Publishing: Identifying Credible Journals Prepared for Postgraduate Students Virtual Training 24th March 2023 By Dr. Everlyn M. Anduvare **Deputy University Librarian** Karatina University



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Outline

Introduction

Predatory Journals vs credible journals

1. Introduction

- Technology has opened up significant opportunities in publishing while at the same time, it has caused disruptions.
- Opportunities such as open access to publishing have enabled a shorter publishing process via technologies with reduced need for intermediaries.
- On the other hand, digital publishing has opened up avenues for any individual(s) to pose as a publisher creating a challenge in determining journals to publish in, due to an increase in predatory

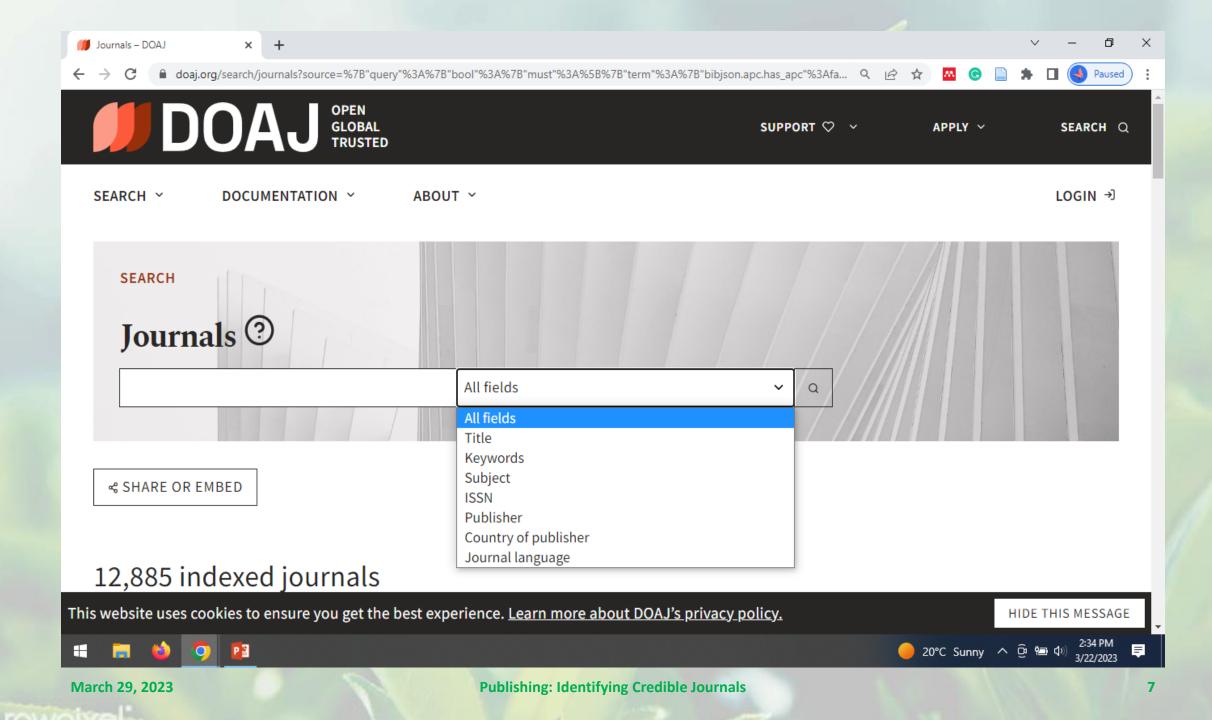
2. Predatory Journals vs Credible Journals

- There has been an increase in predatory journals which are characterized by:
 - Exist for the sole purpose of making profits prioritizing self-interest.
 - Minimum or no attention to quality research output and furthering of knowledge, thus, low academic standards.
 - Charge Article Processing Charges (APCs) that far outweigh the services offered.
 - Lack of rigorous peer review process despite claiming to provide the service.
 - Use aggressive and indiscriminate solicitation practices e.g. flattering, persuasive email invitations.
 - May lack a focused scope e.g. willing to publish in as many areas as possible/available.
 - Revisions may not be required, instant publication is guaranteed.

