

**Predatory open access journals in a performance-based funding model:
A comparison of journals in version VI of the VABB-SHW with Beall's list
and DOAJ**

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1 Introduction

In academic publishing some publishers are exploiting the model of open access publishing. These publishers may e.g. accept manuscripts that are flawed in terms of scientific or scholarly quality or charge fees to authors without providing essential editorial and publishing services. These publishers are known as *predatory open access publishers*. The term ‘predatory open access’ (POA) was coined by Jeffrey Beall, librarian and associate professor at Auraria Library, University of Colorado, Denver, USA.

In response to a number of questions by the research community regarding the possible occurrence of predatory open access journals in the VABB-SHW¹ journal list, the bureau of the Authoritative Panel (Gezaghebbende Panel or GP) asked ECOOM-UAntwerpen to compare both lists in order to identify any overlap. ECOOM-UAntwerpen accepted this task and set out to identify the journals belonging to the publishers listed on Beall’s list mid October 2013. This resulted in a report by Rahman, Dexters and Engels (2014) submitted to the GP in February 2014. As a result, the GP decided, with the support of the vice-chancellors for research, to exclude articles published with predatory open access publishers from the VABB-SHW as of version IV, launched June 2014. In addition, the GP invited all universities to raise awareness about POA publishing amongst their researchers, and asked ECOOM-UAntwerpen to provide a yearly monitoring of the occurrence of predatory journals in the list submitted to them. So far, this has resulted in one additional report for VABB-SHW version V (Rahman & Engels, 2015).

The current report presents the results of this monitoring exercise in view of VABB-SHW version VI, which will contain publications from the time period 2005–2014. This report provides a detailed comparison of (1) the journals published by publishers listed on Beall’s list of POA publishers and the journals on Beall’s list of stand-alone journals as of 5 November 2015 with (2) the VABB-SHW list of journals as submitted to the GP in July 2015. Furthermore, we also provide details on each potentially predatory journal regarding its inclusion in Web of Science (WoS) and the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) and we list the publishers that are, according to Beall’s list, not to be considered predatory open access anymore.

This report is intended to facilitate the GP’s decision making. More generally, the report may raise awareness on the prevalence of predatory open access publishing in the social sciences and humanities in Flanders.

¹ Vlaams Academisch Bibliografisch Bestand voor de Sociale en Humane Wetenschappen, www.ecoom.be/en/vabb .

2 Data sources

2.1 Beall's list

Beall's list (available at <http://scholarlyoa.com/publishers>) includes potential, possible, or probable predatory open access publishers. Jeffrey Beall regularly updates this list. He sets forth criteria (<https://scholarlyoa.files.wordpress.com/2015/01/criteria-2015.pdf/>) for categorizing predatory publications and lists publishers and independent journals that meet those criteria. According to *Nature*, Beall's list and website are "widely read by librarians, researchers and open-access advocates, many of whom applaud his efforts to reveal shady publishing practices" (Butler, 2013). Beall has instituted a four person review body to which publishers can appeal (<http://scholarlyoa.com/appeals>) in order to be removed from the list in case they feel their inclusion is unjust. Beall's list of predatory open access publishers has expanded rapidly, from 327 in the summer of 2013, over 492 in January 2014, 661 in November 2014 (Rahman, Dexters, & Engels, 2014; Rahman & Engels, 2015) to 903 in November 2015. The number of predatory standalone journals is 835 in November 2015.

Some concerns have been raised against Beall's list, including:

- The term 'predatory' is used for many different kinds of questionable publishing practices and obscures the kinds of problems with a given publisher.
- Because of the inherent subjectivity of deciding on the 'predatory' status of a publisher or journal, this process should be in the hands of a much broader entity, rather than a single person. Some academics feel that the list is based more on Beall's intuition and general aversion towards open access than on solid data (Bloudoff-Indelicato, 2015).
- Beall's list is a reactive blacklist, whereas a whitelist – i.e., a list of journals or publishers that have been scrutinized and found to act according to a code of conduct – is more reliable.

2.2 Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)

To partially address the last two concerns regarding Beall's list, for each journal in the VABB-SHW that according to Beall's list should be considered 'predatory', we also check its inclusion in the whitelist of journals available from the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ). DOAJ was launched in 2003, but introduced a new and much stricter set of criteria in March 2015. It currently covers 10,807 "high quality, open access, peer-reviewed journals" (<https://doaj.org/>).

When journals are submitted for inclusion in DOAJ, they undergo a check against DOAJ's criteria (<https://doaj.org/bestpractice>) for inclusion in the database. These criteria include that a journal should have a clearly described peer review process. DOAJ can remove journals from the list for various reasons, including "suspected editorial misconduct by publisher".

3 Method

The starting point of the report is the list of 12,320 journals submitted by ECOOM-UAntwerpen to the GP in July 2015². The list consisted of 8,735 journals that had previously been identified by the GP as peer reviewed or are/would automatically be considered peer reviewed because they are indexed in the Web of Science (WoS), 2,968 journals which the GP classified as non-peer reviewed, and 617 journals which occurred for the first time and hence had peer review status ‘undecided’.

