# How to Choose the Right Journal for Your Manuscript

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Think Check Submit

## Think and Consider

What audience do you want to target?

Clinicians

Researcher

Applied Sciences

Basic Sciences

- 2. Time to publication.
- 3. Percentage of manuscripts that are accepted.
- 4. Journal ranking.
- 5. Scientific Rigor
- 6. Peer Review Process
- 7. Editorial Board Members
- 8. Indexing.

#### Citation Impact 2023

Journal Impact Factor: 0.9 5-year Journal Impact Factor: N/A

Source Normalized Impact per Paper (SNIP): 0.591 SCImago Journal Rank (SJR): 0.304

#### Speed 2023

Submission to first editorial decision (median days): 33 Submission to acceptance (median days): 148

#### Usage 2023

Downloads: 4,048,208 Altmetric mentions: 2,745

## **Open Access OR NOT?**

Open Access

Broader Access
+ More Citations

Pay to Publish Questionable Subscription

Restricted
Access &
Reading & Citing

Pay to Read

Well-Known

## The Dilemma of Open-Access Journals



- Reputable OR Questionable?
- How do you tell the difference?
- How to avoid the BITE from Predatory Publishers?

## What are Predatory Journals?

- A growing and thriving black-market economy of open access journals that take advantage of authors and the academic pressure to publish.
- Publish whatever the author submits in return for the payment of an APC.
- A threat to the authors and their reputation.
- Also compromises the integrity of the scientific and medical literature.

## How big is the problem?

Number of scientific journals =  $\sim$ 28,000

Estimated number of predatory journals = 8000

Estimated number of predatory medical journals =

1200-1500



## Characteristics of predatory publishers

- Disguised as an open access publisher, and is funded by publication fees (i.e., article processing charges)
- Primary goal is to make money (through fees)
- Little or no editing, NO PEER REVIEW.
- False claims or promises (e.g., claims of high impact factors or indexing)
- Fails to follow accepted standards or best practices of scholarly publishing

The researcher receives an obsequious-sounding email asking them to submit an article, with unusual promises such as a quick time to publication.

#### Dear Dr. Sawsan Ismail,

We are pleased to inform you that Annals of obstestrics and Gynecology [ISSN: 2641-6522] (IF value is 1.5) is planning to release the next edition with the latest research and reviews covering the different areas of Medical Science.

Journal is inviting international researchers to contribute their next manuscript for possible manuscript publication in the journal's upcoming issue in August 21 2024.

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#### Regards

William Henry

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- Publication fees (APC), often not clearly described on the journal's website,
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The author(s) can submit Processing fees by using International Debit or Credit Card from below given link

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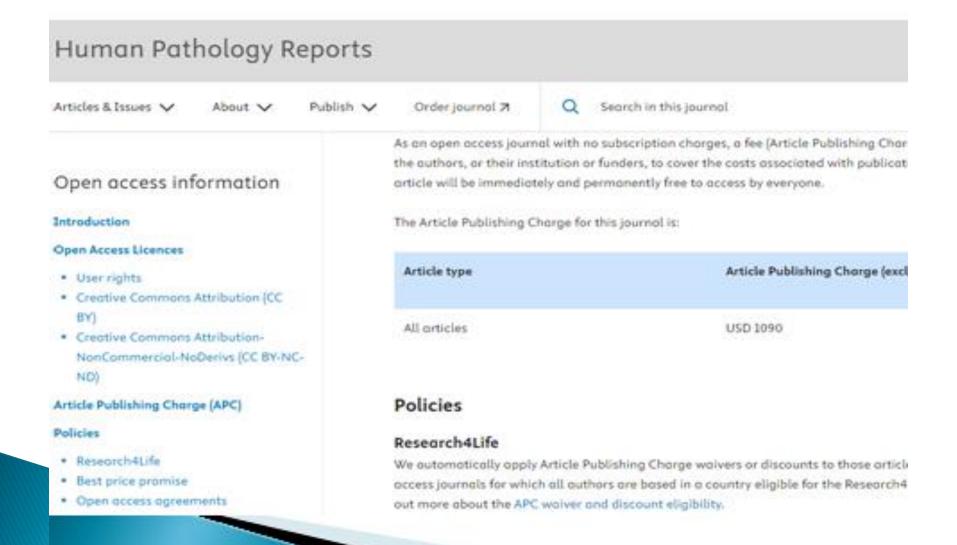


