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Publishing in Open Access Journals

Why would you want to publish in open access journals?

- Wider distribution of your work
- Not feeding a corporate machine

Predatory Open Access Journals

- Take advantage of the uninformed to offer to publish researchers' work quickly
- Journals are called "peer reviewed" but do little to none
- Use deceptive manuscript solicitation practices
- Article processing charges
- Editors are fake or people whose names are used without consent
- Articles have little or badly written statistical analysis

Cautions?

- Is the peer review and publication process clear?
 - https://authorservices.taylorandfrancis.com/
- Does the journal promise quick publication?
- Is there a submission fee?
- Make sure any article processing charges are spelled out up front.
- Editors?
- Journal ranking

Example of a Predatory Open Access Journal

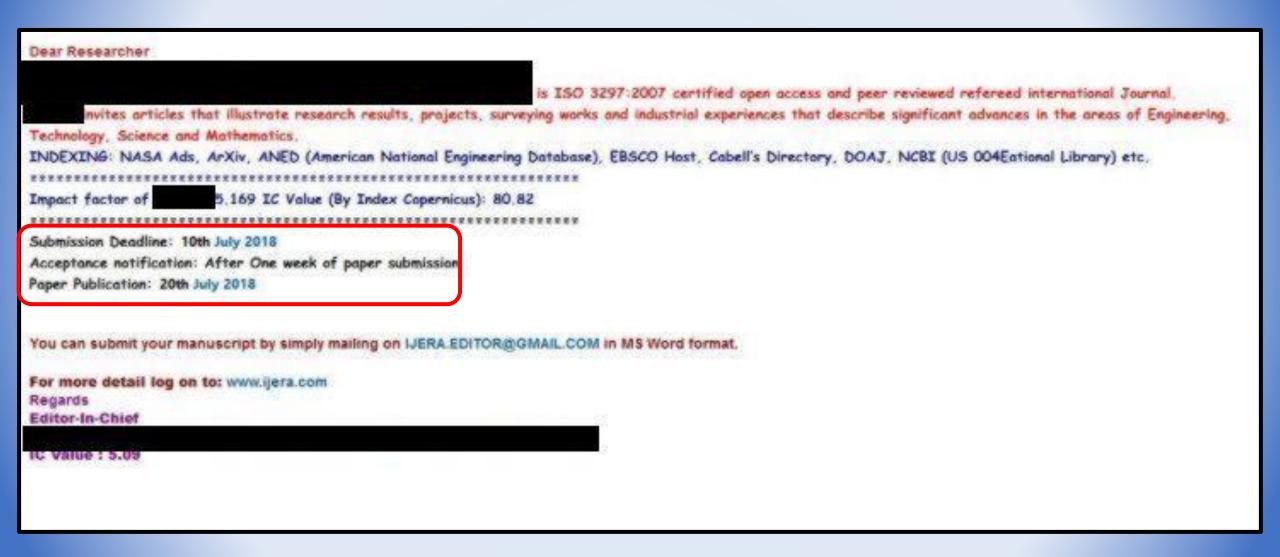
A manuscript was recently submitted to me with the title of "Study of DNA methylation silencing gene in the process of human bronchial epithelial cells malignant transformation induced by Glycidyl methacrylate." It has been given tracking number 18-1787.

If interested and available, would you be so kind as to provide a timely review of this manuscript? If so, I ask that it be returned within 30 days. Please indicate your willingness to do so by following the appropriate link at the bottom of this message.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Example of a Predatory Open Access Journal



Conclusion

- Investigate the journal in which you want to publish
 - Scimago https://www.scimagojr.com/
 - Directory of Open Access Journals https://doaj.org/bestpractice
- There is no full-proof method of knowing for sure if a journal is a predatory open access journal or not.

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