In order to match the VABB-SHW journal list with Beall’s list of POA publishers, we matched the publisher names in the VABB list with Beall’s list. Whenever two or more publisher names matched, we compared the journal titles as occurring in the VABB-SHW database with the journal titles on the publisher’s website, and subsequently the ISSNs³, which were also validated by checking the ISSN.org database. Only when both journal title and ISSN matched and were correct, we identified a journal as a journal published by a POA publisher listed on Beall’s list. Later we checked the journal’s availability in the Web of Science (WoS) as well as its inclusion in DOAJ. Whenever a match of titles was identified, we compared the ISSN in order to validate the match.

4 Findings

4.1 Comparison of VABB-SHW with Beall’s list

Out of the 8,735 journals that had been identified as peer reviewed, 36 occur in Beall’s list. Among them 24 journals are not indexed in WoS, and the other 12 are in WoS. Furthermore, we find 64 out of the 2,968 non-peer reviewed journals that match with Beall’s list. Finally, 28 out of 617 journals that had peer review status ‘undecided’ in the VABB-SHW match with a title and ISSN in Beall’s list. Only one of these 28 journals is included in WoS. In sum, 128 journals on Beall’s list contain at least one paper (co-)authored by an author affiliated to a Flemish university and submitted for inclusion in the VABBB-SHW. This constitutes an increase from the 109 journals in the previous report (Rahman & Engels, 2015). Table 1 summarizes the findings.

Table 1. Number of common journals in Beall’s list and the VABB-SHW

| VABB-SHW Status | Number of journals | Match with Beall’s list |
|------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Peer reviewed | 8,735 | 36 |
| Non-peer reviewed | 2,968 | 64 |
| Peer review status undecided | 617 | 28 |
| Total | 12,320 | 128 |

² The total number of journals is slightly lower than in the previous report (Rahman & Engels, 2015). The main reason for this is that some journals that appear both online and in print were previously counted as two separate journals. These have now been merged into one record.

³ For inclusion in the VABB-SHW, only peer reviewed journals that have an ISSN are eligible.

Subsequently, we compared the 128 journals that occur both in the VABB-SHW database and on Beall’s list with DOAJ and WoS. Table 2 presents the results. We find that the journals that are included in WoS, except for one, are also in DOAJ. If a journal is not indexed in WoS, however, the picture is less clear. Of the peer reviewed journals, 13 (or 52%) are in DOAJ, whereas the proportions are clearly lower for non-peer reviewed journals (20%) and journals whose peer review has not yet been decided (18%). On the whole, there does seem to be a discrepancy between Beall’s list and DOAJ: of the 128 journals that are ‘predatory’ according to Beall’s list, 44 (a little over one third) are in DOAJ.

The list of the 128 common journals is the Annex A to this report. For each journal, its title, VABB status, ISSN, WoS status, DOAJ status, number of publications in VABB-SHW, publisher and (if applicable) remarks are provided. We note that some journals that have recently been added to WoS, are indexed in the Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI), a database of journals that are “considered for inclusion in other Web of Science collections” (http://wokinfo.com/products_tools/multidisciplinary/esci/) and have not yet undergone the same close scrutiny as other WoS-indexed journals. For those journals where this is the case, this is signaled in a remark.

Table 2. Comparison of journals in VABB-SHW on Beall’s list with WoS and DOAJ

| VABB-SHW Status | In WoS, in DOAJ | In WoS, not in DOAJ | Not in WoS, in DOAJ | Not in WoS, not in DOAJ | Total |
|------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Peer reviewed | 12 | 0 | 13 | 12 | 37 |
| Non-peer reviewed | 1 | 1 | 12 | 49 | 63 |
| Peer review status undecided | 1 | 0 | 5 | 22 | 28 |
| Total | 14 | 1 | 30 | 83 | 128 |

4.2 Yearly evolution

The number of articles in predatory open access journals submitted to ECOOM-UAntwerpen by the universities in view of inclusion in the VABB-SHW is increasing in recent years. Whereas no publications in predatory open access journals appeared in 2000–2002, the yearly number remained below 5 in the period 2003–2008. For 2009, the number rose to 17, and then jumped to 34 in 2011, 67 in 2012, 73 in 2013, and 92 in 2014. The total of 316 publications in POA journals more than doubles the 138 publications found using the previous edition of Beall’s list (Rahman & Engels, 2015). The increase is mainly due to the controversial inclusion of Frontiers Research Foundation (Bloudoff-Indelicato, 2015), which alone is responsible for 157 publications. Table 3 gives an overview of the number of publications in predatory open access journals per year and their status in the VABB-SHW.