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http://wjpr.net/processingfees

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## Compare to this reputable journal



- Disclosure of conflicts of interest is not requested
- The journal's peer-review process is not prominently displayed on the journal's website.
- The submission system is not an established system (e.g., Editorial Manager) and seems overly simple

- ▶ The journal is not indexed in PubMed/Medline
- The language used on the journal's website is awkward, with misspellings, misuse of verbal and noun constructions, etc.
- The journal is very new
- The publisher claims to publish an entire stable of journals in many different fields

- No one on the journal editorial board is an expert or a prominent researcher in the field
- The editorial office's address is not prominently provided or does not appear to be legitimate.
- Sample articles do not appear to be of high quality.

## Warning!!



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#### WJAHR Cover Following Area:

MEDICAL SCIENCES	BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES	PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES
Pharmacology	Biotechnology	Pharmaceutics
Endocrinology	Cell Biology	Novel drug delivery system
Anatomy	Molecular Biology	Pharmacology
Neurology	Genetics	Molecular Pharmacology
Dermatology	Microbiology	Analytical Chemistry
Orthopedics	Biochemistry	Nanotechnology
Organ transplantation	Immunology	Pharmacognosy & Phytochemistr
Oncology	Veterinary Science	Pharmaceutical Chemistry
Pathology	Botany	Organic Chemistry
Haematology	Zoology	Medicinal Chemistry
Nephrology	Cytology	Natural Chemistry
Gynecology	Poultry Science	Pharmaceutical Biotechnology
Ophthalmology	Fishery Science	Pharmacy practice
Pediatrics	Marine Biology	Pharmacogenomics
Tropical diseases	Wildlife Biology	Clinical Pharmacy
Radiology	Biostatistics	Polymer Sciences
Tropical diseases	Environmental Sciences	Pharmaceutical Analysis
General Medicine	Ecology & Environmental	Drug Regulator Affairs
Public health & hygiene	Biology	Pharmacovigilance
Medical Biotechnology		Hospital and clinical Pharmacy
Case Study		
Clinical Trials		
Dentistry		
Nursing [All Subject]		

## Currently our journal is indexed and being consider for indexing in the following International

#### Bodies:

Google Scholar

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- Index Copernicus
- SOCOLAR, China
- Research Bible, Fuchu, Tokyo. JAPAN
- Cosmos Impact Factor
- Scientific Indexing Services (SIS)
- UDLedge Science Citation Index
- International Impact Factor Services
- → International Society for Research Activity (ISRA) Journal Impact Factor (JIF)
- FSIJ Measure of Journal Quality
- Scientific Journal Impact Factor (SJIF)

## Ways to distinguish Predatory Publishers

## The old method:

- Jeffrey Beall's List: <a href="https://beallslist.net/">https://beallslist.net/</a>
- Directory of Open Access Journals: DOAJ https://doaj.org/
- Google Scholar: False positive results

## Ways to distinguish Predatory Publishers

The trusted method:

SCImago Journal Ranking: Elsevier/Scopus:



## **BMC Medicine 3**

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└ Medicine (miscellaneous)

