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Learning Objectives:

- Define Open Access and how it differs from traditional publishing
- Define ways to evaluate open access journal quality, including the identification of predatory journals
- List tools available to help grad students and faculty find appropriate journals in which to publish
- Describe guidelines and show statistics for the WVUL Open Access Author Fund, as well as for other WVU Open Access Memberships



What is Open Access (OA)?

Open Access is the free, immediate, online availability of research articles, coupled with the rights to use these articles fully in the digital environment.

> Source: Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC) Open Access FactSheet



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• Open source software may be developed in a collaborative public manner such as crowdsourcing.



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 Longer turnaround time from submission to when the article is available to readers 	 Accelerated turnaround time; available online quicker than a traditional journal



Types of Open Access

• GOLD – traditional definition; author publishes their article in an OA journal that allows free access to articles immediately upon publication

 GREEN – Author first publishes article in a traditional journal of choice, then negotiates with publisher to allow him to self-archive a specified version of the article in an "open" institutional repository, website, or personal archive

 HYBRID – A traditional subscription-based journal that allows authors to pay a fee in order to make their article open access. The majority of the articles in the journal are behind a paywall, but the OA option is not.



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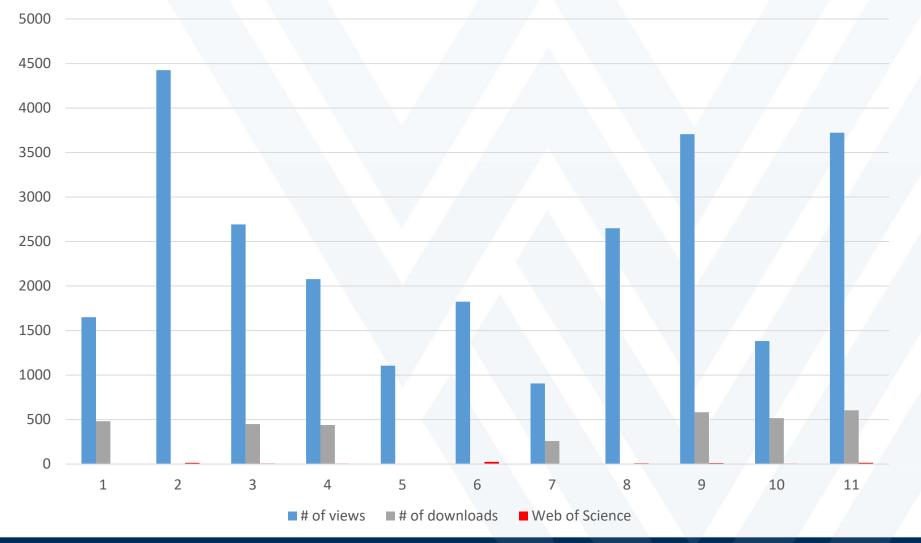
➢ Research is of lower quality

➤OA publishing is free

➢No copyright; it's fair use



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What is a hybrid journal?

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- a. Are available open access immediately upon publication
- b. Charge an article processing fee to the author
- c. Can be self-archived and made open access after an agreed-upon embargo period with the publisher

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Predatory Journals/Publishers...



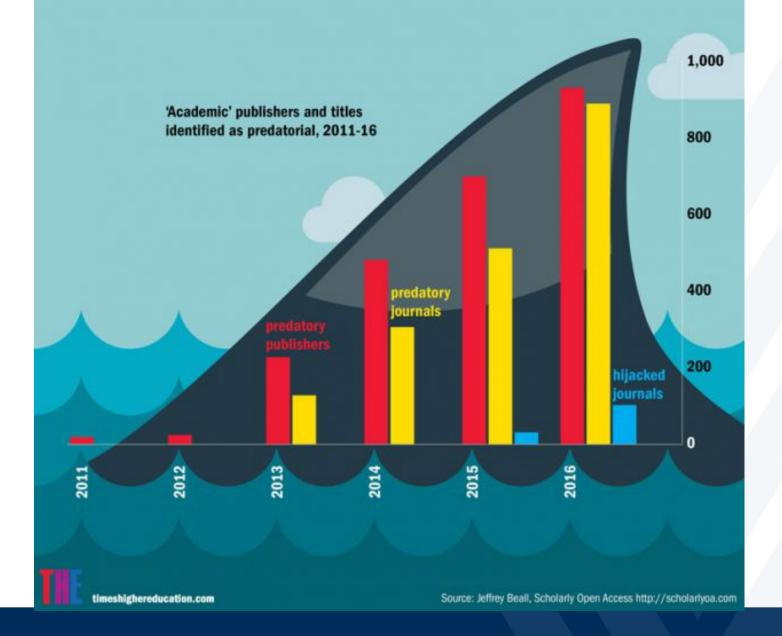
What is a Predatory Journal/Publisher?