Table 3. Number and status of publications in POA journals submitted to VABB-SHW

| Year | Approved for VABB-SHW | Non-approved nor indexed in WoS | VABB-SHW approval to be decided | Indexed in WOS | Indexed in WoS & POA | Identified as (POA) | Total |
|-------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| 2000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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|--------------|-----------|----------|-----------|------------|----------|-----------|------------|
| 2001 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2002 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2003 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 2004 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2005 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 2006 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5 |
| 2007 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| 2008 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| 2009 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 17 |
| 2010 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 5 | 17 |
| 2011 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 11 | 34 |
| 2012 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 2 | 28 | 67 |
| 2013 | 9 | 0 | 11 | 42 | 0 | 11 | 73 |
| 2014 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 62 | 0 | 0 | 92 |
| Total | 57 | 0 | 41 | 151 | 3 | 64 | 316 |

4.3 Publishers removed from Beall's list

Six publishers that occurred in a previous report (Rahman, Dexters, & Engels, 2014; Rahman & Engels, 2015) and that have published at least one article indexed for VABB-SHW, are no longer in the latest update of Beall's list. They are:

- African Network of Scientific and Technological Institutions
- Baishideng Publishing Group
- Bentham Science Publishers
- Interscience Enterprises
- MDPI
- Research Media

With respect to Bentham Science Publishers, it is worth noting that Bentham Open, an imprint of Bentham Science that specializes in open access journals, is still on Beall's list. Moreover, eleven open access journals that previously were published by Bentham Science have recently been moved to Bentham Open (see Annex A).

Annex B provides a list of the twenty journals that are published by one of these publishers and appear in the VABB-SHW version VI. None of these journals are currently approved for inclusion in the VABB-SHW. One journal – *World Journal of Gastroenterology* – is indexed in both WoS and DOAJ. Four other journals, all published by MDPI, are indexed in DOAJ but not WoS. There are no journals that were indexed in WoS but not in DOAJ. In total, the twenty journals that are removed from Beall's list account for 27 publications in the VABB-SHW.

4.4 Hindawi Publishing

In 2014, Jeffrey Beall characterized Hindawi Publishing as 'borderline predatory'. In the previous report (Rahman & Engels, 2015), journals of this publisher were reported

separately. The GP decided not to classify journals of this publisher as POA. Beall's website no longer mentions Hindawi in the November 2015 edition that this report is based on.

5 Limitations

One limitation of this analysis is that the list of predatory open access publishers, and hence the list of journals that they produce, is constantly evolving. Publishers may be removed from the list, and, more commonly, new publishers are added. This is because new POA publishers are established all the time and more and more predatory publishing is reported to Jeffrey Beall. Publishers may also resort to (or refrain from) predatory publishing over time. Hence this report should not be seen as a definitive analysis of the occurrence of publications in predatory open access journals by scholars affiliated to social sciences and humanities units at Flemish universities. Rather, this report gives an overview of the situation as of 5 November 2015 with regard to the publications 2005–2014 that appeared in a journal with an ISSN and that have been submitted to ECOOM-Antwerpen with a view of inclusion in the VABB-SHW.

A second limitation is that some journals that have been identified as predatory open access journals may have sound peer review processes. Bohannon (2013) reported that a few journals by publishers listed by Beall did screen out his non-sensical paper after a substantial peer review process. This illustrates that publishers may be listed as predatory for other reasons than the lack of a peer review process (cf. the aforementioned link to criteria and the concern about the use of the term 'predatory').

A third limitation is that Beall's list mainly (except for a relatively brief list of stand-alone journals) consists of publishers, i.e. publisher names. Hence the matching process is subject to several steps, first matching of publishers and then matching of journal titles and ISSN. Errors in the first step, the matching of publisher names, cannot be excluded, as any writing error may result in non-identification of a match. Furthermore, experience has shown that the data source used for determining the publisher of journals in the VABB-SHW, ISSN.org, is not always up-to-date with the latest evolutions. This may lead to errors in the second step, matching journals to publishers.

6 Conclusions

The results presented in this report show that Beall's list can be a data source for detection of predatory open access journals in a database like the VABB-SHW. At the same time, the limitations of Beall's list – in addition to the practical limitations explained in section 5 – are also quite clear if one considers that 44 out of 128 journals that were encountered are indexed in WoS, DOAJ or both (section 4.1). Furthermore, the dynamic nature of Beall's list raises questions: the recent addition of a relatively large publisher like Frontiers Research Foundation could impact 157 publications in the VABB-SHW (section 4.2), while the delisting of six publishers could affect 27 publications in the VABB-SHW (section 4.3).

These issues call for a precautionous approach to classifying the journals listed in this report in view of VABB-SHW VI. Taking into account the information on the (non)inclusion of these journals in WoS and DOAJ seems advisable. In case a journal or its publisher occurs on Beall's list and the journal is not in WoS nor DOAJ, it can be blacklisted automatically. Journals, however, that are indexed in WoS can probably still be included in the VABB-SHW: The articles that appear in these journals are usually included in the BOF-WoS publication count. If a common Beall–VABB journal is indexed in DOAJ but not in WoS, a possible middle road is that the journal's status remains or is set to non-peer reviewed, but it becomes possible for authors to appeal to the non-inclusion if evidence of peer review can be submitted. The same approach can be taken for the journals that are not (because of their publisher) blacklisted by Beall anymore: maintain their VABB status as not-peer reviewed, but allow authors to appeal to the non-inclusion if evidence of peer review can be submitted. A more relaxed approach might consist of taking the whitelisting of a journal in DOAJ as evidence of peer review and hence classify these journals as peer reviewed. However, this approach would raise the question on how the status of journals in other systems (e.g. Italian ANVUR, ERIH) will be handled.

