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# Predatory Publishing and Irresponsible Publication Practices

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# The Chef, the Actor, and the Scoundrel



# We've All Seen the Headlines

The Washington Post

March 27, 2015

## Major publisher retracts 43 scientific papers amid wider fake peer-review scandal

nature

International weekly journal of science

## Watch out for cheats in citation game

The focus on impact of published research has created new opportunities for misconduct and fraudsters, says [Mario Biagioli](#).

12 July 2016

Science Translational Medicine 

## Authorship For Sale. Papers For Sale. Everything For Sale.

By [Derek Lowe](#) | December 2, 2013

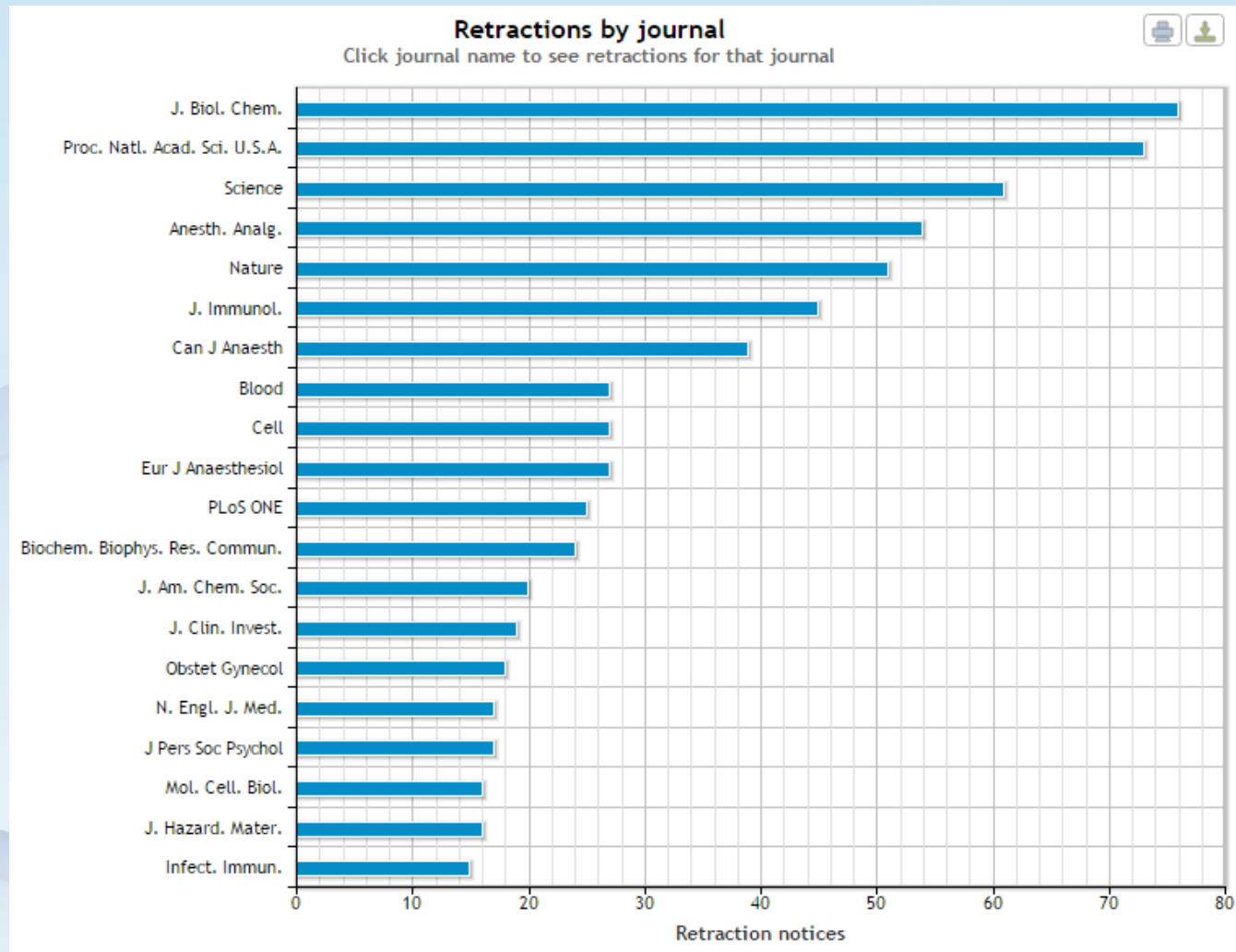
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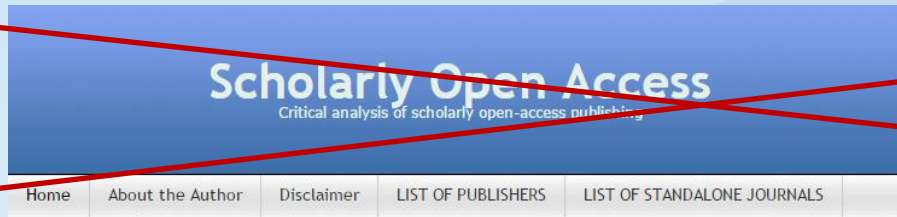
## Why You Should Avoid Predatory Journals, Welcome Rigorous Review

# PubMed Retraction Notices

By Journal; Top 20 Journals; 2014



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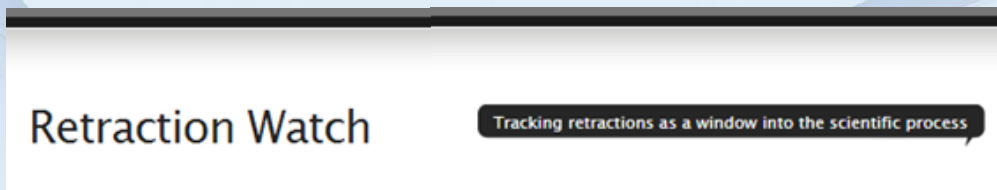


- Blog activities by **Jeffrey Beall**  
([www.ScholarlyOA.com](http://www.ScholarlyOA.com))

## Sources of journal white lists:

- DOAJ
- OASPA
- Cabell's International
- SCOPUS, JCR and other such indexed sources

- Various articles by **John Bohannon, David Moher's team and others**



- Watchdog activities and articles by **Adam Marcus, Ivan Oransky, and staff**  
([www.RetractionWatch.com](http://www.RetractionWatch.com))



