

Resource Guide on Selecting Reputable Journals

Choosing a reputable journal for your research publications is crucial to ensure your work is widely respected and recognized. Publishing in predatory or low-quality journals can have detrimental effects. To help researchers avoid predatory publishing practices, NYU Shanghai has developed a journal alerting system, along with this Resource Guide. More information and resources can be found on the [Research Policies and Guidelines](#) webpage. The [Think SCIENCE Organization](#) indicates four key differences between reputable and predatory journals. Reputable journals provide all of the following:



The following checklist has been adopted from [Think Check Submit.org](#) to help you identify and select credible journals.

- Journal Reputation:** Verify if the journal is indexed in well-known databases such as Web of Science, Scopus, or PubMed.
- Peer Review Process:** Ensure the journal follows a transparent and rigorous peer review process with qualified reviewers.
- Editorial Board:** Determine if the journal states the membership of its editorial board, which should be comprised of academics with the expertise to understand and evaluate the papers that the journal publishes.
- Publication Fees and Policies:** Confirm that fees are stated upfront and the policies are transparent.
- Publishing History:** Check the journal's publishing history, citation impact, and previous issues.
- Acceptance Rate and Timeline:** Understand the acceptance rates and typical timelines for publication.
- Publisher Membership:** Determine if the publisher is a member of a recognized industry organization (e.g. Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE); Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ); Open Access Scholarly Publishers' Association (OASPA))
- Publisher Policies:** Check whether the publisher has policies for authors on the following: licensing, copyright, conflict of interest, and content sharing.
- Contact Information:** Confirm that the publisher name is clearly listed on the website and that accurate contact information for the publisher, journal, and editorial board is provided.

Other Resources

- <https://www.predatoryjournals.org/>
- [National Institutes of Health \(NIH\) Library of Medicine, Predatory Journals: What They Are and How to Avoid Them](#)