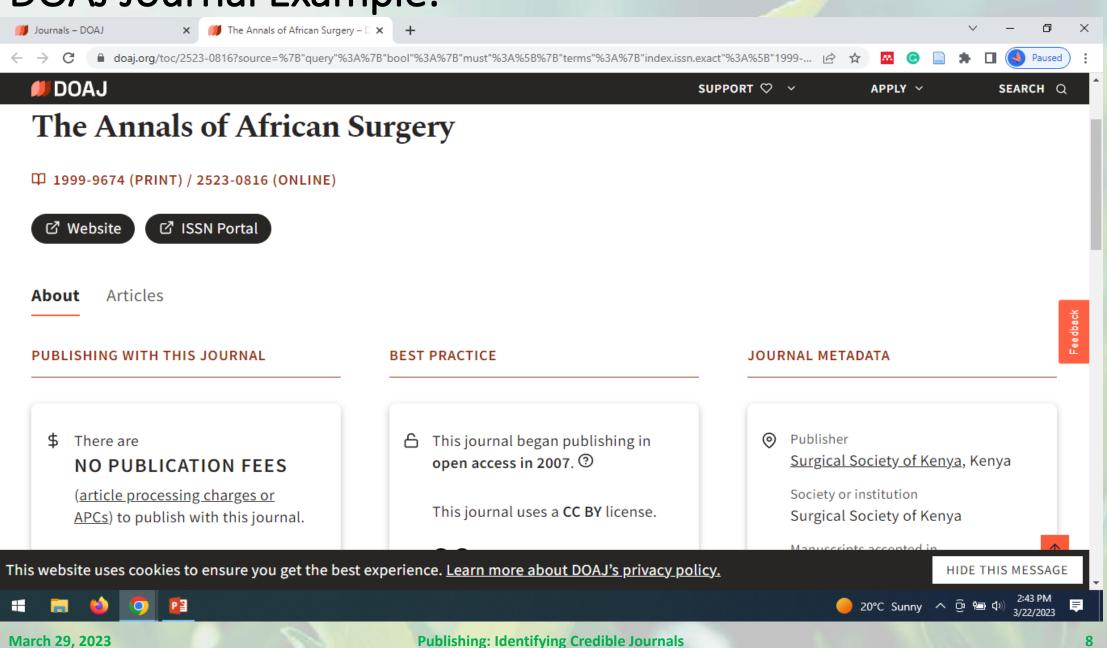
2.1 How to identify predatory/credible journals i. BEALL's LIST of potential predatory journals and publishers

- Contains an archived list of potentially predatory journals.
- Contains tips and advice on how to investigate journals and publishers before publishing.
- Identify a journal and check if it is listed, if so, avoid publishing in the journal.
- Beall's List: https://beallslist.net/