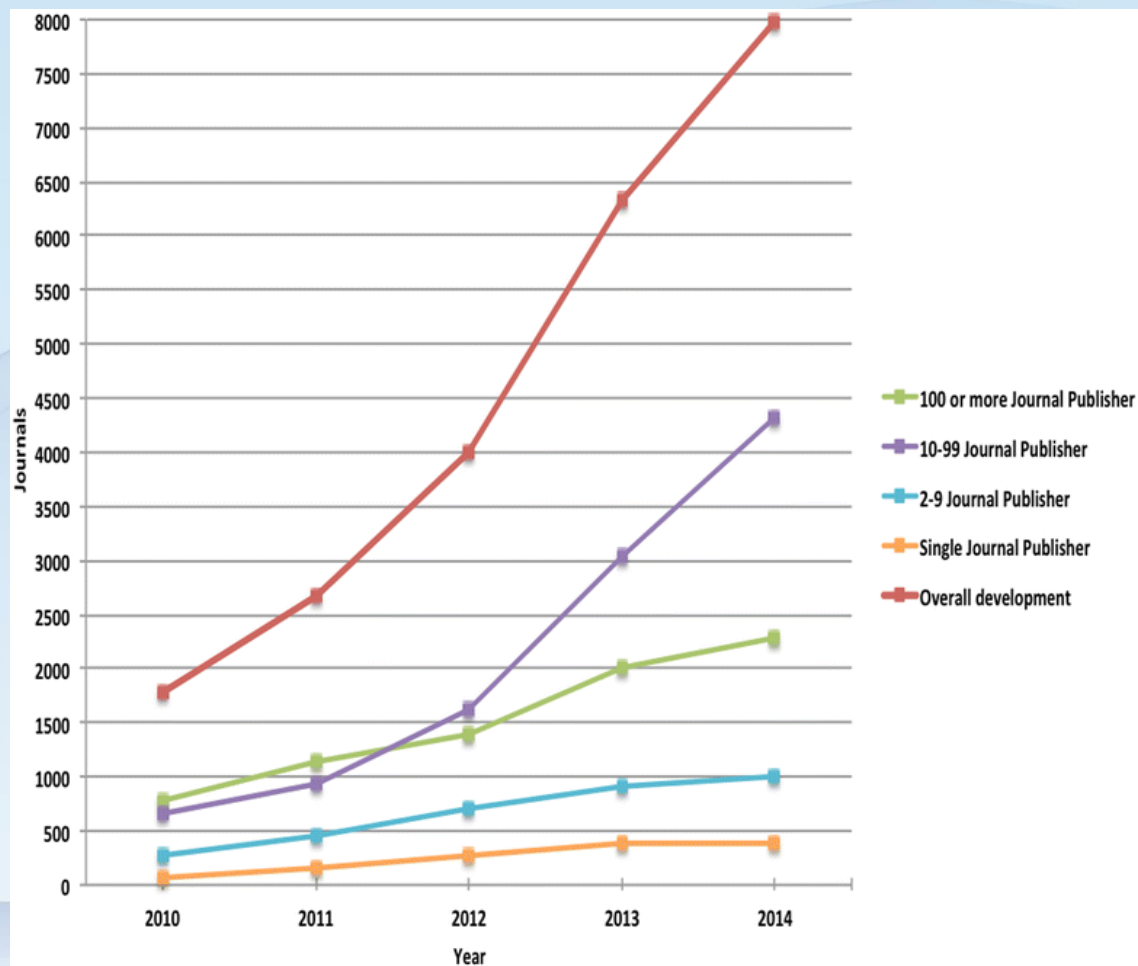
# Things that Keep Me Awake at Night

## Predatory Practices

- Every facet of the 'axis of publication' now has predatory and irresponsible elements of activity associated with it:
  - Editorial Board solicitation
  - Peer Reviewer solicitation/fixing
  - Manuscript solicitation
  - Peer Review promises
  - Predatory Author Services
    - Authorship for sale
    - Plagiarism / data stealing
    - Manuscripts for sale
    - Writing fraud
- My greatest fear is that in a very short amount of time, an author will have a very hard time identifying what are ethical practices. We will not be able to educate fast enough as irresponsible practices become mainstream.

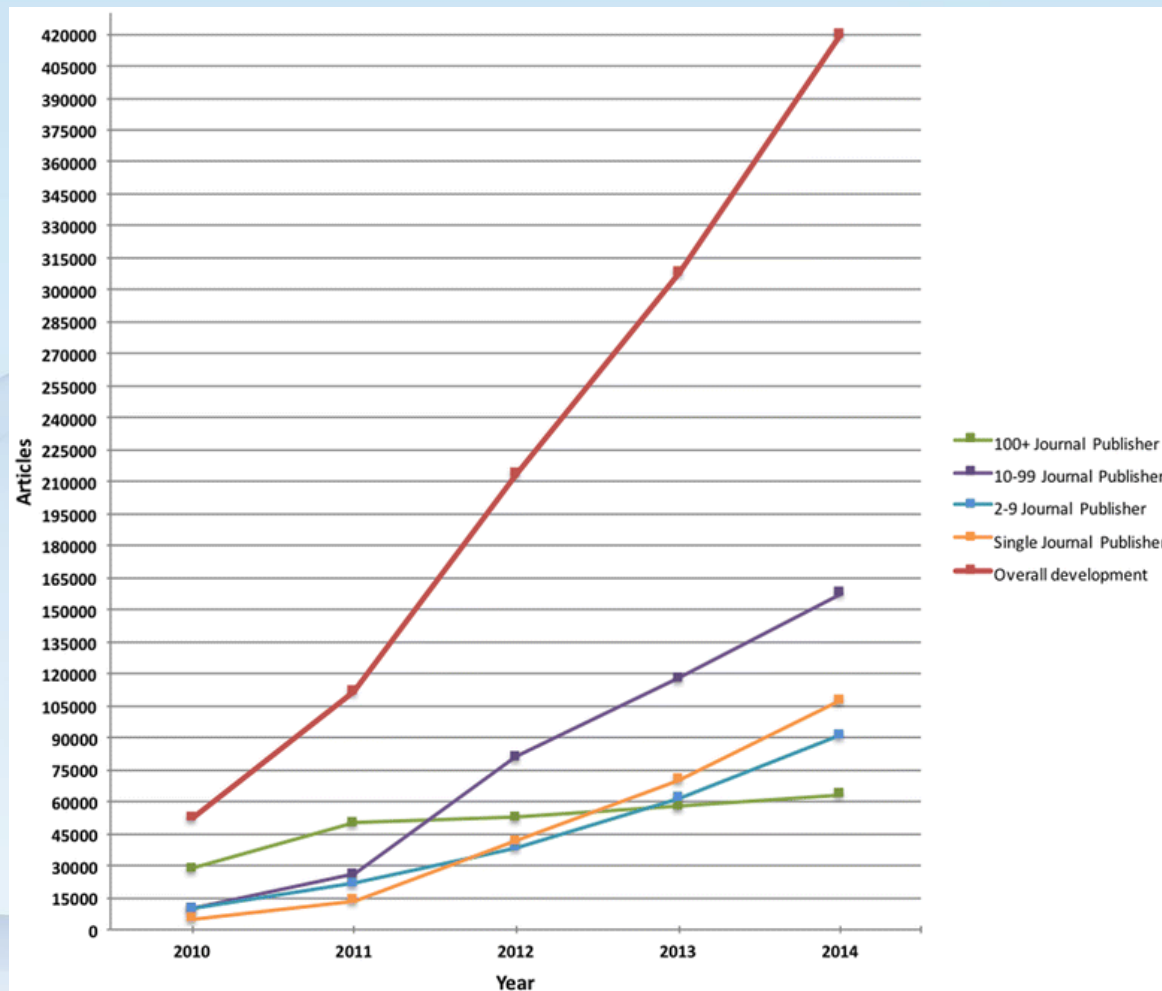


# Growth of Active Predatory OA Journals (2010-2014)



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# Growth of Predatory OA Articles (2010-2014)