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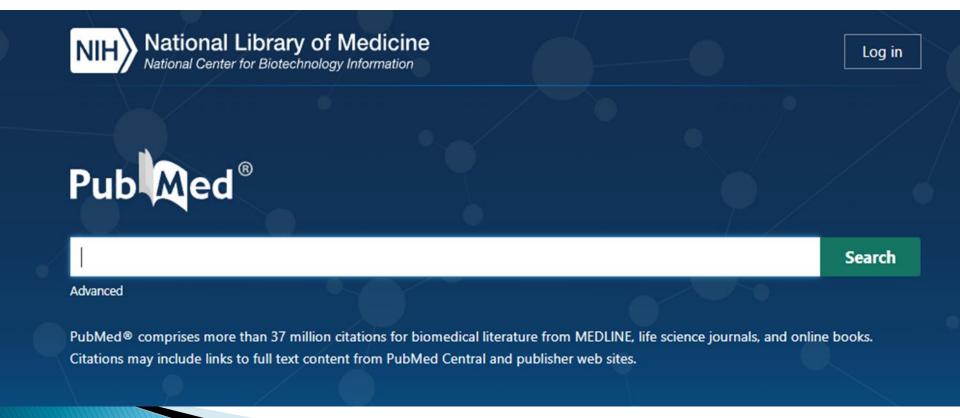
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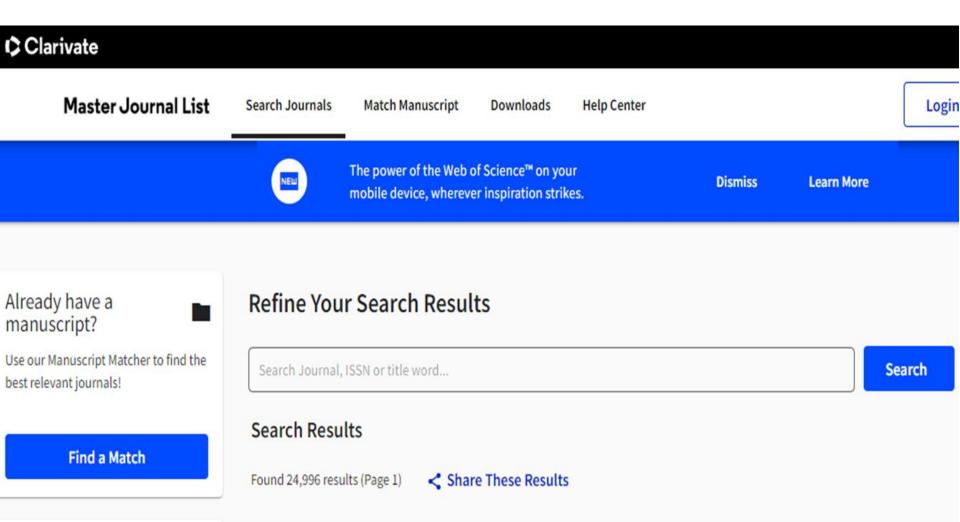


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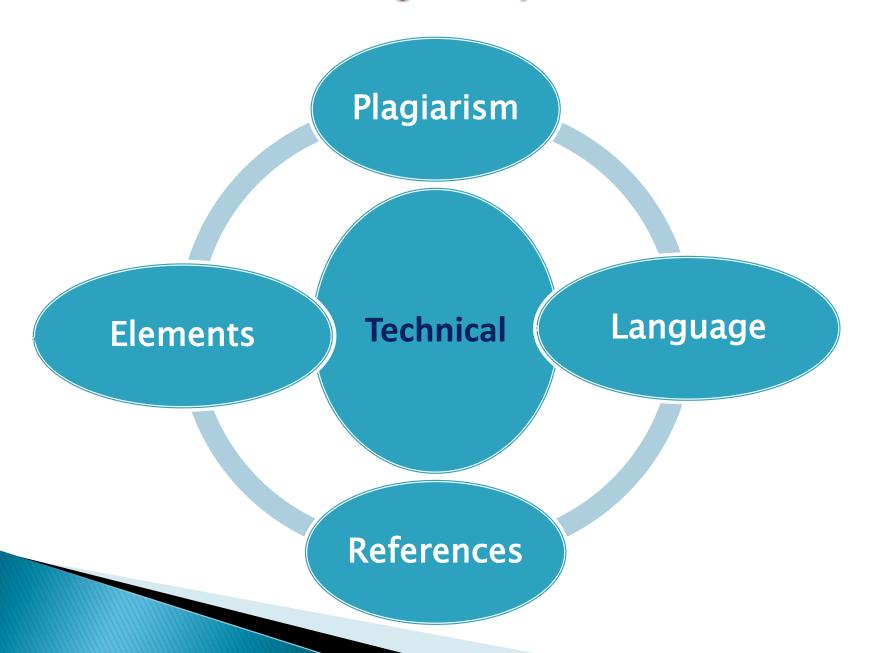
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- It's incomplete.
- The procedures and/or analysis of the data is seen to be defective.
- The conclusions cannot be justified on the basis of the rest of the paper.
- ▶ It's incomprehensible.

# Submission Process

## First Prepare Your Files:

- ▶ 1- Separate Files
- 2- Word NOT PDF!!!
- 3- Title Page or File
- 4- Manuscript
- 5-Cover Letter
- 5-APC Waiver Request
- 6- Figures and Tables (Separated)
- 7- Guidelines (Not mandatory)
- 8- Disclosure of Conflict of Interest



## Journal of Medical Case Reports

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In the era of evidence-based practice, we need practice-based evidence. The basis of this evidence is the detailed information from the case reports of individual people which informs both our clinical research and our daily clinical care. Each case report published in this journal adds valuable new information to our medical knowledge.

