

# Health Research Webinar Series

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**The University of Calgary, located in the heart of Southern Alberta, both acknowledges and pays tribute to the traditional territories of the peoples of Treaty 7, which include the Blackfoot Confederacy (comprised of the Siksika, the Piikani, and the Kainai First Nations), the Tsuut'ina First Nation, and the Stoney Nakoda (including Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Goodstoney First Nations). The city of Calgary is also home to the Métis Nation within Alberta (including Nose Hill Métis District 5 and Elbow Métis District 6).**



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# PREDATORY (DECEPTIVE) PUBLISHING

# ACADEMIC PUBLISHING

- Publishing History
  - Traditional Publishing
  - Open Access (Levels)
- Factors to Consider when Publishing
  - Time to publication
  - Cost
  - Visibility and access
  - Citations
  - Academic Visibility (Journal Reputation)
  - Journal Integrity and Standards



# PREDATORY/DECEPTIVE JOURNALS/PUBLISHERS

- Defined:
  - “Predatory journals and publishers are entities that prioritize self-interest at the expense of scholarship and are characterized by false or misleading information, deviation from best editorial and publication practices, a lack of transparency, and/or the use of aggressive and indiscriminate solicitation practices” (Grudniewicz et al. 2019, 211)

# THE PROBLEM OF PREDATORY/DECEPTIVE JOURNALS/PUBLISHERS

- Prey upon individuals looking to publish – for profit
- Misinformation
- Reputational harm
- Publication does not circulate/will not be cited

# FIGHTING AGAINST PREDATORY/DECEPTIVE PUBLISHING

- Beall
- Cabell's
- DOAJ

# HOW TO SPOT A PREDATORY JOURNAL/

- Email
- Website
- Fake impact score
- Submission method



# CHOOSING AN OPEN ACCESS PUBLISHER

- Strategies/Resources
  - Predatory Reports
  - Journal Citation Reports (JCR)
  - Directory of Open Access Journals
  - [Identify trusted publishers for your research • Think. Check. Submit.](#)
- Still have Questions?
  - Ucalgary Library Services
  - AHS Knowledge Resource Centre

# PREDATORY CONFERENCES

- What are Predatory Conferences?
  - Can seem legitimate and scientifically based
  - Organized by revenue-generating companies
  - Do not provide adequate scholarly presentation sessions

# PREDATORY CONFERENCES

- How to Spot a Predatory Conference?
  - Conference organizers and sponsorship
  - Aim and Scope
  - Agenda and selection committee
  - Website
  - Reputation
  - Fees

# PREDATORY CONFERENCES

- Resources:
  - Conference Assessment tool: [Id.php](#)
  - Think, Check, Attend: [Think Check Attend -](#)

## References:

(Lopez, E., & Gaspard, C.. (2018, November 14). Conference Assessment Tool (Version 1). figshare. <https://doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.7342787.v1>)

## Conference Evaluation Tool

Read through the items in the checklist below while reviewing the email and conference website in question. Mark "Yes" or "No" as appropriate. At the end of the checklist, count the number of "Yes" and "No" responses.

Checklist	Yes	No
Is the conference sponsored by a reputable association (SCC, MLA, ANA, AMA, AAMC, AACN, etc.)?		
Is the sponsor involved in any scholarly activity other than facilitating conferences?		
Do you know anyone who has attended or presented at the conference?		
If you speak or present, are the conference fees waived?		
Can you easily identify the venue?		
Is this a long-running, established conference?		
Are the registration and other fees clearly outlined?		
Are you familiar with previous proceedings for that specific conference?		
Is the conference itinerary clear and easily accessible?		
Can you identify any of the speakers from previous conferences as experts in your field?		
Is the conference location in context with the content and/or sponsor?		
Is the subject matter related to your field of expertise?		
Is the subject matter of the conference focused and specific to a field, type of study, etc.?		
<b>Total:</b>		

If there are more entries in the "No" column, it is likely that the conference in question is predatory.

Created by Emme Lopez & Christine Gaspard  
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- [Can We Trust Peer Review Journals? | Skeptical Inquirer](#)
- [Predatory publishing & Other blacklists](#)
- [Cabells' Predatory Reports - Wikipedia](#)

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QUESTIONS?