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Topics

- Definitions
- Problem or business model?
- Warning signs
- Problem publisher checklist
Definitions

“Any publisher which operates on an exploitative business model”
- Peaches Udoma

“Those that unprofessionally exploit the gold Open Access model for their own profit”
- Jeffrey Beall

“An exploitative open-access publishing model that involves charging publication fees to authors without providing the editorial and publishing services associated with legitimate journals”
- Wikipedia
“Predatory journals and publishers are entities that prioritize self-interest at the expense of scholarship and are characterized by false or misleading information, deviation from best editorial and publication practices, a lack of transparency, and/or the use of aggressive and indiscriminate solicitation practices”

- Nature
Characteristics

- Solicit content via email
- Charge for non-existent services
- Misrepresents itself
- Lack of transparency
Open Access recap
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“Fuzzy”, Homogeneous Configurations

Margaret Simpson, Kim Jong Fun and Edna Krabappel

ABSTRACT

The Ethernet must work. In this paper, we confirm the improvement of e-commerce. WEKAU, our new methodology for forward-error correction, is the solution to all of these challenges.

I. INTRODUCTION

Unified perfect symmetries have led to many unproven advances, including Markov models and write-ahead logging.
Individual impact

- Legitimate work sits next to poor research
- Lost chance to publish
- Negative impact on reputations?
Dr. Inamuddin
Research areas: Basic study and development of conducting polymers/iron-polymer composites based biofuel cells (BFCs); Organic-Inorganic composites;

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A. Tavakoli
Research areas: Image and Video Processing, Wavelet, Finite Element Methods, ImageOMETRY Analysis, Solving PDE by Numerical Methods

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Research areas: Nonlinear Complementarity Problem, Variational Inequalities, Equilibrium Problems, Mathematical Programs with
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Business model?

- Think about the country context
- Different reward systems mean different behaviours
- Are these publishers just meeting a need?
How to spot a predatory publisher in the wild
Warning signs

- Overly flattering emails
- Publishing on a vast range of topics
- Asking for a submission fee
- Too good to be true publication times
Transparency

- Is the publisher open about its practices?
- Is contact information readily available?
- Do they publish on a wide range of topics?
Fees

- Are the fees clearly explained?
- Are they easy to find?
- Does the publisher keep asking for extra ‘hidden’ fees?
Copyright

- Are author rights clearly explained?
- Does it allow a CC licence?
- Does the journal policy comply with funder requirements?
Peer review

- Is the process clearly described?
- Is the time frame realistic?
- Are any given metrics correct?
Editorial board

- Are members listed?
- Are the names recognisable in the field?
- Do these people know they are on the editorial board?
Association membership

- Is the publisher affiliated to a recognised institution?
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- Is it a member of DOAJ?
Website quality

- Is the invitation to publish well written?
- Is the online presence of the journal professional?

Be aware of any cultural differences
Indexing

- Is the journal indexed by the typical databases in the field?
- Are other titles by the same publisher indexed?
Previous publications

- Are these of good quality?
- Are the publishers familiar with the topic/field?
- Would you be happy for your work to sit alongside this research?
Trust your judgement!
Questions?

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