

Top 10 Tips on Identifying Predatory Journals and Conferences

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Submitting your research work to predatory journals/conferences can adversely affect your research career. However, many researchers are unable to distinguish between legitimate journals/conferences and those that are predatory in nature. In this post, we share some useful tips that will help you to identify such predatory conferences and/or journals effectively.

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TIPS ON IDENTIFYING PREDATORY JOURNALS AND CONFERENCES

AVOID

- 1 **Borderline journals with low h-indices** even if they are listed in good databases such as SCOPUS. This will reduce the odds of the journal getting blacklisted later
- 2 **Invitations from conferences with overly generic names** (e.g., Global Conference on Science, Engineering, and Biotechnology.)
- 3 **Extremely large conferences** that combine different fields (e.g., arts, science, and history)
- 4 **Responding to invitations from emails with free email accounts** (e.g., conf2019@gmail.com)
- 5 **Attending a conference with relatively unknown speakers, unclear agenda, and unclear peer review or anti-plagiarism policies**
- 6 **Conferences promising a quick turnaround time for papers, offering large number of rewards, or sounding like tourist events**

CHECK

- 7 **Background and work history of the journal and that of the editor-in-chief**
- 8 **Geographical variety and profiles (qualifications, reviewing experience, etc.) of the reviewers/editors**
- 9 **Whether the organizers of the conferences are professional societies/well-established organizations**
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