> An exploitative open-access publishing business model

Charges publication fees to authors

Does not provide the editorial and publishing services associated with legitimate journals







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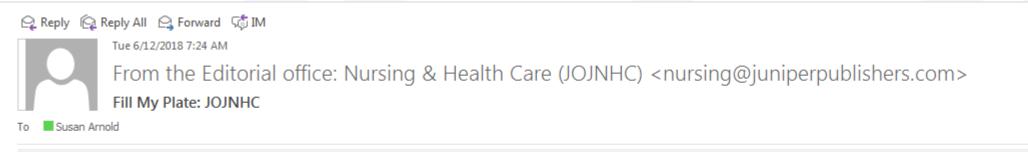
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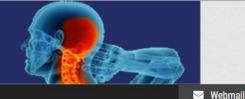




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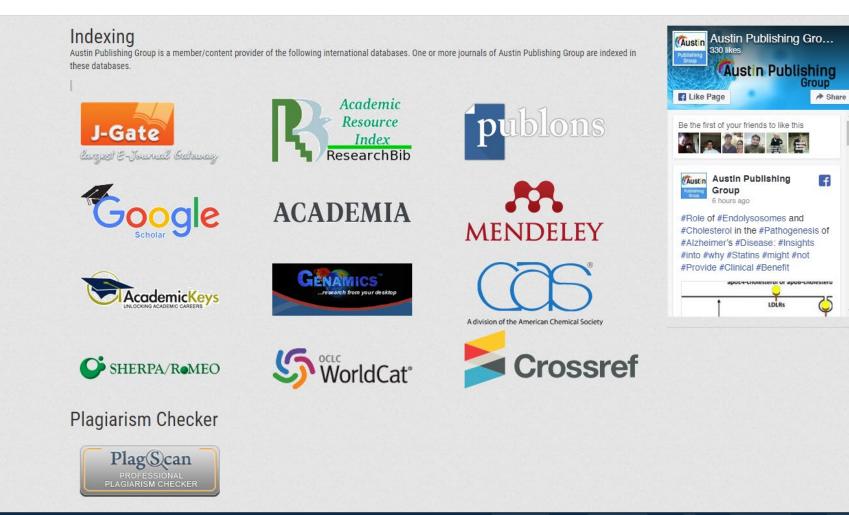


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Role of Cellular Magnesium in Human Diseases

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Abstract

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Magnesium is required for many of the major organs to function and plays a crucial role in human and mammalian physiology. Magnesium is essential for the structure of bones and teeth, acts as a cofactor for more than 300 enzymes in the body, including binding to ATP for kinase reactions, and affects permeability of excitable membranes and neuromuscular transmission. Despite these essential roles, much is still unknown about magnesium physiology and homeostasis. Currently, nutritionists believe that the general population intakes insufficient magnesium daily through the diet. The effects of magnesium deficiency are, for the most part undetected, and simple, widespread assessments of magnesium intake remain unavailable for humans. Many of the patients admitted to hospitals or medical care facilities are unaware of their low magnesium levels. Moreover, because magnesium is predominantly an intracellular cation (>99%), serum magnesium levels remain a poor predictor of tissue magnesium content and availability. This review will discuss the effects of magnesium deficiency in various pathologies affecting the human population. The underlying causes for magnesium depletion in major physiological systems will be examined along with the involved signaling pathways and the main roles of magnesium homeostasis. Where possible (e.g. alcoholism), the implications of administering supplemental magnesium will be discussed. Ultimately, this review



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- Both open access, different publishers, **neither indexed in MEDLINE**
- Publishers, OA Text and iMed.pub, were listed as predatory on Beall's List
- Not in DOAJ or OASPA



Questions:

True or false: All articles in PubMed are in legitimate scholarly journals

True or false: Articles from NIH-funded research are sometimes published in questionable open access journals

Predatory journals have the following characteristics:

- a. They often aggressively and directly solicit manuscripts from faculty
- b. Their article processing charges are often lower than legitimate journals
- c. They do not provide adequate peer review or editorial/publishing services
- d. They have an extremely short turnaround from the time of submission to the time of publication
- e. All of the above