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Common Journals in Beall's List and the VABB-SHW (version VI)

| Sl. No. | ISSN (On-line) | ISSN (Print) | Journal title | Publisher | Indexed in WoS (Period) In JCR 2014? | Indexed in DOAJ | VABB –SHW Status | Number and status of publications submitted to VABB-SHW | Remarks |
|---------|----------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| 1) | 1991-637X | | African journal of agricultural research | Academic Journals | YES (2006-2011) Not in JCR 2014 | YES | 1= Peer Reviewed | 1 (2007, Approved) 2 (2009, Approved) 1 (2010, Approved) 2 (2011, Approved) 2 (2012, Approved) 1 (2013, Approved) | |
| 2) | 1996-0778 | | African journal of biochemistry research | Academic Journals | NO | YES | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2008, POA) | |
| 3) | 1993-8233 | | African journal of business management | Academic Journals | YES (2007-2011) Not in JCR 2014 | YES | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2011, POA), 2(2012, POA | |
| 4) | 1992-2248 | | Scientific research and essays | Academic Journals | YES (2006-2011) Not in JCR 2014 | YES | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2009, POA) | |
| 5) | 2276-6928 | | American Journal of Social Issues and Humanities | American Journal of Social Humanities | NO | NO | 1= Peer Reviewed | 1 (2013, Approved) | |
| 6) | | 2165-2228 | Comprehensive psychology | Ammons Scientific | NO | YES | n.a. = Undecided | 1 (2014 , Undecided) | |
| 7) | 1819-1932 | | Research journal of business management | ANSInet | NO | NO | 1= Peer Reviewed | 1 (2011, Approved) | |
| 8) | 1745-0179 | | Clinical practice and epidemiology in mental health | Bentham Open | NO | YES | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 2 (2006, POA) | |
| 9) | 1876-5181 | | The Open antimicrobial agents journal | Bentham Open | NO | NO | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2010, POA) 1 (2011, POA) | |
| 10) | 1874-916X | | The Open communication journal | Bentham Open | NO | YES | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2008, POA) | |

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|---------|----------------|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| 11) | 1876-391X | | The open complementary medicine journal | Bentham Open | NO | NO | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2009, POA) 1 (2010, POA) | |
| 12) | 1874-2564 | | The Open food science journal | Bentham Open | NO | YES | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2007, POA) | |
| 13) | 1874-2793 | | The Open infectious diseases journal | Bentham Open | NO | YES | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2007, POA) | |
| 14) | 1874-9488 | | The Open management journal | Bentham Open | NO | NO | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2011, POA) | |
| 15) | 1876-8245 | | The Open pharmacoeconomics & health economics journal | Bentham Open | NO | NO | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2009, POA) | |
| 16) | 1874-9437 | | The Open rehabilitation journal | Bentham Open | NO | YES | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2008, POA) | |
| 17) | 1874-3064 | | The Open respiratory medicine journal | Bentham Open | NO | YES | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2011, POA) | |
| 18) | 1875-399X | | The Open sports sciences journal | Bentham Open | NO | YES | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2010, POA) | |
| 19) | 1923-8401 | 1923-7529 | Review of economics & finance | Better Advances Press | NO | NO | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2012, POA) | |
| 20) | 1812-9358 | 1810-4967 | Investment management & financial innovations | Business perspectives | NO | NO | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2005, POA) 1 (2011, POA) | |
| 21) | 1923-6697 | 1712-8056 | Canadian social science | Canadian Academy of Oriental and Occidental Culture | NO | YES | 1= Peer Reviewed | 1 (2011, Approved) 2 (2012, Approved) 1 (2014, Undecided) | |
| 22) | 1927-0496 | 1927-0488 | Environment and natural resources research | Canadian Center of Science and Education | NO | NO | n.a. = Undecided | 1 (2014, Undecided) | |
| 23) | 1916-9744 | 1916-9736 | Global journal of health science | Canadian Center of Science and Education | NO | NO | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 2 (2011, POA) | |

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|---------|----------------|--------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 24) | 1925-475X | 1925-4741 | Higher education studies | Canadian Center of Science and Education | NO | NO | n.a. = Undecided | 2 (2014, Undecided) | |
| 25) | 1913-9012 | 1913-9004 | International business research | Canadian Center of Science and Education | NO | NO | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2012, POA) | |
| 26) | 1916-9728 | 1916-971X | International journal of economics and finance | Canadian Center of Science and Education | NO | NO | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2012, POA) | |
| 27) | 1918-722X | 1918-7211 | International journal of psychological studies | Canadian Center of Science and Education | NO | NO | n.a. = Undecided | 1 (2014, Undecided) | |
| 28) | 1927-7040 | 1927-7032 | International journal of statistics and probability | Canadian Center of Science and Education | NO | NO | n.a. = Undecided | 2 (2013, Undecided) | |
| 29) | 1916-9760 | 1916-9752 | Journal of agricultural science | Canadian Center of Science and Education | NO | NO | n.a. = Undecided | 1 (2014, Undecided) | |
| 30) | 1927-0895 | 1927-0887 | Journal of food research | Canadian Center of Science and Education | NO | NO | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2012, POA) 1 (2013, POA) | |
| 31) | 1913-9055 | 1913-9047 | Journal of politics and law | Canadian Center of Science and Education | YES (2015) Not in JCR 2014 | NO | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2012, POA) | In Emerging Sources Citation Index |
| 32) | 1913-9071 | 1913-9063 | Journal of sustainable development | Canadian Center of Science and Education | NO | NO | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2010, POA) 1 (2012, POA) | |
| 33) | 2219-6021 | 2219-1933 | International journal of business and social science | Center for Promoting Ideas | NO | NO | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2012, POA) | |
| 34) | 1934-7332 | | Computer technology and application | David Pub. Co | NO | NO | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2012, POA) | Publisher has two websites, www.davidpublishing.com and www.davidpublisher.org. |
| 35) | 1934-8932 | | Journal of environmental science and engineering | David Pub. Co | NO | NO | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2012, POA) | |
| 36) | 1934-7391 | | Journal of life sciences | David Pub. Co | NO | NO | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2012, POA) | |

