

# **Avoid publishing in predatory journals: a warning issued by the Japanese Association of Medical Sciences (JAMS) and the Japanese Association of Medical Journal Editors (JAMJE)**

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...Researchers frequently receive offers from predatory publication businesses to publish journal articles or scholarly books...

and insufficiently reviewed materials thus endanger the quality of academic information...

## Tokyo Declaration on Research Integrity and Ethical Publication in Science and Medicine in the Asia Pacific Region

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# Predatory journals

International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE)

- Accept and publish almost all manuscripts without a proper review process for the purpose of financial gain
- Erode the trust central to peer review and to diminish confidence in the scientific record

[http://www.icmje.org/news-and-editorials/fake\\_predatory\\_pseudo\\_journals\\_dec17.html](http://www.icmje.org/news-and-editorials/fake_predatory_pseudo_journals_dec17.html)

# Damage to authors

- Permanent preservation of articles not assured
- Unexpected fees charged
- Receive negative reputation for publishing research results in unethical journals
- Hard to withdraw manuscript from predatory journal

# Authors' responsibility

## ICMJE Recommendations (II. C. 1.)

- Evaluating integrity, history, practices, and reputation of journals to which manuscripts submitted
- Seeking assistance of scientific mentors, senior colleagues, and others with scholarly publishing experience

<http://www.icmje.org/icmje-recommendations.pdf>

# Warning against predatory journals from Japanese Association of Medical sciences (JAMS) and Japanese Association of Medical Journal Editors (JAMJE)

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## 悪徳雑誌への注意喚起について

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オープンアクセスジャーナル\*の普及に伴い、著者から徴収する論文掲載加工料による収入のみを目的とし、掲載論文や出版の質の管理が粗雑である悪徳雑誌(predatory journal)\*\* への投稿を問題視する記事が、新聞紙上に取り上げられています。

### \* オープンアクセスジャーナル

著者が論文掲載加工料 (Article Processing Charge: APC) を支払うことなどにより、掲載論文がインターネット上に購読無料で公開される電子ジャーナル。

### \*\* 悪徳雑誌 (predatory journal)

ハゲタカ雑誌、捕食雑誌、粗悪雑誌などとも訳されていますが、本委員会では、「[アジア太平洋地域の科学および医学分野における研究の健全性と倫理的な論文執筆・出版に関する東京宣言 \(2013年8月\)](#)」の採択以来、「悪徳雑誌」と呼んでいます。

悪徳雑誌の増加は、学術雑誌への信頼を低下させるものであり、日本医学雑誌編集者会議の活動目標の1つである「医学雑誌の質の向上の寄与」に向けた動きに反するものであります。

以下に示す悪徳雑誌の特徴と悪影響、さらに悪徳雑誌への投稿の回避方法をご理解の上、論文の投稿誌は慎重に選定してください。

なお本文中の各種サイト、データベース、文献など URL への Hyperlink 付きのものが、[日本医学雑誌編集者会議 \(JAMJE\)](#) のサイトの[末尾](#)に公開されています。

- Encourage medical researchers to be aware of predatory journals and to avoid submitting manuscripts to them
- Provide checklist for choosing journals

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# Check list for choosing journals

- Journal known by you and colleagues
- Editorial members, peer-review policy, and author fees are clearly disclosed
- Publisher is member of organization committed to best publishing practices: Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE), Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association (OASPA)
- Included in recognized citation databases: MEDLINE, WHO Global Index Medicus (GIM), Web of Science, Scopus
- Included legitimate directories of open access journals: Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)

# Things to consider about predatory journals

- Background of prevalence of predatory journals
- Negative effects on health sciences research
- Authors' responsibility to choose proper journals for manuscript submission
- Challenges of editors' associations

Thank you  
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