Prof Michael Kidd AO, Editor-in-Chief

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### 1. Before you submit

Now you've identified a journal to submit to, there are a few things you should be familiar with before you submit.

Make sure you are submitting to the most suitable journal - Aims and scope

Understand the costs and funding options - Fees and funding

Make sure your manuscript is accurate and readable - Language editing services

Understand the copyright agreement - Copyright

## 2. Ready to submit

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Make sure your submission is complete - Prepare supporting information

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#### About

## Aims and scope

Journal of Medical Case Reports will consider any original case report that expands the field of general medical knowledge, and original research relating to case reports.

Case reports should show one of the following:

- Unreported or unusual side effects or adverse interactions involving medications
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- Presentations, diagnoses and/or management of new and emerging diseases
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- Findings that shed new light on the possible pathogenesis of a disease or an adverse effect

Suitable research articles include but are not limited to: N of 1 trials, meta-analyses of published case reports, research addressing the use of case reports and the prevalence or importance of case reporting in the medical literature and retrospective studies that include case-specific information (age, sex and ethnicity) for all patients.

## Preparing your manuscript

The information below details the section headings that you should include in your manuscript and what information should be within each section.

Please note that your manuscript must include a 'Declarations' section including all of the subheadings (please see below for more information).

#### Title page

The title page should:

present a title that includes, if appropriate, the study design e.g.:

"A versus B in the treatment of C: a randomized controlled trial", "X is a risk factor for Y: a
case control study", "What is the impact of factor X on subject Y: A systematic review, A case
report etc."

#### Abstract

The Abstract should not exceed 350 words. Please minimize the use of abbreviations and do not cite references in the abstract. The abstract must include the following separate sections:

**Background:** why the case should be reported and its novelty

Case presentation: a brief description of the patient's clinical and demographic details, the diagnosis, any interventions and the outcomes

Conclusions: a brief summary of the clinical impact or potential implications of the case report

#### Keywords

Three to ten keywords representing the main content of the article.

#### Background

The Background section should explain the background to the case report or study, its aims, a summary of the existing literature.

#### Case presentation

This section should include a description of the patient's relevant demographic details, medical history, symptoms and signs, treatment or intervention, outcomes and any other significant details.

#### Discussion and Conclusions

This should discuss the relevant existing literature and should state clearly the main conclusions, including an explanation of their relevance or importance to the field.

## Declarations

All manuscripts must contain the following sections under the heading 'Declarations':

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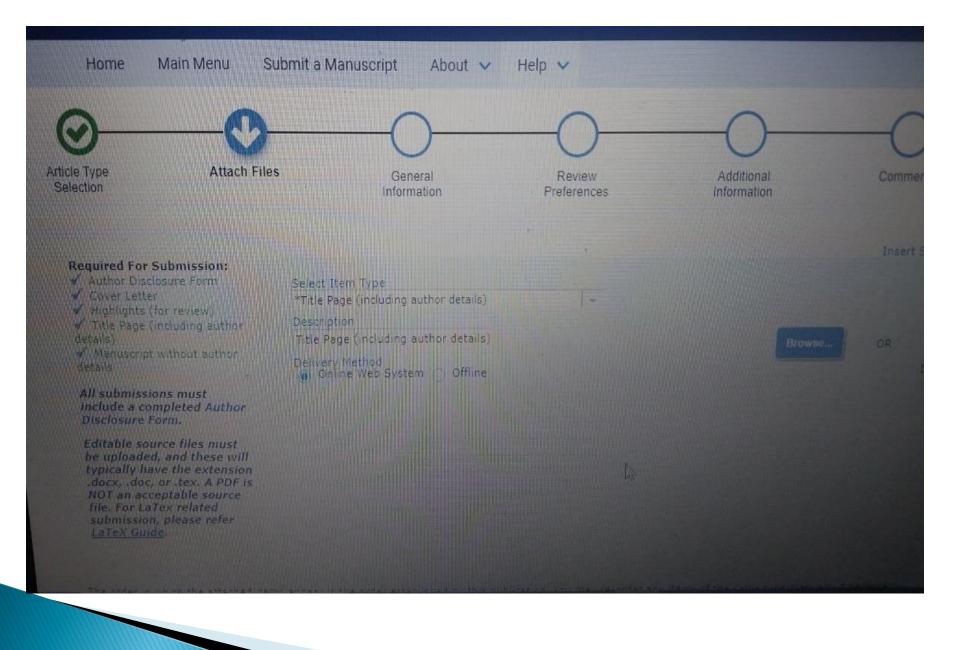