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|---------|----------------|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 37) | 2159-5542 | | Psychology research | David Publishing Co | NO | NO | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2012, POA) | |
| 38) | 2159-5534 | 2159-5526 | Sociology study | David Publishing Co | NO | NO | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2012, POA) | |
| 39) | 1934-7359 | | JOURNAL OF CIVIL ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURE | David Publishing Company | NO | NO | 1= Peer Reviewed | 1 (2011, Approved) | |
| 40) | 2160-6579 | | Journalism and mass communication | David Publishing Company | NO | NO | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 2 (2012, POA) | |
| 41) | 1986-8103 | 1840-2291 | HealthMed | DRUNPP | YES (2007-2012) Not in JCR 2014 | NO | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2012, POA) | |
| 42) | 1986-3497 | | Online journal of communication and media technologies | Eastern Mediterranean University, Faculty of Communication and Media Studies | NO | YES | 1= Peer Reviewed | 1 (2012, Approved) 1 (2013, Approved) | |
| 43) | | 2146-4138 | International journal of economics and financial issues | EconJournals | NO | YES | n.a. = Undecided | 1 (2014, Undecided) | |
| 44) | 1842 - 8517 | 1841-0464 | European Journal of Science and Theology | Ecozone | YES (2008-2013) Not in JCR 2014 | NO | 1= Peer Reviewed | 1 (2008, Approved) 2 (2008, Approved) | |
| 45) | 2234-943X | | Frontiers in oncology | Frontiers Editorial Office | YES (2015) Not in JCR 2014 | YES | n.a. = Undecided | 1 (2014, Undecided) | In Emerging Sources Citation Index |
| 46) | | 1663-4365 | Frontiers in aging neuroscience | Frontiers Research Foundation | YES (2009-2015) In JCR 2014 | YES | 1= Peer Reviewed | 2 (2014, Undecided) | |
| 47) | | 1662-5153 | Frontiers in behavioral neuroscience | Frontiers Research Foundation | YES (2007-2015) In JCR 2014 | YES | 1= Peer Reviewed | 1 (2011, Approved) 2 (2012, Approved) 1 (2013, Approved) 4 (2014, | |

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|---------|----------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | | | | | | | | Undecided) | |
| 48) | | 1662-5188 | Frontiers in computational neuroscience | Frontiers Research Foundation | YES (2007-2015) In JCR 2014 | YES | 1= Peer Reviewed | 1 (2009, Approved) 1 (2013, Approved) 3 (2014, Undecided) | |
| 49) | | 1663-070X | Frontiers in evolutionary neuroscience | Frontiers Research Foundation | NO | YES | 1= Peer Reviewed | 1 (2012, Approved) | |
| 50) | | 1664-8021 | Frontiers in genetics | Frontiers Research Foundation | NO | YES | 1= Peer Reviewed | 2 (2012, Approved) 2 (2013, Undecided) | |
| 51) | | 1662-5161 | Frontiers in human neuroscience | Frontiers Research Foundation | YES (2008-2015) In JCR 2014 | YES | 1= Peer Reviewed | 1 (2009, Approved) 2 (2010, Approved) 2 (2011, Approved) 8 (2012, Approved) 14 (2013, Approved) 14 (2014, Undecided) | |
| 52) | | 1662-5145 | Frontiers in integrative neuroscience | Frontiers Research Foundation | YES (2015) Not in JCR 2014 | YES | 1= Peer Reviewed | 1 (2011, Approved) 1 (2012, Approved) | In Emerging Sources Citation Index |
| 53) | | 1662-5196 | Frontiers in neuroinformatics | Frontiers Research Foundation | YES (2012-2015) In JCR 2014 | YES | 1= Peer Reviewed | 1 (2014, Undecided) | |
| 54) | 1662-453X | 1662-4548 | Frontiers in neuroscience | Frontiers Research Foundation | YES (2011-2015) In JCR 2014 | YES | 1= Peer Reviewed | 1 (2010, Approved) 2 (2013, Approved) | |
| 55) | | 1663-9812 | Frontiers in pharmacology | Frontiers Research Foundation | YES (2010-2015) In JCR 2014 | YES | 1= Peer Reviewed | 2 (2010, Approved) 1 (2011, Approved) 1 (2013, Approved) | |

