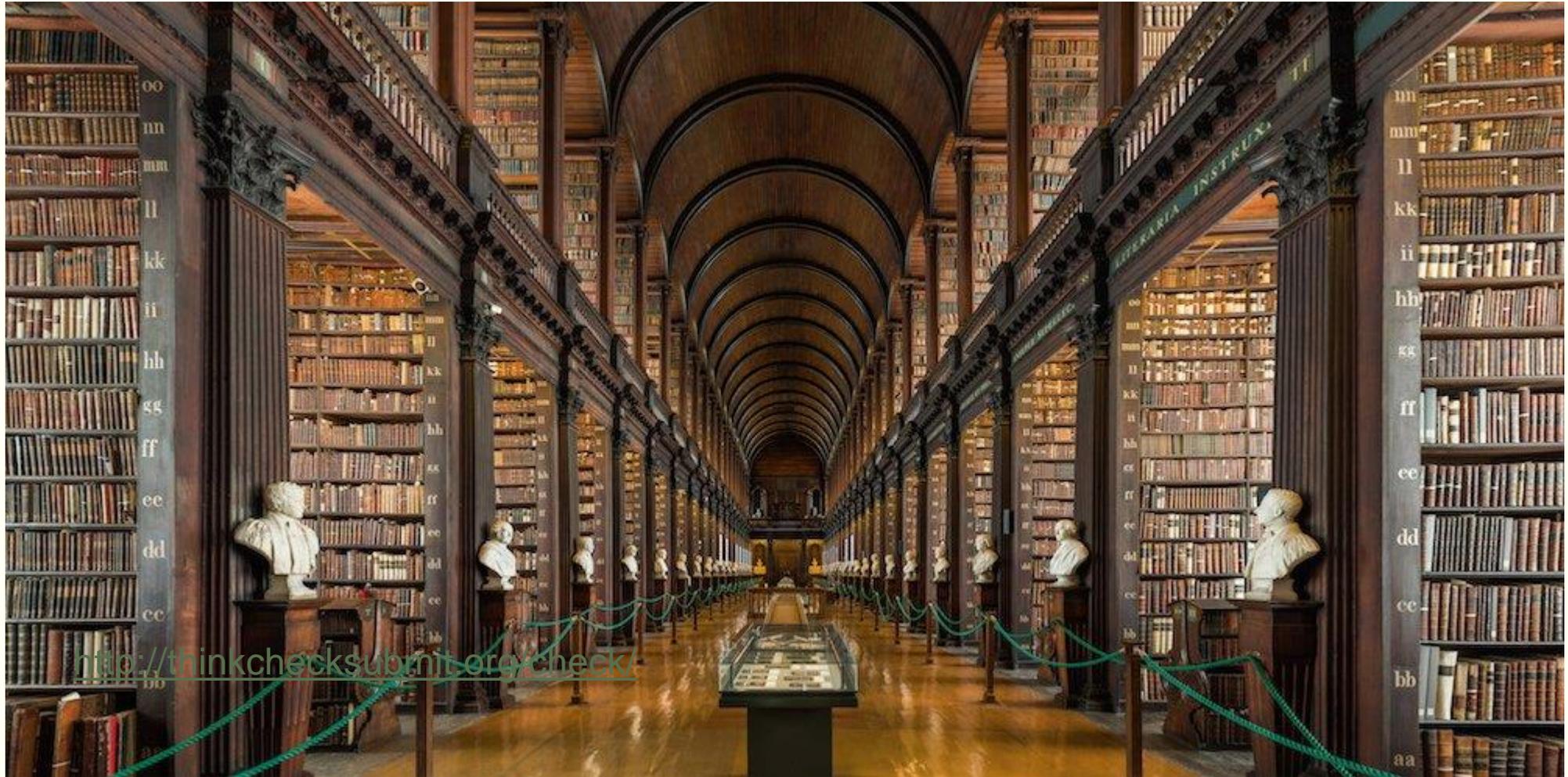


Spot them: do your own investigating

- Go to their website – look and feel
- Check the scope of the journal for ambiguity
- Try to make contact with the editor
- What does an actual published article look like?
- Check the editorial board – qualifications



Who can help to spot them and what are other warning signs?



<http://thinkchecksubmit.org/check/>

For example... African Journal of Business Management



- Authors fee
- Increased self citations since launch
- Increase in articles published over short period
- Peer reviewers not mentioned
- No contact details for editorial board

<http://www.academicjournals.org/journal/AJBM>



Additional resources

- [Predatory publishing in South Africa](#)
- [Scholarly publication ethics: practical problems with African experience](#)
- [We Now Know Why Jeffrey Beall's \(Removed List of Predatory Journals\)](#)
- [The Ethics Blog](#)
- [Journal evaluation tool](#)
- [Scientific publications tips](#)



Post script

The best way to avoid predatory publications is to ask yourself why you want to get published.

You get published in order to contribute to a knowledge conversation - and so you should select a publication which is credible and where that conversation is taking place.

If you're selecting journals on the basis of soliciting emails, rather than by the references you are using to build your argument, then you will be very vulnerable to predatory publications.

Sioux McKenna, 2018



See also

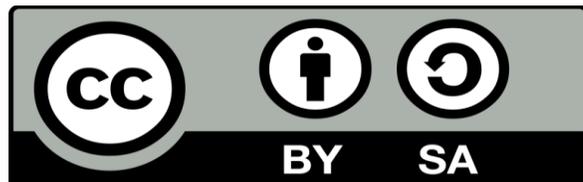
<http://postgradenvironments.com/2017/10/16/selecting-journal-publication/>

The final of the three videos in the link above addresses the issue of predatory publications

<http://postgradenvironments.com/2017/11/06/predatory-journals-identify-avoid/>

and

<https://theconversation.com/why-developing-countries-are-particularly-vulnerable-to-predatory-journals-86704>



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