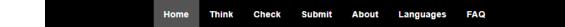


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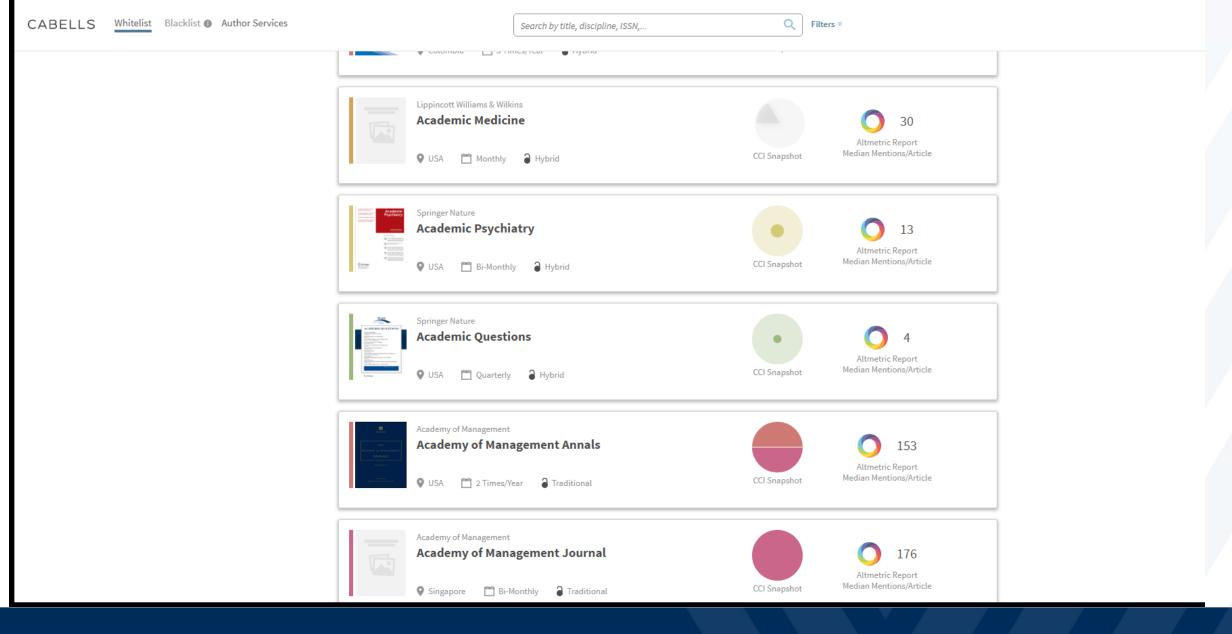
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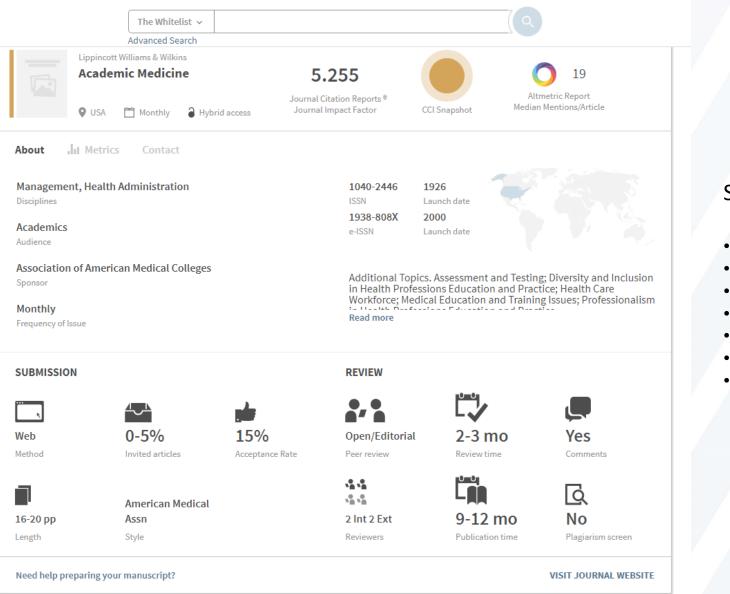
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Subjects Covered:

- Business
- Education
- Psychology
- Nursing
- Health Administration
- Computer Science
- Business Information Systems

Question:

Name two tools available to WVU authors to use to determine good journals in which to publish



WVU's Open Access Author Fund



Requirements

- Publication in a fully open access journal, not a hybrid
- Journal's website has a clear display of article charges
- Journal must be:
 - listed in the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) OR
 - a member of the *Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association (OASPA)* or adhere to its Code of Conduct