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| 56) | | 1664-042X | Frontiers in physiology | Frontiers Research Foundation | YES (2010-2015) In JCR 2014 | YES | 1= Peer Reviewed | 2 (2013, Approved) | |
| 57) | | 1664-0640 | Frontiers in psychiatry | Frontiers Research Foundation | YES (2015) Not in JCR 2014 | YES | 1= Peer Reviewed | 2 (2013, Approved) 2 (2014, Undecided) | In Emerging Sources Citation Index |
| 58) | 1664-1078 | 1664-1078 | Frontiers in psychology | Frontiers Research Foundation | YES (2010-2015) In JCR 2014 | YES | 1= Peer Reviewed | 1 (2010, Approved) 7 (2011, Approved) 13 (2012, Approved) 15 (2013, Approved) 31 (2014, Undecided) | |
| 59) | | 2296-875X | Frontiers in surgery | Frontiers Research Foundation | NO | YES | n.a. = Undecided | 1 (2014, Undecided) | |
| 60) | | 1662-5137 | Frontiers in systems neuroscience | Frontiers Research Foundation | YES (2015) Not in JCR 2014 | YES | 1= Peer Reviewed | 1 (2011, Approved) 1 (2012, Approved) 3 (2013, Approved) 1 (2014, Undecided) | In Emerging Sources Citation Index |
| 61) | 1929-5812 | 1929-5804 | Decision science letters | Growing Science | NO | YES | n.a. = Undecided | 2 (2014, Undecided) | |
| 62) | 2010-3689 | | International journal of information and education technology | IACSIT | NO | YES | 1= Peer Reviewed | 1 (2013, Approved) | |
| 63) | 2347-7474 | | International journal of advances in social science and humanities | IJASSH Publication | NO | NO | 1= Peer Reviewed | 1 (2013, Approved) | |
| 64) | 2223-4934 | 2227-393X | International journal of social sciences and education | IJSSE | NO | YES | 1= Peer Reviewed | 1 (2012, Approved) | |
| 65) | 2040-2589 | | Literacy information and computer education journal | Infonomics Society | NO | NO | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2012, POA) | |

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| 66) | 2378-9670 | 1546-2609 | Review of business research | International Academy of Business and Economics | NO | NO | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2009, POA) 1 (2012, POA) | |
| 67) | 1796-217X | | Journal of software | International Academy Publishing (IAP) | NO | YES | 1= Peer Reviewed | 1 (2009, Approved) | |
| 68) | | 2315-568X | Journal of Research in Nursing and Midwifery | International Research Journals | NO | NO | 1= Peer Reviewed | 1 (2012, Approved) | |
| 69) | 1092-406X | | The Internet journal of anesthesiology | Internet Scientific Publications | NO | YES | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2009, POA) | |
| 70) | 1532-0642 | | The Internet journal of asthma, allergy and immunology | Internet Scientific Publications | NO | YES | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2006, POA) | |
| 71) | 1531-2941 | | The Internet journal of mental health | Internet Scientific Publications | NO | NO | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2010, POA) | |
| 72) | 2248-9010 | 2250-0715 | International review of social sciences and humanities | IRSSH Research Group (Interdisciplinary Research Group in Social Sciences and Humanities) | NO | NO | 1= Peer Reviewed | 1 (2013, Approved) | |
| 73) | 1817-3195 | 1992-8645 | Journal of Theoretical and Applied Information Technology | JATIT | NO | YES | 1= Peer Reviewed | 1 (2008, Approved) 1 (2009, Approved) | |
| 74) | 2229-6891 | | International research journal of applied finance | Kaizen Publications | NO | YES | 1= Peer Reviewed | 1 (2012, Approved) 1 (2013, Approved) | |
| 75) | 0970-9274 | | Journal of Human Ecology | Kamla-Raj Enterprises | NO | YES | 1= Peer Reviewed | 1 (2003, Approved) 1 (2006, Approved) | |
| 76) | 1929-6029 | | International journal of statistics in medical research | Lifescience Global | NO | NO | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2012, POA) 2 (2013, Undecided) | |
| 77) | 2375-7167 | 1545-0740 | Nature and science | Marsland Co | NO | NO | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2012, POA) | |
| 78) | 2299- | 2299- | Journal of Entrepreneurship, | Nowy Sacz Bussiness | NO | YES | 1= Peer | 1 (2012, Approved) | |