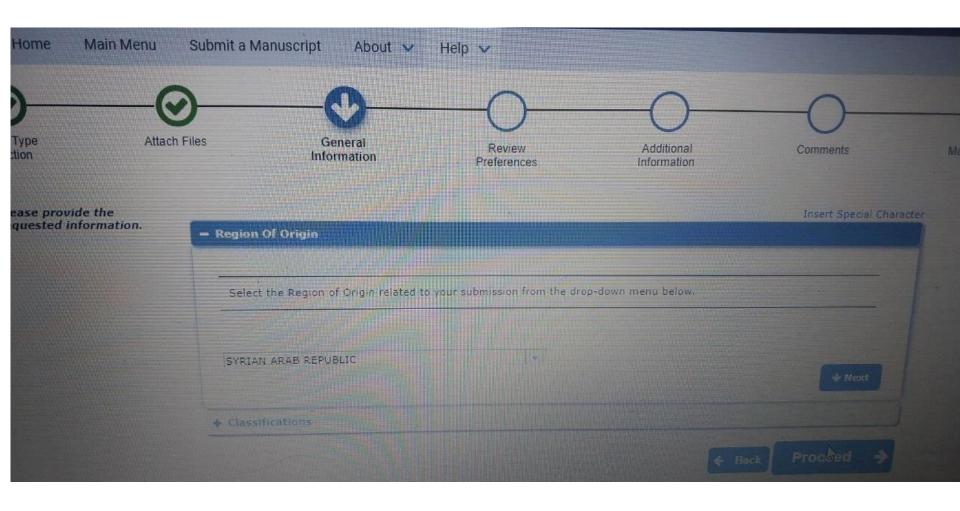
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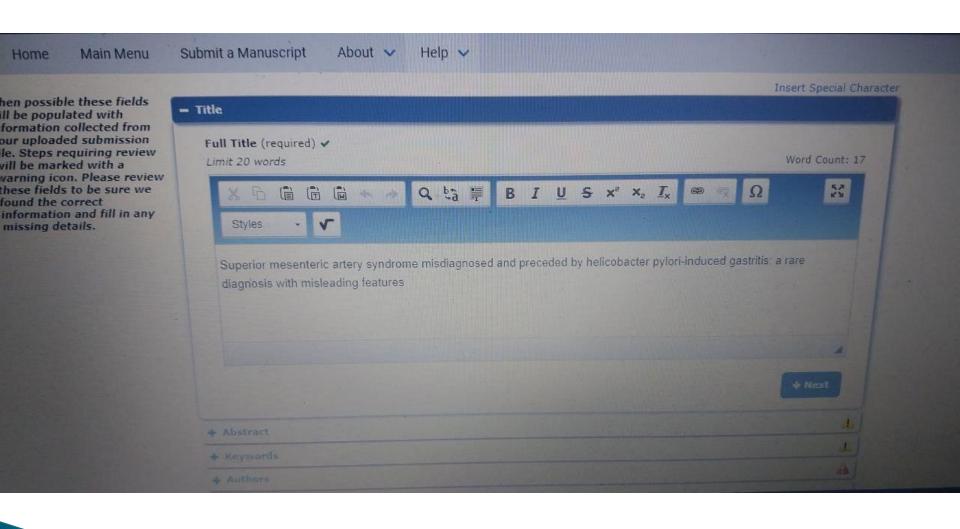


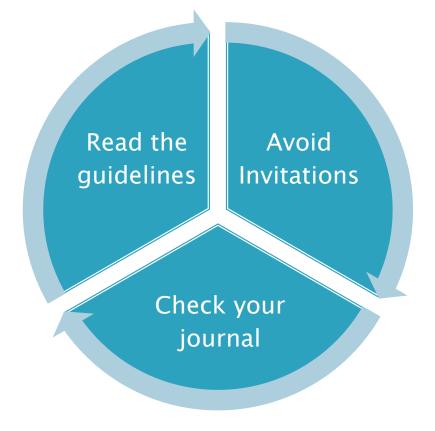
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