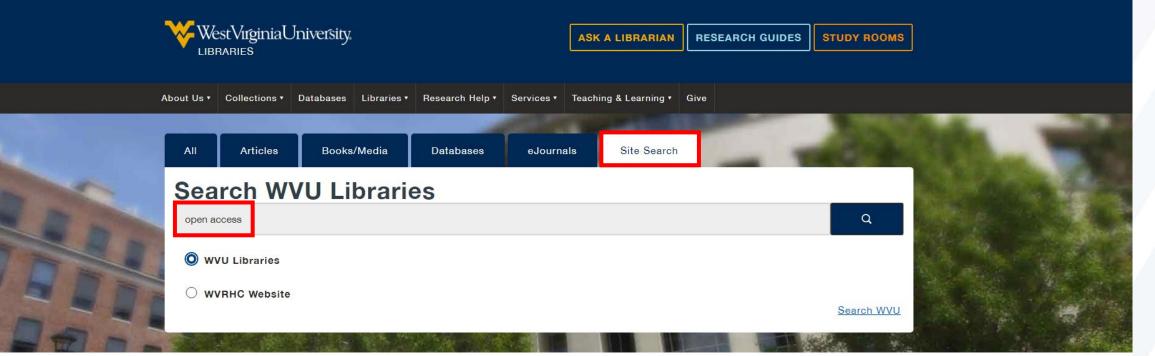
Requirements

• Researchers may receive up to \$1,500 per year

Faculty as first authors can only submit once/year

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Open Access Author Fund (OAAF) Application Eligibility Checklist

You must answer YES to all of the following questions to proceed.

Are you seeking funds to publish in a fully open access publication? A fully open access publication does not require a subscription nor payment for individual articles.

Yes			
No			

Are you employed or enrolled at West Virginia University?

Yes

Are you requesting \$1,000 or less if at the Health Sciences Center, or \$2,000 or less if anywhere else in the University?

Yes			
No			

Checklist:

- ✓ Fully open-access journal
- Employed or enrolled at West Virginia University
- ✓ Not exceeding the \$\$ cap
- Article already accepted by journal
- Payment to go directly to publisher
- Other funding sources explored first



Open Access Author Fund (OAAF) Application

Please carefully read the guidelines for applying for the fund before submission.

Online Application	Author requesting funding: First name (s)	
Application Form	Author requesting funding: Last name(s)	
through Qualtrics	Author eMail: @wvu.edu	
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	Post-Doctoral	
	Student	
	Staff	



Process

- Online application is simultaneously received via email by the Committee Chair and the Engineering Librarian
- Both of these committee members look for any problems with the application and/or the journal
- If necessary, the Chair corresponds with the applicant to clear up any questions/potential problems
- Once it is deemed satisfactory, the Chair forwards the application to other committee members with a recommendation and asks for their vote



2017-2019 Summary

- 60 requests, 52 funded
 - 19 Health Sciences
 - 11 School of Medicine
 - 2 Emergency Medicine
 - 2 Orthopedics
 - 1 Medicine
 - 1 Neuroscience
 - 1 Pediatrics
 - 1 Occupational Therapy
 - 1 Physiology, Pharmacology & Neuroscience
 - 1 Otolaryngology
 - 1 WVCTSI
 - 6 School of Public Health
 - 2 School of Pharmacy
 - 1 College of Physical Activity & Sports Science

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 - 2 Sociology & Anthropology
 - 2 Physics & Astronomy
 - 5 Geology & Geography
 - 2 Biology
 - 1 Communication Studies
 - 1 Psychology
 - 1 Mathematics
 - 1 Political Science
- 19 Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources & Design
 - 6 Plant & Soil Sciences
 - 8 Animal & Nutritional Sciences
 - 3 Forestry & Natural Resources
 - 2 Fisheries & Natural Resources
- 3 Statler College of Engineering and Mineral Resources
- 3 College of Education



2017–2019 Statistics

• 46 faculty, 10 students, 2 Post-Docs, 1 WVUH resident, 1 staff

• (6) PLoS ONE, (6) BMC journals, (2) BMJ Open, (12) MDPI journals

• \$60,991.42 expended; awards ranged from \$295 to \$1950; average = \$1,172.91

• Reasons for denial: 5 hybrid, 1 predatory, 1 Hindawi, 1 fee waiver



Other Avenues of Support

BioMed Central/SpringerOpen

- WVU authors receive a 15% discount on APCs
- 14-28 publications/year from WVU the last few years; 24 in 2019

• MDPI (Multidisciplinary Digital Publishing Institute)

- WVU authors receive a 25% discount on APCs
- 34 articles from WVU authors in 2017; 66 in 2018; 84 in 2019



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Questions:

True or false: The WVU Open Access Author Fund will provide funding for articles published in hybrid journals

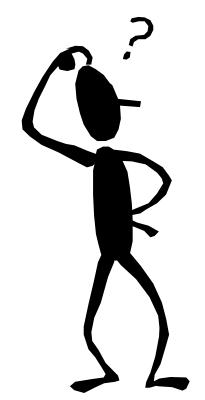
Which of the following is NOT a criteria for articles funded by the WVU Open Access Author Fund?

- a. Journal must be in the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)
- b. Publisher must be a member of the Open Access Scholarly Publishing Association
- c. Must be in a hybrid journal
- d. Must be indexed in a scholarly database

True or false: Health Sciences authors are limited to \$1,000 per year for funding from the WVU Open Access Author Fund



Please consider publishing Open Access and remember our Author Fund!



If you have further questions about the OAAF procedures or legitimate open access vs. predatory journals, please contact:

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