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| | 7326 | 7075 | Management and Innovation | School - National-Louis University | | | Reviewed | | |
| 79) | 2155-6148 | | Journal of anesthesia & clinical research | OMICS Publishing Group | NO | NO | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2011, POA) | |
| 80) | 2155-6180 | | Journal of biometrics & biostatistics | OMICS Publishing Group | NO | NO | n.a. = Undecided | 1 (2014, Undecided) | |
| 81) | 2167-0870 | | Journal of clinical trials | OMICS Publishing Group | NO | NO | n.a. = Undecided | 1 (2014, Undecided) | |
| 82) | 2155-6156 | | Journal of diabetes & metabolism | OMICS Publishing Group | NO | NO | n.a. = Undecided | 1 (2014, Undecided) | |
| 83) | 2157-7110 | | Journal of food processing & technology | OMICS Publishing Group | NO | NO | n.a. = Undecided | 1 (2014, Undecided) | |
| 84) | 2165-7912 | | Journal of mass communication & journalism | OMICS Publishing Group | NO | NO | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2013, POA) | |
| 85) | 2332-0761 | | Journal of political science & public affairs | OMICS Publishing Group | NO | NO | n.a. = Undecided | 1 (2014, Undecided) | |
| 86) | 2167-1079 | | Primary health care | OMICS Publishing Group | NO | NO | n.a. = Undecided | 1 (2014, Undecided) | |
| 87) | | 2277-0844 | Online Journal of Social sciences Research | Online Research Journals Ltd | NO | NO | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2012, POA) | |
| 88) | 1923-6662 | 1923-6654 | OIDA International Journal of Sustainable Development | Ontario International Development Agency | NO | NO | 1= Peer Reviewed | 1 (2010, Approved) 1 (2014, Undecided) | |
| 89) | | 2229-5518 | International journal of scientific and engineering research | Ravi Mittal | NO | NO | n.a. = Undecided | 1 (2013, Undecided) | |
| 90) | 1923-4031 | 1923-4023 | International journal of financial research | Sciedu Press | NO | NO | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2013, POA) | |

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| 91) | 1927-6052 | 1927-6044 | International journal of higher education | Sciedu Press | NO | NO | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 2 (2013, POA) | |
| 92) | 1927-9515 | 1927-9507 | Journal of business administration research | Sciedu Press | NO | NO | n.a. = Undecided | 1 (2014, Undecided) | |
| 93) | 1925-4059 | 1925-4040 | Journal of nursing education and practice | Sciedu Press | NO | NO | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 2 (2012, POA) | |
| 94) | 1925-0754 | 1925-0746 | World journal of education | Sciedu Press | NO | NO | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2011, POA) | |
| 95) | 2326-5884 | 2326-5876 | Engineering management reviews | Science and Engineering Publishing Company | NO | NO | 1= Peer Reviewed | 1 (2013, Approved) | |
| 96) | 1558-6332 | 1553-3468 | American journal of biochemistry & biotechnology | Science Publications | NO | YES | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2010, POA) | |
| 97) | 1558-6340 | 1553-6203 | American journal of infectious diseases | Science Publications | YES (2015) Not in JCR 2014 | YES | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2007, POA) | In Emerging Sources Citation Index |
| 98) | 2394-1073 | | Journal of agriculture and ecology research international | ScienceDomain Interantional | NO | NO | n.a. = Undecided | 1 (2014, Undecided) | |
| 99) | 2320-7035 | | International journal of plant and soil science | Sciencedomain International | NO | NO | n.a. = Undecided | 1 (2014, Undecided) | |
| 100) | 2374-9091 | | Journal of neuroscience and rehabilitation | ScienceScript | NO | NO | n.a. = Undecided | 1 (2014, Undecided) | |
| 101) | 1792-9660 | 1792-9040 | Journal of earth sciences and geotechnical engineering | Scienpress Ltd | NO | NO | n.a. = Undecided | 1 (2014, Undecided) | |
| 102) | 2372-2495 | 2372-2487 | SOP transactions on theoretical physics | Scientific Online Publishing, Inc | NO | NO | n.a. = Undecided | 2 (2014, Undecided) | |
| 103) | 2156-8561 | 2156-8553 | Agricultural sciences | Scientific Research Pub | NO | NO | n.a. = Undecided | 1 (2013, Undecided) | |

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| 104) | 2160-8849 | 2160-8830 | American journal of operations research | Scientific Research Pub | NO | NO | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2013, POA) | |
| 105) | 2328-4919 | 2328-4900 | Current urban studies | Scientific Research Pub | NO | NO | n.a. = Undecided | 1 (2013, Undecided) | |
| 106) | 2157-9458 | 2157-944X | Food and nutrition sciences | Scientific Research Pub | NO | NO | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2012, POA) | |
| 107) | 1949-5005 | 1949-4998 | Health | Scientific Research Pub | NO | NO | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2009, POA) 1 (2010, POA) 1 (2012, POA) 1 (2014, Undecided) | |
| 108) | 2156-8367 | 2156-8359 | International journal of geosciences | Scientific Research Pub | NO | NO | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2013, POA) | |
| 109) | 2160-5874 | 2160-5866 | Journal of behavioral and brain science | Scientific Research Pub | NO | NO | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 2 (2011, POA) | |
| 110) | 2152-2219 | 2152-2197 | Journal of environmental protection | Scientific Research Pub | NO | NO | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2013, POA) | |
| 111) | 2158-7086 | 2158-706X | Natural resources | Scientific Research Pub | NO | NO | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2013, POA) | |
| 112) | 2165-3925 | 2165-3917 | Open journal of applied sciences | Scientific Research Pub | NO | NO | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2013, POA) | |
| 113) | 2163-9442 | 2163-9434 | Open journal of philosophy | Scientific Research Pub | NO | NO | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2011, POA) | |
| 114) | 2164-0513 | 2164-0505 | Open journal of political science | Scientific Research Pub | NO | NO | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2013, POA) | |
| 115) | 2162-2485 | 2162-2477 | Open journal of preventive medicine | Scientific Research Pub | NO | NO | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2012, POA) | |
| 116) | 2152- | 2152- | Psychology | Scientific Research Pub | NO | NO | 0 = Non-Peer | 1 (2011, POA) | |

