Open Access/Predatory Publisher Resources

- Beall's List
- DOAJ
- Journal/Publisher website
- SHERPA/RoMEO
- Ulrich's

Predatory Journal Checklist:

1. **Visit the journal's website.**
   - Spelling/grammar errors
   - Excessive (and underutilized) social media
   - Poor web design/lots of ads

2. **Reach out to journal's editorial board members.**
   - Email members of the board, asking about their experience with the journal

3. **Examine the journal’s aims and goals.**

4. **Check for a peer review policy.**
   - Does it exist at all? Fast turnaround?

5. **What author fees are being requested?**
   - This information is likely unclear
   - Authors often notified of the fee after their manuscript is accepted for publication

6. **Listed in directories?**
   - Beall's List (list of possible predatory journals/publishers)
   - Directory of Open Access Journals
   - Ulrich's (periodical directory)