



## Journal Check

This checklist is a tool that you can use to check whether the journal you are considering for Publication is a legitimate journal (not predatory). If you find any item on this list to be true of your journal and/or publisher, you should not consider it. If you want another check you can email the link or name of the journal to the librarian at: [oscar@mail.sjism.org](mailto:oscar@mail.sjism.org).

1. Name of journal: is the journal name the same as or easily confused with that of another?
2. You cannot cross check with information about the journal in the [ISSN portal](#)?
3. Can you not contact the publisher by telephone or email and the email is a generic email like gmail or yahoo. Does the phone number answer the call?
4. Does the journal guarantee acceptance or a very short peer review time?
5. Does the journal offer to speed up the publication by additional payment? Does the journal promise rapid publication?
6. Does the journal have less than 3 years of articles published within the related topic?
7. If the journal is open access, it is not listed in the [Directory of Open Access Journals \(DOAJ\)](#)?
8. Does the journal mention non existent or questionable indexes such as Copernicus for example.
9. Does the journal have several grammar & spelling errors. 87% of websites with spelling or grammar errors are predatory.
10. The journal uses distorted, fuzzy or stock images?
11. The address of the journal is fake or there is no physical address. For example one fake publisher has an address that is the location of another business or a personal residence.