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| | 7199 | 7180 | | | | | Reviewed | 1 (2014, Undecided) | |
| 117) | 2164-5337 | 2164-5329 | World Journal of Cardiovascular Diseases | Scientific Research Pub | NO | NO | n.a. = Undecided | 1 (2013, Undecided) | |
| 118) | 2329-7808 | 2329-7832 | Health care | Sciknow Publications, Ltd | NO | NO | n.a. = Undecided | 1 (2014, Undecided) | |
| 119) | 1553-5827 | | The business review, Cambridge | The Business Review | NO | NO | 1= Peer Reviewed | 1 (2019, Approved) | |
| 120) | 1694-0814 | 1694-0784 | International Journal of Computer Science Issues | unknown | NO | YES | n.a. = Undecided | 1 (2013, Undecided) | |
| 121) | | 1450-2887 | International Research Journal of Finance and Economics | unknown | NO | NO | 1= Peer Reviewed | 1 (2010, Approved) 1 (2013, Approved) | |
| 122) | 2077-4303 | 2077-429X | Risk governance & control: financial markets & institutions | Virtus Interpress | NO | NO | 1= Peer Reviewed | 1 (2011, Approved) | |
| 123) | 2168-264X | 2168-2631 | International journal of cooperative studies | World Scholars | NO | NO | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2011, Approved) | |
| 124) | | 1109-9577 | WSEAS Transactions on Acoustics and Music | World Scientific and Engineering Academy and Society | NO | NO | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 2 (2012, POA) | The journal is discontinued, as stated by the publisher. (http://www.wseas.org/cms.action?id=43) |
| 125) | 2224-3429 | 1991-8747 | WSEAS transactions on applied and theoretical mechanics | World Scientific and Engineering Academy and Society | NO | NO | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2009, POA) 1 (2010, POA) | |
| 126) | 2224-2902 | 1109-9518 | WSEAS transactions on biology and biomedicine | World Scientific and Engineering Academy and Society | NO | NO | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2012, POA) | |
| 127) | 2224-2899 | 1109-9526 | WSEAS transactions on business and economics | World Scientific and Engineering Academy and | NO | NO | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2006, POA) | |

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| 128) | 2224-3496 | 1790-5079 | WSEAS transactions on environment and development | World Scientific and Engineering Academy and Society | NO | NO | 0 = Non-Peer Reviewed | 1 (2011, POA) 1 (2012, POA) 1 (2014, Undecided) | |

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| 1607-9949 | | African journal of science and technology | African network of Scientific and Technological Institutions | 0 | NO | NO | 1 |
| 1007-9327 | | World Journal of Gastroenterology | Baishideng Publishing Group | 0 | YES | YES | 3 |
| 1573-3963 | | Current pediatric reviews | Bentham Science Publishers | 0 | NO | NO | 4 |
| 1573-3947 | | Current cancer therapy reviews | Bentham Science Publishers | 0 | NO | NO | 1 |
| 1573-4080 | 1875-6662 | Current enzyme inhibition (Print) | Bentham Science Publishers | 0 | NO | NO | 1 |
| 1573-3955 | 1875-631X | Current immunology reviews (Print) | Bentham Science Publishers | 0 | NO | NO | 1 |
| 1573-4013 | 2212-3881 | Current nutrition & food science (Print) | Bentham Science Publishers | 0 | NO | NO | 1 |
| 1573-4005 | 1875-6441 | Current psychiatry reviews (Print) | Bentham Science Publishers | 0 | NO | NO | 1 |
| 1573-398X | | Current respiratory medicine reviews | Bentham Science Publishers | 0 | NO | NO | 1 |
| 1573-3971 | | Current rheumatology reviews | Bentham Science Publishers | 0 | NO | NO | 1 |
| 1573-4048 | 1875-6581 | Current women's health reviews (Print) | Bentham Science Publishers | 0 | NO | NO | 1 |
| 2210-3031 | | Drug delivery letters (Print) | Bentham Science Publishers | 0 | NO | NO | 1 |
| 1871-5281 | 2212-4055 | Inflammation & allergy. Drug targets (Print) | Bentham Science Publishers | 0 | NO | NO | 1 |
| 1567-2034 | | Medicinal chemistry reviews | Bentham Science Publishers | 0 | NO | NO | 1 |
| 1466-6650 | | International journal of global environmental issues | Interscience Enterprises | 0 | NO | NO | 2 |
| 1424-8247 | | Pharmaceuticals (Basel) | MDPI | 0 | NO | YES | 2 |
| 2075-4698 | | Societies (Basel) | MDPI | 0 | NO | YES | 1 |
| 2072-6694 | | Cancers (Basel) | MDPI | 0 | NO | YES | 1 |

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| 2078-2489 | | Information (Basel) | MDPI | 0 | NO | YES | 1 |
| 2041-4552 | | International innovation | Research Media | 0 | NO | NO | 1 |