Protect Yourself from Predators:

Tips on Staying Safe in Scholarly Publishing

Predatory publishers: "those that unprofessionally abuse the author-pays publishing model for their own profit."

-Jeffrey Beall, Librarian, University of Colorado Denver

Tip 1

Delete spam emails!
Check the Journal Website

- Aims & Scope
- Editorial Board
- Abstracting & Indexing
- Impact measures

Check Journal Directories

- Directory of Open Access Journals - doaj.org
- Serials Directory

Check Watchlists

- Retraction Watch
- Beall’s List*

* Caveat Emptor: Beall is biased against
Tip 5

Ask Your Librarian!

Resources

- Identifying and avoiding predatory publishers: a primer for researchers
- Guidelines for Evaluating a Journal/Publisher
- Buyer beware: a checklist to identify reputable publishers