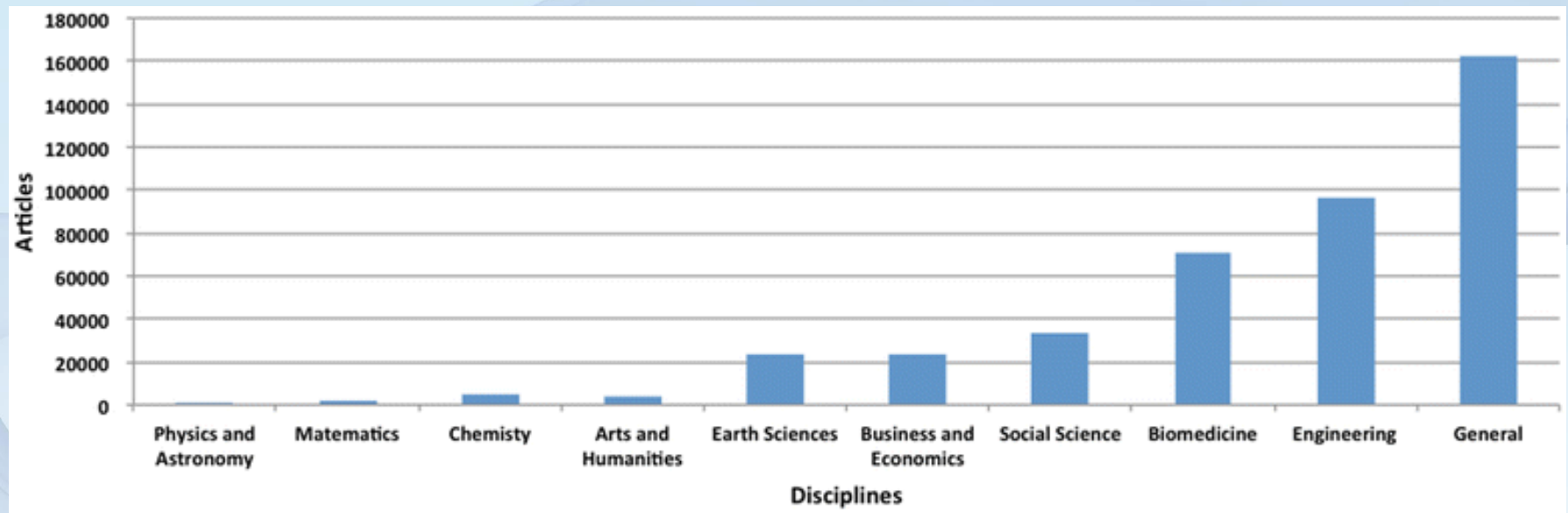


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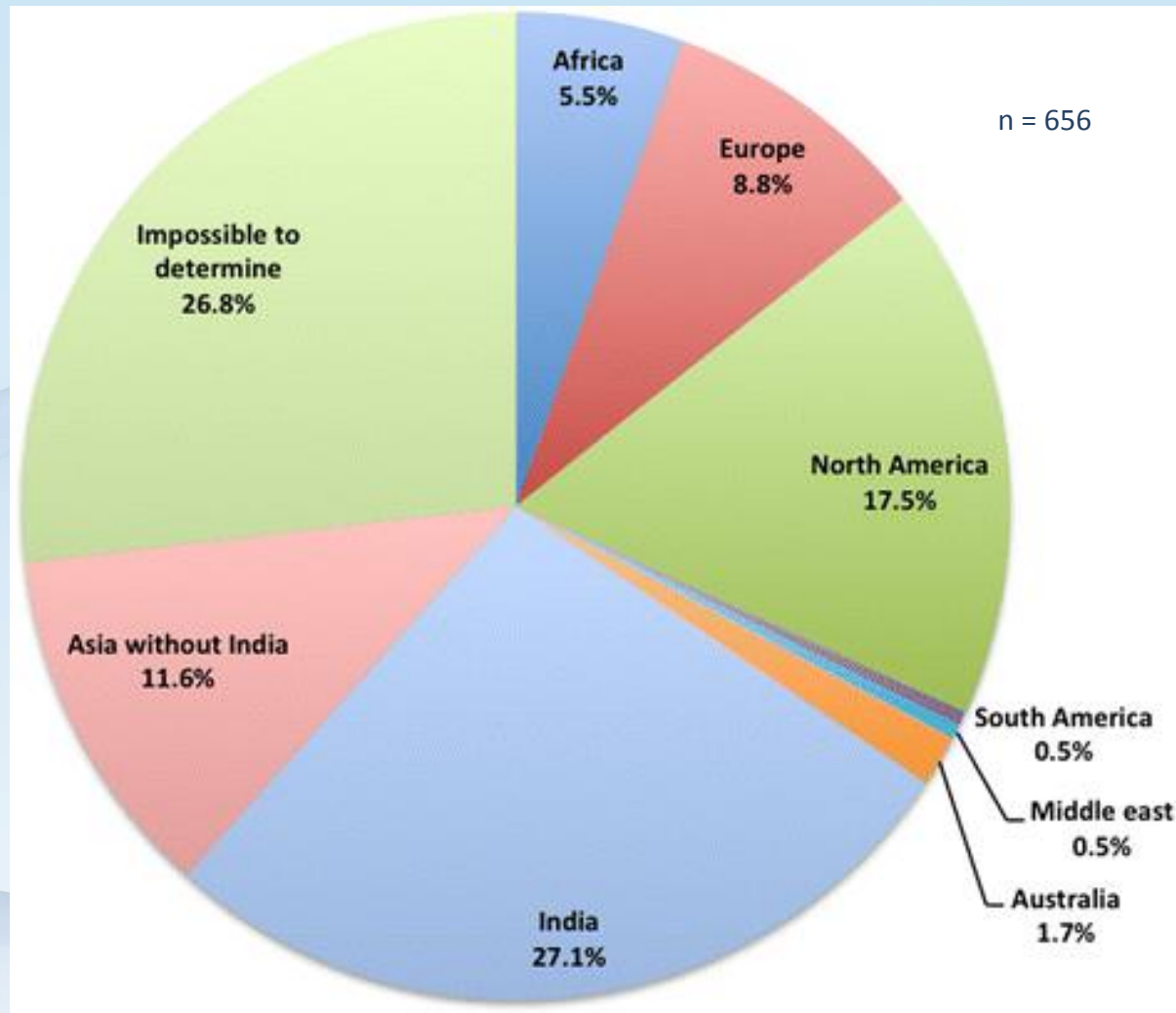
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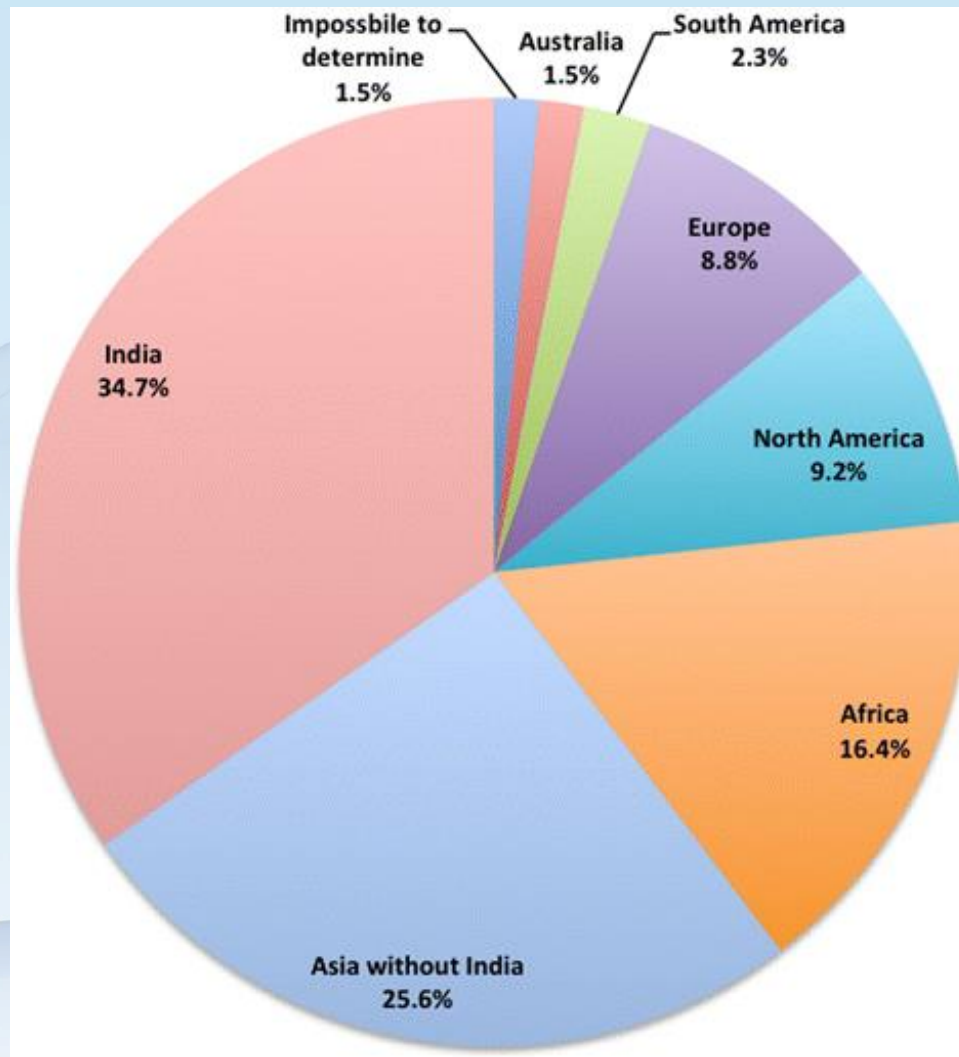
# Distribution of Predatory OA Publishers

