

# WHAT IS A PREDATORY JOURNAL?

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“Predatory journals & 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 soli citation practices.”

## TARGETED RESOURCES:



### 01. Funders and academic Institutions

**Why should funders and academic institutions care about predatory journals?**

- Work published in predatory journals is not disseminated responsibly and may not be properly indexed or archived.
- Another common concern is that the work may not undergo peer review (the evaluation of manuscripts by other experts in the same field).
- Work published in these journals may also not comply with rigorous standards for biomedical research protocols or expected reporting quality standards.

### 02. Researchers and Clinicians

**What do researchers need to know about predatory journals?**

- False or misleading information.
- Lack of transparency.
- Deviation from best editorial/publication practices
- Use of aggressive and discriminated solicitation practices.

### 03. Journalist, Patients and The Publics

**How do predatory journals impact patients and the public?**

- The patients and the public might unintentionally read work that looks like it was published in a proper peer-reviewed journal, but it could be from a predatory journal, and the usual quality checks weren't done.
- Without the right knowledge and training, some journalists who specialize in researching health information can also fall prey to predatory journals by referencing or reporting on of misinformation or low-quality information to the public.

## CHECK OUT THE DEFINITION OF PREDATORY JOURNAL BASED ON THREE-PART RESEARCH PROGRAM

#### Part I: Detailed summary

Here we summarized all the characteristics of predatory journals from the literature

Read more here [LINK.](#)

#### Part II: A Consensus Survey

In three rounds of the survey, experts voted on whether they thought the characteristics we found from the literature were key features of predatory journals

Read more here [LINK.](#)

#### Part III: A Consensus Definition

A consensus definition was established and a plan of action to address predatory journals was formed. This plan included the need to develop a 'one-stop shop' of resources on predatory journals. This website aims to meet this need.

Read more here [LINK.](#)



- Are you facing challenges distinguishing predatory and legitimate journals?
- Who do 'predatory journals' prey upon?
- Is there any available Journal Transparency Tool?