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HOW TO RECOGNIZE A PREDATORY JOURNAL

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There is a lot of information out there, how to recognize a predatory journal (PJ), so there is no need to build an own list here. Just see the warning signs at instr.iastate.libguides.-com/predatory/id or the 25 crits at tressacademic.com/identify-predatory-journals. PJs are big problem now, as [they already entered Pubmed](#) and even reputed journals can become a PJ over time. As a basic reference I would use the (outdated) [Beall's list](#) and cross check with Thomson Reuters ISI listing. PJs do not behave like a normal journal - [see also the 96 things publishers usually do](#).

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