By Geographic Region



# Distribution of Corresponding Authors

By Geographic Region



# Increasing Action Against Predatory Activity

- U.S. agency charges a publisher for deceiving academicians
  - In an unprecedented move, the U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has charged OMICS Group, Inc. and related companies (iMedPub LLC, Conference Series LLC) for deceiving researchers and academicians about publication fees, peer review process, and the nature of its publications.  
**Source:** <https://www.ftc.gov/news-events/press-releases/2016/08/ftc-charges-academic-journal-publisher-omics-group-deceived>
- Recent activities in China
  - Two publishing companies (Beijing Shenglinge Culture Development and Beijing Kanbo Tianxia International Culture), launched in 2012 and 2013 respectively, were shut down. The charges are for using the periodical numbers (ISSN or specific Chinese identifiers) of other publishers and for defrauding authors by charging a publication fee. The owner, Wang, and his employees are being charged with defrauding authors a total of 12m Yuan (c.£1.4m or c.\$1.8m).  
**Source:** <https://beijngtoday.com.cn/2016/08/fake-journal-publisher-defrauds-millions/>

# What Makes a Journal Predatory?

Here are some signs to look out for:

- The journal is not indexed by a major database (e.g., Scopus, DOAJ, JCR, etc.).
- The Impact Factor mentioned is the not the correct one listed in JCR (Journal Citation Reports, by Thomson Reuters).
- The Editor or the Editorial Board members are not from the correct field of study. You do not recognize any of the names on the Editorial Board.
- The mechanism of peer review for the journal is not clearly stated, and do the terms of publication appear “too good to be true.”
- The article processing charges (APCs) are not clearly stated? The website appears to be overly concerned about the payment of fees.
- The journal or publisher send unwanted e-mails to you, even though you have asked them to stop. The e-mails are not written professionally.
- You cannot easily identify or contact the publisher. The telephone number, mailing address, or e-mail address appears incorrect or is not functioning.



# Some Opportunities Are Too Good to be True!

## Invitation to Publish

**From:** Editor - Journal of Immunology & Clinical Research [<mailto:Immunology@jscimedcentral.com>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 10, 2014 12:06 PM

**To:** {cut}

**Subject:** Reg: Letter of Invitation - Journal of Clinical Oncology and Research

**Dear Dr. {cut}**

Greetings from [JSciMed Central](#)!

In view of your scientific reputation and trustworthiness in your field, we would like to invite you to submit a **short communication/perspective/Research/Review** on your research area for publication in our upcoming issue.

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Anticipating your kind positive response

Thanks & Regards

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**SOURCE:** Colleague e-mail

# Some Opportunities Are Too Good to be True!

## Invitation to Participate in Conference Development

From: Epidemiology2013 [mailto:epidemiology2013@omicsgroup.info]

Sent: Thursday, November 01, 2012 9:02 AM

To: {cut}

Subject: Invitation to associate as an Organizing Committee member: Epidemiology-2013, August 21-23, 2013

Epidemiology-2013

International Conference on Molecular Epidemiology and Evolutionary Genetics

Dates: August 21-23, 2013      Venue: Miami-FL, USA

Dear Dr. {cut},

Greetings from Epidemiology-2013!!

OMICS Group is delighted to welcome you to Miami-FL, USA, for the “International Conference on Molecular Epidemiology and Evolutionary Genetics” during August 21-23, 2013. Being a potential and eminent expertise in the field of Epidemiology, Gene technology and Genetic syndromes **we would like to honour you by giving the position as an organizing committee member for this esteemed conference, also we would like to honour you by giving an opportunity as a plenary speaker at this conference. The privileges would include 50% discount on the registration fee and an honourable position as a chair/co-chair for the session of your interest.** We are anticipating that your significant talk will serve as a wave maker for the future research in the field. Epidemiology - 2013 would lay a platform for the interaction between experts around the world and aims in accelerating scientific discoveries.

**SOURCE:** Colleague e-mail

# Predatory Author Resources

## Peer Review Fraud



### COPE statement on inappropriate manipulation of peer review processes

“The Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE) has become aware of systematic, inappropriate attempts to manipulate the peer review processes of several journals across different publishers. *These manipulations appear to have been orchestrated by a number of third party agencies offering services to authors.*”

**SOURCE:** <http://publicationethics.org/news/cope-statement-inappropriate-manipulation-peer-review-processes>

# Predatory Author Resources

## Hijacked and look-alike author services

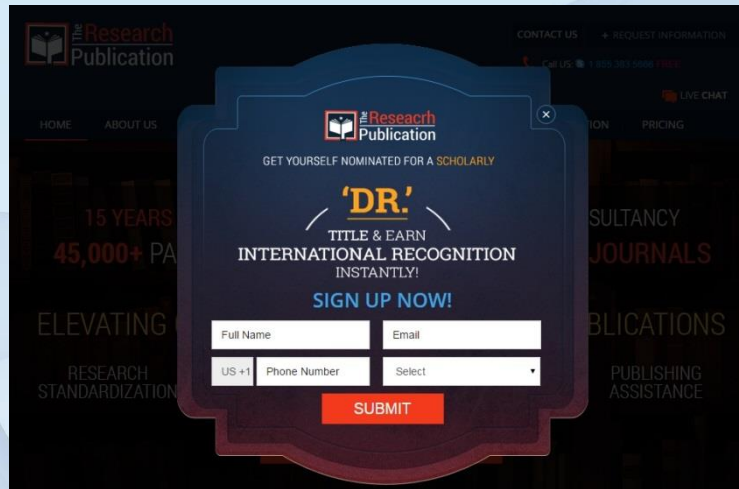
- On December 30, 2014, Jeffrey Beal posted “Is This a Paper Mill?” on his ScholarlyOA.com blog where he brought to light some irregularities of an otherwise seemingly very sophisticated author services website – now, no longer active
- This website was very concerning on many levels:
  - It was very sophisticated
  - It clearly heavily borrowed elements from Editage and other similar websites; so the company did their homework
  - It was clear that an unsuspecting author would never know the difference



# Predatory Author Resources

## Hijacked and look-alike author services

- While Jeffrey did due diligence on this site and uncovered a connection to a whole host of sites, at Editage we dug very deep and tested the degree of inappropriate behavior they were exhibiting.
  - Scholarly recognition certificates
  - Questionable NDA agreements (Texas jurisdiction)



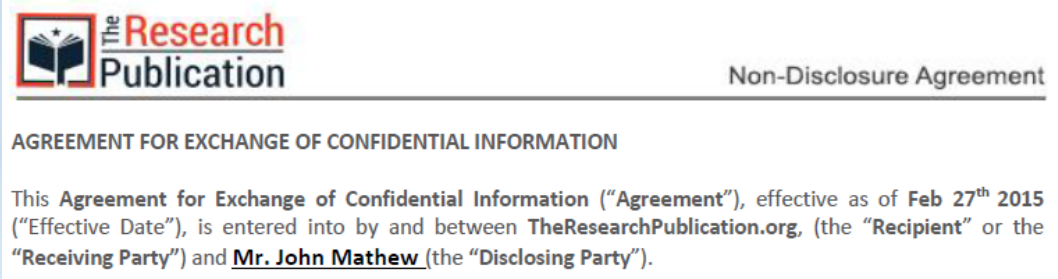
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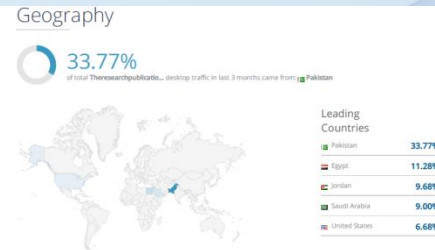
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#### Expert 4:

