

How Predatory Publishers are corrupting the Open Access Model?

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ABSTRACT

Most of the emerging problems of the publishing industry is due to fast growth of predatory journals. It is not only the main problem of publishing domain but also affecting on the entire research and knowledge domain. Introduction of open access (OA) mode of publishing made revolutionary change in the publishing world as most of the full-text journals are available on the internet with free of cost. The situation of OA concept changed after 2009 when Beall identified the imitation publishers/journals in his email inbox. After doing some serious research, he named this kind of publication as 'Predatory Publishing.' These publishers/journals request for an article through spam emails and publishing all those papers by taking article processing charges (APCs) from authors. These publishers do not follow any ethics of publishing and avoid peer-review processes and publish articles within 2-3 weeks. The main motive of these publishers is to make as much money as possible. The growth of these sham journals publishing has reached to a level that has become unstoppable to anyone. Growing threat of predatory publishing in India is a big challenging problem in the last 4-5 years; without any controlling steps, these publishing spread like cancer. This paper highlights the existing predatory publishing practices and how they are corrupting the OA publishing in India and other countries. This paper provides some suggestions to counter against predatory publications and move from quantity to quality publications.

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