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## Manuscript Marketplaces

- SCIpaper.net was a manuscript “Marketplace” in China – now, no longer active

The screenshot shows the SCIpaper.net website interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text '在此处输入您想搜索的关键词' and a '搜索' button. To the right of the search bar are buttons for '免费发布信息' and '修改/删除信息'. Below the search bar is a navigation menu with links: '首页', 'SCI论文转让', 'SCI论文需求', '自助发布供求', 'SCI期刊介绍', 'SCI写作投稿', 'SCI服务问答', '关于我们', and '联系我们'. On the left side, there is a sidebar with '信息分类导航' and links for 'SCI论文转让' and 'SCI论文需求'. The main content area displays a grid of university logos, including Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications, Beijing University of Printing, Beijing University of Civil Engineering and Architecture, Beijing University of Petrochemical Engineering, China University of Agriculture, Beijing Forestry University, Beijing University of Medicine, and Capital Medical University. A large watermark '全国最大的SCI论文转让平台 SciPaper.net' is overlaid across the center. On the right side, there is a '网站新闻' section with a list of news items and dates. At the bottom right, there are buttons for '发布信息' and '添加机构'.

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## Manuscript Marketplaces

- There were plenty of unethically promoted titles for sale! You could buy to own the manuscript, buy your way onto the author by-line, or solicit the writing of a manuscript customized to your specifications (journal, Impact Factor, timeline to final draft, etc.). These are NOT ethical publication practices!

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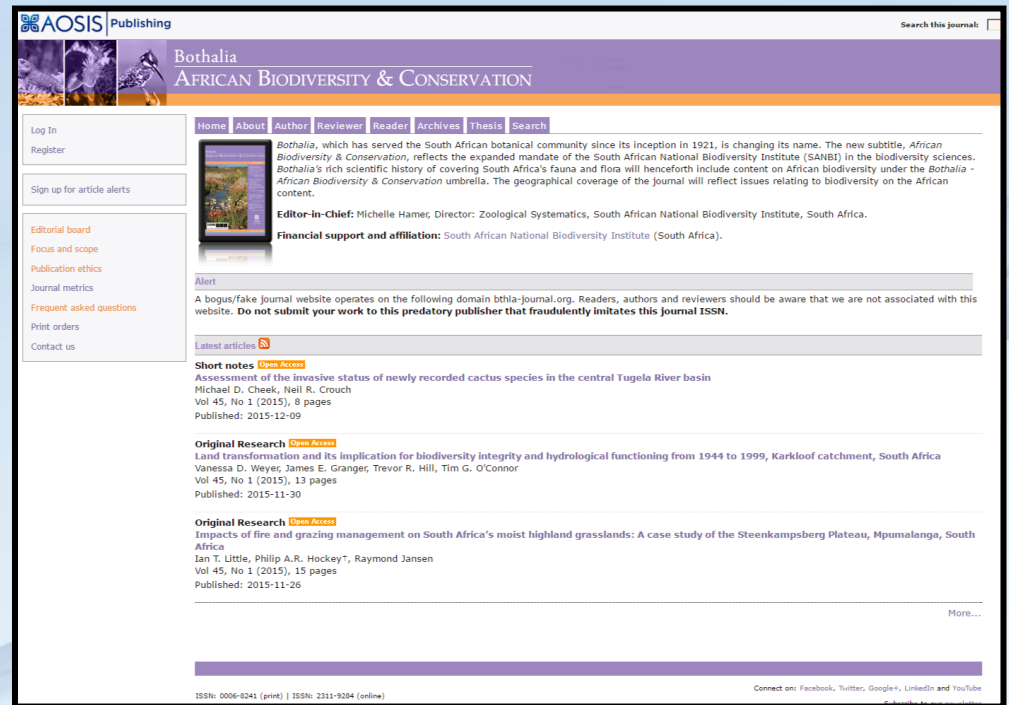
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## Can you spot the hijacked journal?



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**SOURCE:** Original Beall's List postings



**What can be done  
about it?**



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- Coalition for Responsible Publication Resources (CRPR)
  - [www.RPRcoalition.org](http://www.RPRcoalition.org)
  - <http://scholarlykitchen.sspnet.org/2015/09/16/validating-author-services-providers-qa-with-donald-samulack>
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- Think. Check. Submit.
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  - <http://scholarlykitchen.sspnet.org/2015/10/01/think-check-submit-how-to-have-trust-in-your-publisher>
  - A program launched by the Open Access Scholarly Publishers' Association (OASPA); <http://oaspa.org/>
  - A “check list” to follow before you consider submitting to a journal



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- ✓ Is the journal clear about the type of peer review it uses?
- ✓ Are articles indexed in services that you use?
- ✓ Is it clear what fees will be charged?
- ✓ Do you recognize the editorial board?
- ✓ Is the publisher a member of a recognized industry initiative?
  
- ✓ Submit, only if you can answer 'yes' to most or all of the questions above.

SOURCE: [www.ThinkCheckSubmit.org](http://www.ThinkCheckSubmit.org)

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- Alliance for Scientific Editing in China (ASEC; <http://asec.org.cn>)



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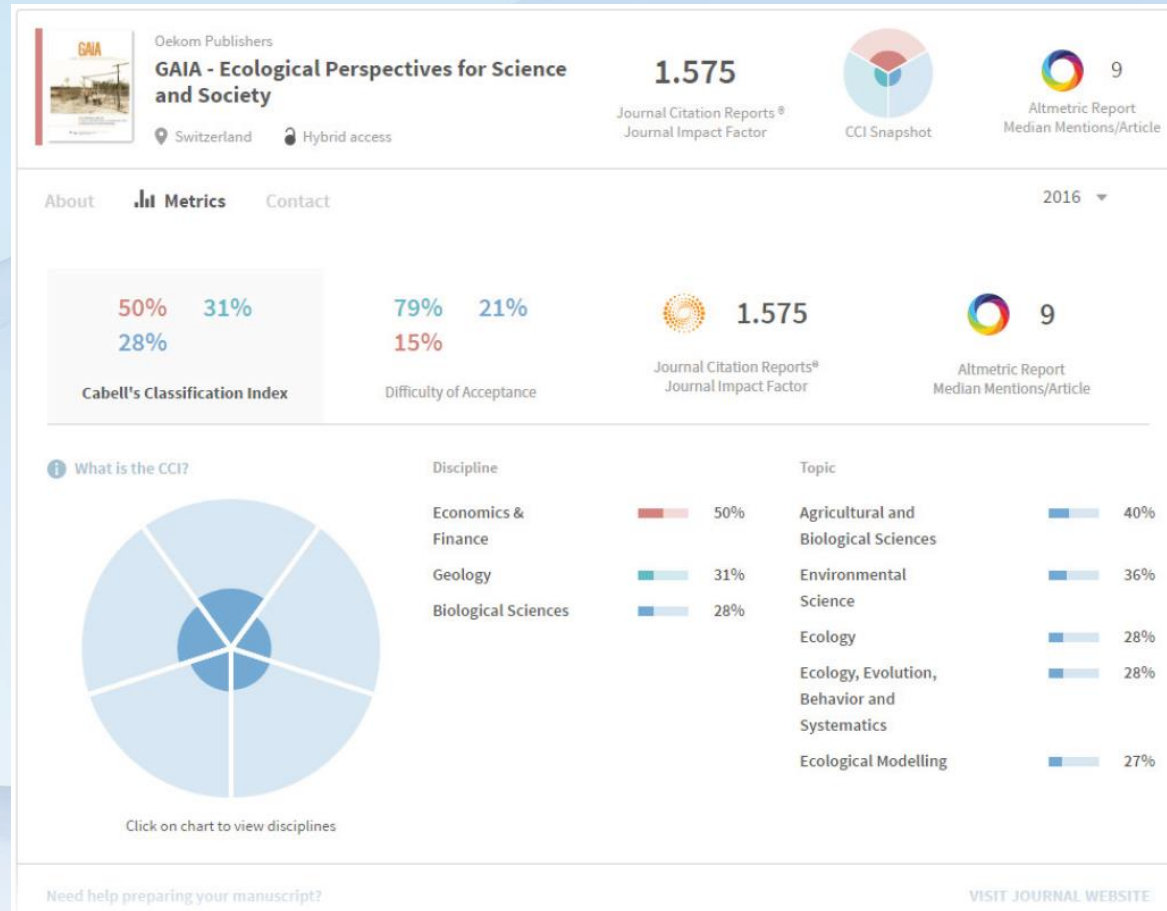
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- Third parties should not **modify the scientific content** of the manuscript
- Authors should not **provide false peer reviewer** information to the publisher
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\* China Association of Science and Technology (CAST)  
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- Cabells' Resources – Blacklist “Search”
  - ~5,000 journal titles
  - 65 behavioral indicators (<http://www.cabells.com/blacklist-criteria>)

The screenshot shows the CABELLS Scholarly Analytics website. At the top, the logo 'CABELLS SCHOLARLY ANALYTICS' is on the left, and a 'Log out' link is on the right. Below the logo is the text 'Advanced Search'. A search bar contains the word 'american' and a magnifying glass icon. To the left of the search bar is a dropdown menu labeled 'The Blacklist'. Below the search bar, it says '87 results were found' and provides a link: 'A list of journals under review for the blacklist is available here'. Three journal entries are displayed in a list:

Journal Title	Violations	Location	Access	Reviewed
American Research Institute for Policy Development <b>American International Journal of Biology</b>	9	USA (maybe Bangladesh)	Open access	Mar 14, 2017
Center for Promoting Ideas <b>American International Journal of Contemporary Research</b>	9	Bangladesh	Open access	Sep 13, 2016
Center for Global Research Development <b>American International Journal of Humanities and Social Science</b>	19	India	Open access	Jan 24, 2017

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- Cabells' Resources – Blacklist




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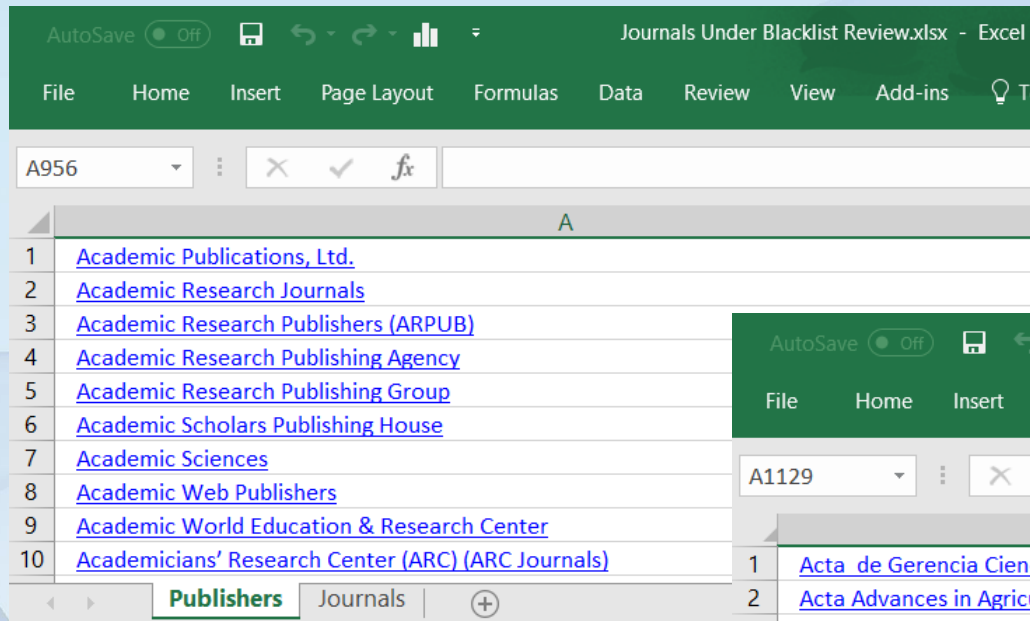
Publication Practices

- No articles are published or the archives are missing issues and/or articles.
- The publisher displays prominent statements that promise rapid publication and/or unusually quick peer review (less than 4 weeks).
- The name of the publisher suggests that it is a society, academy, etc. when it is only a publisher and offers no real benefits to members.
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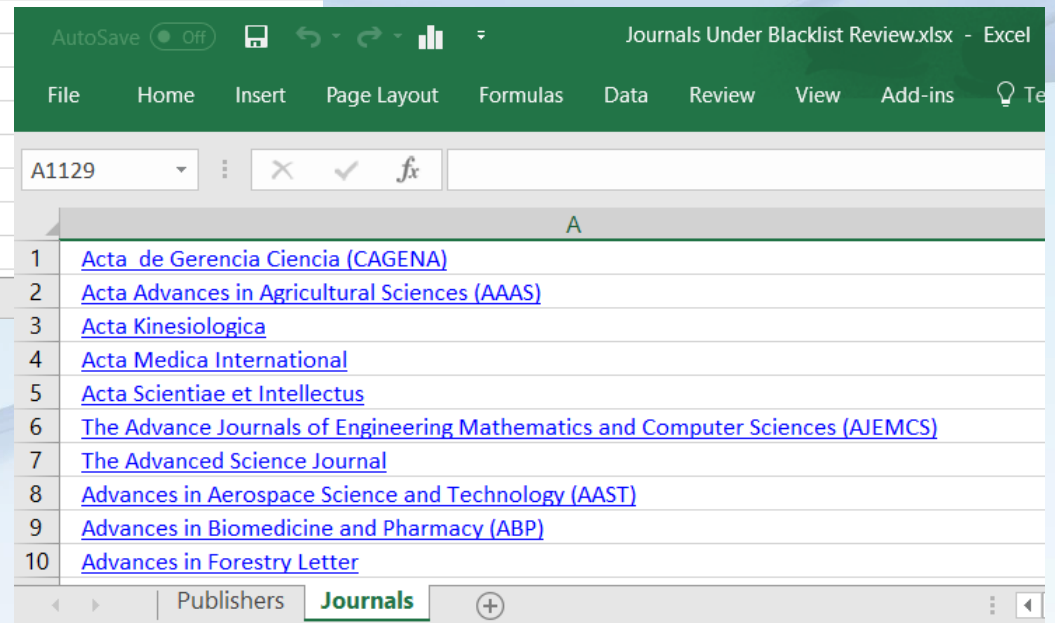
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### Cabells Whitelist & Blacklist Demonstration; New Web Interface and Features

Lucas Toutloff


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- Project Cupcake
  - Spearheaded by Tasha Mellins-Cohen, Mike Taylor, and Phill Jones
  - Attempting to develop indicators of quality for service provided by publishers to authors
- Project Cupcake: Designing a New Type of Journal Metric (Phill Jones; <https://scholarlykitchen.sspnet.org/2017/05/22/project-cupcake-designing-new-type-journal-metric>) May 22, 2017
- Project Cupcake on the Rise (Phill Jones; <https://www.researchinformation.info/news/analysis-opinion/project-cupcake-rise>) July 18, 2017

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- Recent publications of interest
  - Potential predatory and legitimate biomedical journals: can you tell the difference? A cross-sectional comparison. L. Shamseer, et al. *BMC Medicine* 15:28 (March 16, 2017)

Table 10

Salient characteristics of potential predatory journals

1.	The scope of interest includes non-biomedical subjects alongside biomedical topics
2.	The website contains spelling and grammar errors
3.	Images are distorted/fuzzy, intended to look like something they are not, or which are unauthorized
4.	The homepage language targets authors
5.	The Index Copernicus Value is promoted on the website
6.	Description of the manuscript handling process is lacking
7.	Manuscripts are requested to be submitted via email
8.	Rapid publication is promised
9.	There is no retraction policy
10.	Information on whether and how journal content will be digitally preserved is absent
11.	The Article processing/publication charge is very low (e.g., < \$150 USD)
12.	Journals claiming to be open access either retain copyright of published research or fail to mention copyright
13.	The contact email address is non-professional and non-journal affiliated (e.g., @gmail.com or @yahoo.com)

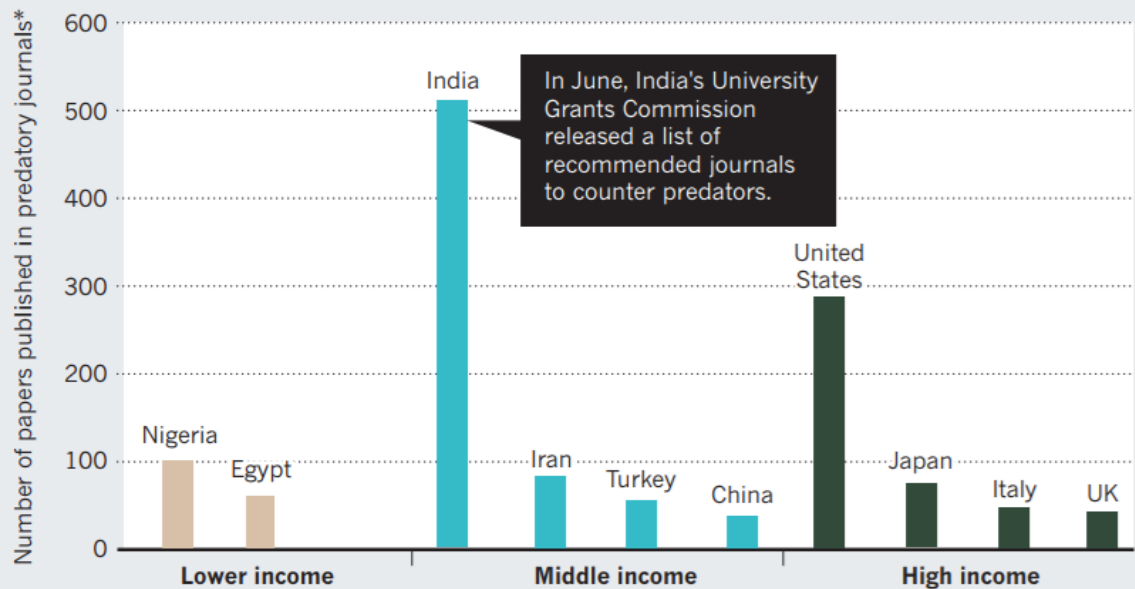
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- Recent publications of interest
  - Stop this waste of people, animals and money. D. Moher et al. *Nature* 549 23-25 (Sept. 7, 2017)

## GLOBAL PREDATION

A sample of 1,907 papers in more than 200 supposed predatory journals found that most of the articles come from India. Surprisingly, however, more than half of the papers have authors from higher-income or upper-middle-income countries.

### *Predatory papers by country and income*



# Keeping on Top of Things

- Recent publications of interest
  - Core competencies for scientific editors of biomedical journals: consensus statement. D. Moher et al. *BMC Medicine* 15:167 (Sept. 11, 2017)

Table 2

Minimum set of core competencies for scientific editors of biomedical journals

A. Editor qualities and skills	
Key competencies	Elements
Scientific editors are able to:	
1. Demonstrate experience and broad knowledge of the field(s) covered by the journal	<p>1.1 Identify situations in which the knowledge or skill required exceeds their level of competency and seek help or advice from appropriate colleagues or organizations</p> <p>1.2 Possess a knowledge base that includes training and/or experience in a research environment (applies only to editors working with research-based manuscripts)</p>
2. Synthesize information and views from a wide range of sources and make informed decisions	<p>2.1 Exercise sound judgment in making editorial decisions</p> <p>2.2 Make fast, considered decisions about manuscripts and any other issues that require a response</p> <p>2.3 Reconsider decisions when necessary and respond promptly and appropriately to complaints</p>
3. Practice lifelong learning related to their role as an editor and within their area(s) of	<p>3.1 Set personal learning goals and work to fulfill them</p> <p>3.2 Maintain current knowledge related to important developments and trends in their respective area(s) of expertise</p>

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Manuscript status showing unsubmitted even after having paid the article processing charge

## Industry Experts

"Predatory publishers use lots of tricks to make people think that they are legitimate"

## Career Advancement

Considering presenting a paper at a scholarly conference?  
Choose carefully

## Publication Ethics

Beware of bogus publishers!

## Publication Buzzwords

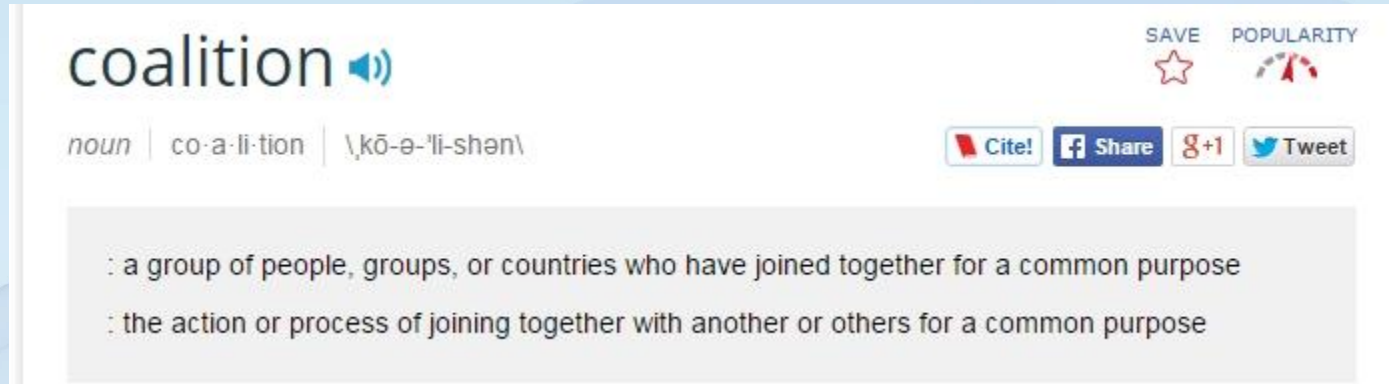
Saving oneself from the clutches of a predatory journal: A case study

## Publication Planning

3 "Principles of transparency" to help authors assess journal credibility

# Forging an Industry Coalition

# The Coalition for Responsible Publication Resources (CRPR)



What is the “common purpose,” exactly?

**The common purpose and mission of the Coalition is to help preserve the integrity of the scholarly literature by sharing industry knowledge of irresponsible, and in some cases predatory practices associated with academic publishing, and to ensure transparency, discoverability, and accountability of responsible publishing services to industry norms, guidelines, and best practices, so that academic authors can make informed decisions at point-of-service when seeking publication support and when publishing their scholarly works.**

# The Coalition for Responsible Publication Resources (CRPR)



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Effective and Efficient Industry Communication / Collaboration

Who is making sense of all of this non-sense?



Information flow

- Suspected predatory activity
- Industry guidelines
- News articles
- Landscape intelligence
- Government actions
- Industry initiatives
- White papers
- Identified fraud
- Irregular author activity
- Novel findings
- Known spam/scams/schemes
- University e-mail filter capture

Reciprocal sharing

Selective sharing

Disconnected or non-sharing

Isolated



CRPR



- Virtual community
- Removal of barriers between industries and entities
- Topic-based community discussion forums
- Notice boards
- Live industry-wide alerts
- Invited video meeting rooms
- Shared directories
  - Members
  - Suspended members
  - Known fraudsters
  - Known e-mail spam
- Shared resources
  - Company contacts
  - Organization contacts
  - University contacts
  - Government contacts
- Organized archives

# The Coalition for Responsible Publication Resources (CRPR)

Transparency, Discoverability, and Accountability of Membership

## Audit of recognized and sustained best practices

RESPONSIBLE CONDUCT		Double click to select from dropdown
1. Adherence to Publication Ethics and Guidelines?		
ICMJE		Choose an item
COPE		Yes
GPP3		No
Other:		NA
2. Industry Certifications?		
ISO		Choose an item
CMPP		
BELS		
Other industry certifications:		Double click to select from dropdown

Self-report via online Audit achieves Provisional Member status



Consideration of past and current knowledge

Continued vigilance over ongoing feedback and yearly Audit assessments



Collaboration, education, and thought leadership

Development and adjustment of Audit

Coalition approval of Membership; point of payment of dues



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✓ 357 FTE staff	✓ Has BELS-certified editors on staff
✓ Registered in Delaware, USA	✓ Has documented internal Code of Ethics
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✓ Has physical offices in: San Diego, CA; Washington, DC; London, UK; Shanghai, China	
✓ Primary business activities include: scholarly publication, education, author services	

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# The Coalition for Responsible Publication Resources (CRPR)

## Industry Press Release – Founding Supporters



### Cross-Industry Coalition Forges to Collaborate on Solutions to Protect Against Predatory Publishing and Irresponsible Author Support Practices

May 16, 2016 (EDITAGE; Philadelphia, PA, USA) – The Coalition for Responsible Publication Resources (CRPR; [www.RPRcoalition.org](http://www.RPRcoalition.org); [@RPRcoalition](https://twitter.com/RPRcoalition)) is one step closer to its mission to help preserve the integrity of the scholarly literature by sharing industry knowledge of irresponsible and in some cases predatory practices associated with academic publishing. The Coalition is also committed to ensuring transparency, discoverability, and accountability of responsible publishing services to industry norms, guidelines, and best practices, so that academic authors can make informed decisions when seeking publication services and when publishing their scholarly works. The Coalition intends to facilitate communication and collaboration among university, academic society, publisher, scholarly journal, publication services, pharmaceutical, funder, and government stakeholders, worldwide.

- First publisher's consensus-building conference call and business meeting was held on April 19, 2016

### Founding Supporters



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## Placeholder Coalition Website



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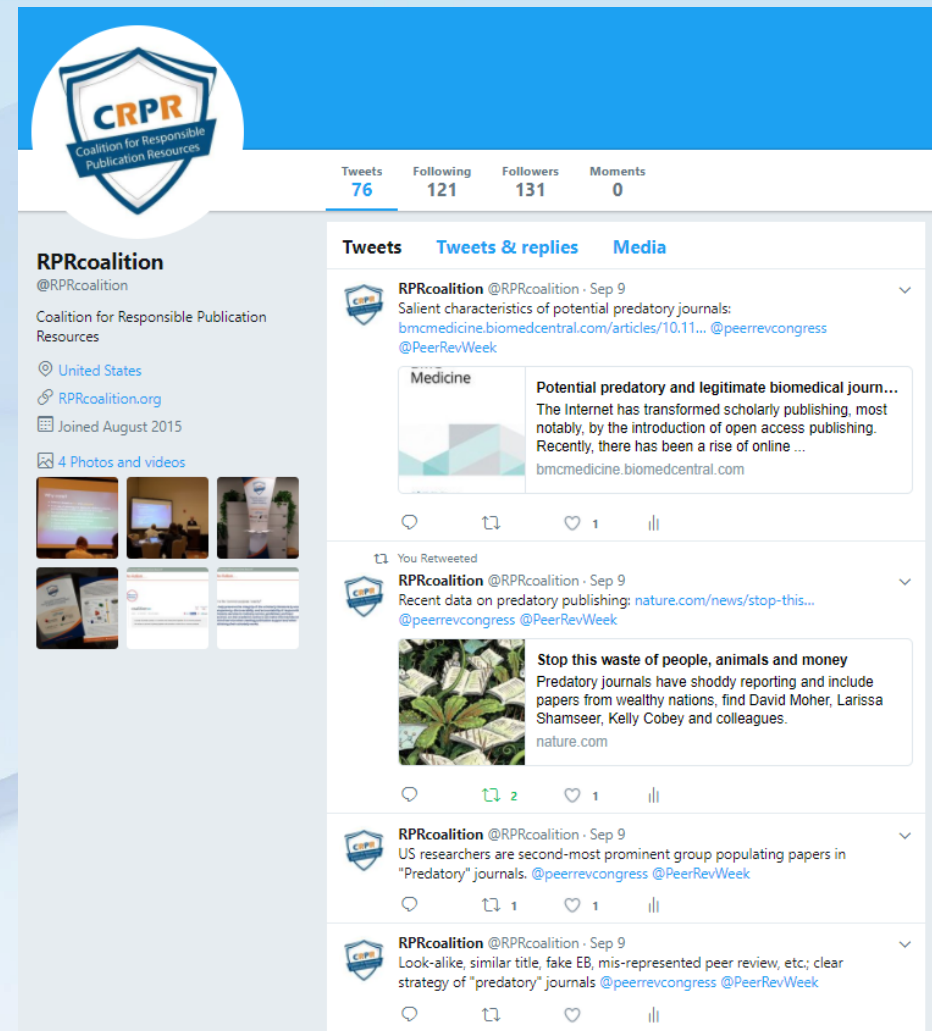
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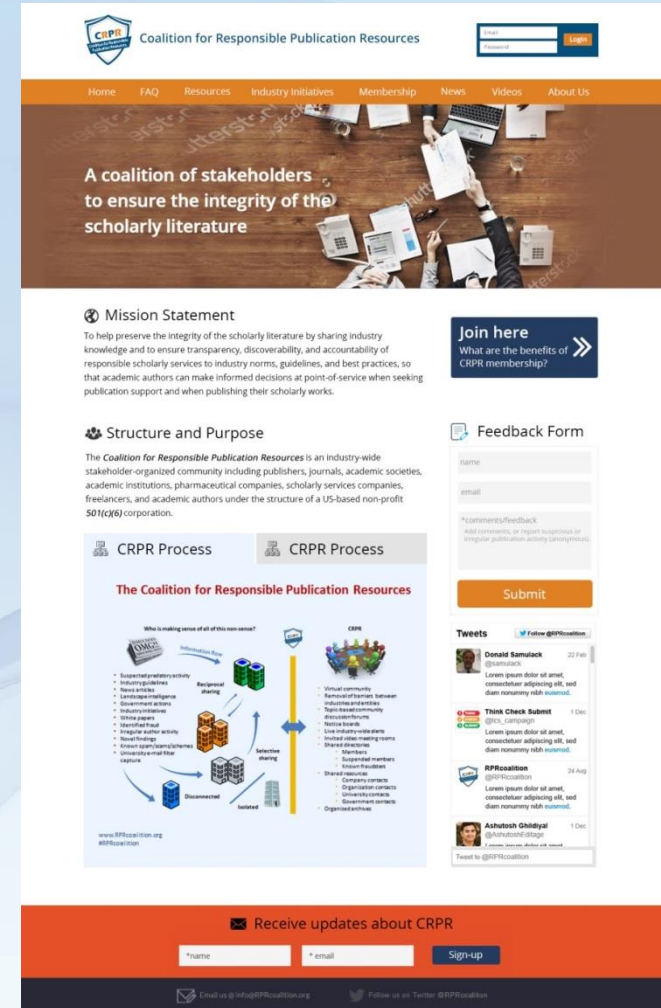




# The Coalition for Responsible Publication Resources (CRPR)

## Website Redesign Underway

- New, fresh look in development
- Statement of Mission and Structure
- Navigation to FAQs, Resources, etc.
- Identification of Founding Members, Members, and Other Contributors
- Member entry to communication tools behind the Coalition firewall
- Feedback and whistle-blowing form fields
- Infographics
- Twitter feed and other alerts
- The “Join CRPR” prompt leads to company audit form as part of application process
- Sign-up to receive Coalition news, prompts, and other benefits



# Question Period / Open Discussion



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