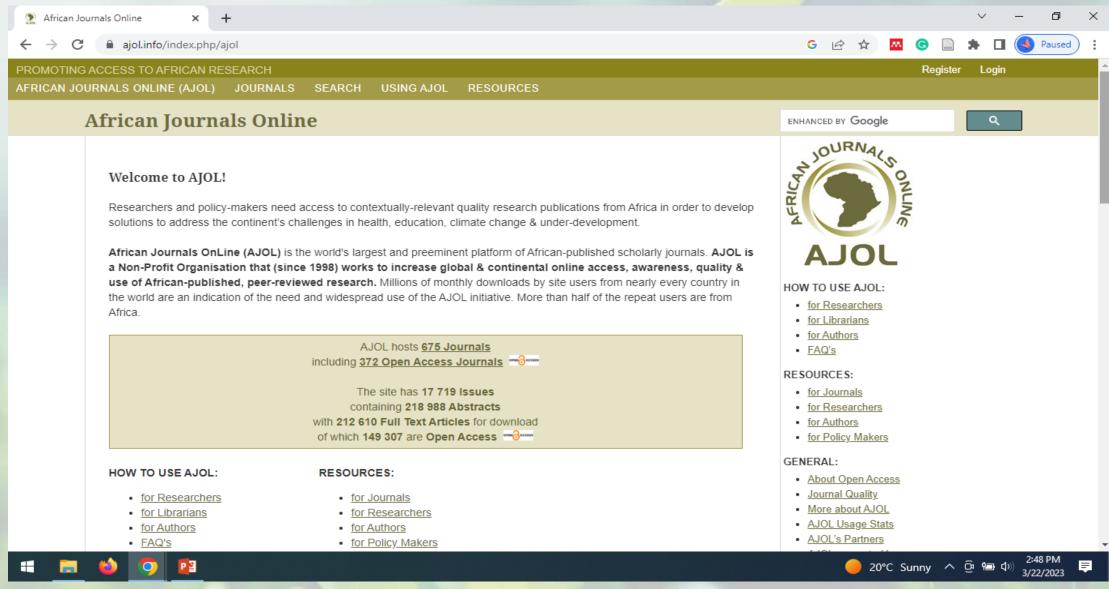
- ii. Indexing services: Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)
 - DOAJ is a global indexing service that indexes diverse open-access journals from around the globe.
 - Check if the journal you would wish to publish in is listed on DOAJ.
- DOAJ: <u>https://doaj.org/</u>
 - Alternatively, search for a journal to publish in from the DOAJ database.
 - Currently, the database has 19, 116 indexed journals.



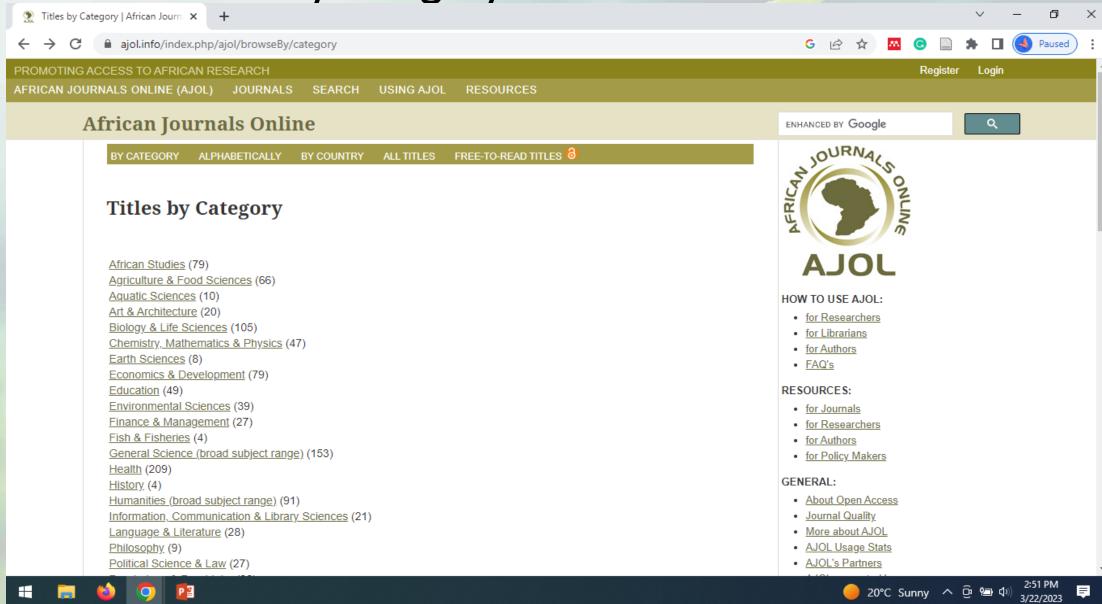
DOAJ Journal Example:



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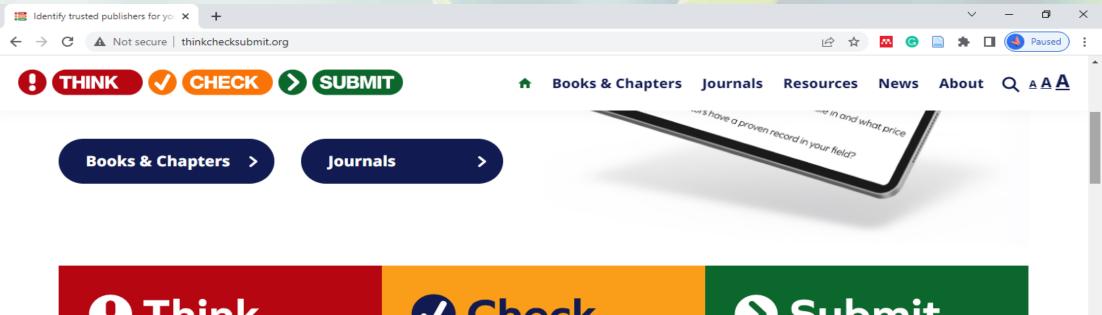
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iii. Think Check Submit

- Think. Check. Submit. is a campaign to help researchers identify trusted journals for their research. It is a simple checklist researchers can use to assess the credentials of a journal or publisher.
- Contains a checklist for books and journals that help you discover what you need to know when assessing whether to publish or not.
- You can download the checklists for self-assessment or fill online and get results.

ThinkCheckSubmit: http://thinkchecksubmit.org/



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Are you submitting your research to a trusted journal or publisher? Is it the right journal or book for your work? Check

Use our check list to assess the journal or publisher.

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Are you submitting your research to a trusted journal?

Is it the right journal for your work?

More research is being published worldwide.

New publishers are launched each week.

Many researchers have concerns about predatory publishing.

It can be challenging to find up-to-date guidance when choosing where to publish.



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- Is it easy to discover the latest papers in the journal?
- Name of journal: is the journal name the same as or easily confused with that of another?
- Can you cross check with information about the journal in the **ISSN portal**?

Can you easily identify and contact the publisher?

- Is the publisher name clearly displayed on the journal website?
- Can you contact the publisher by telephone, email, and post?

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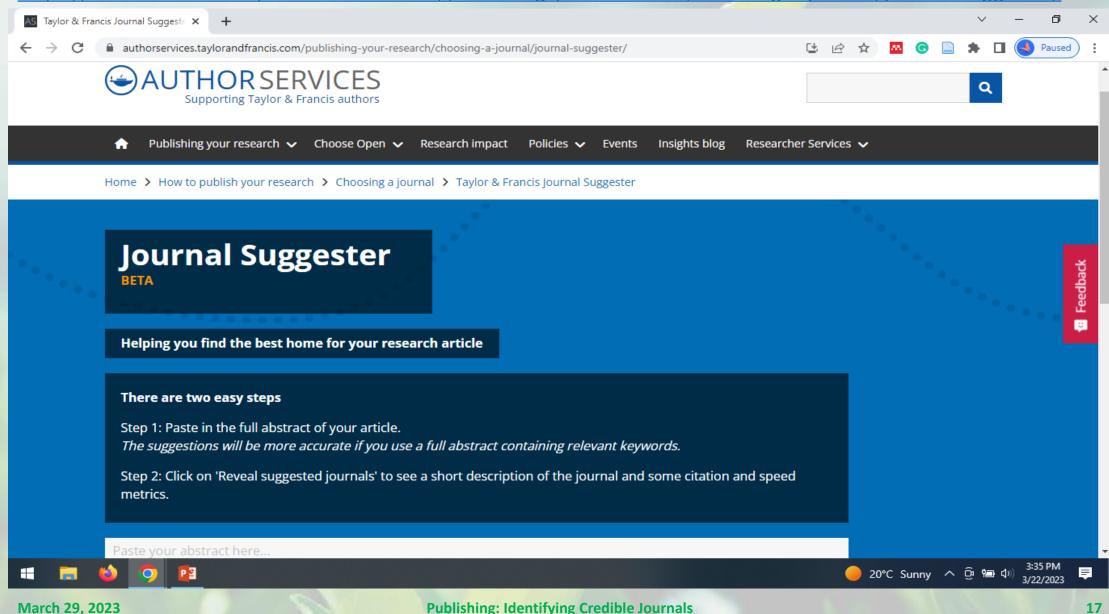
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iv. Journal Finder or Suggester

- These are tools that help potential authors to search for journals, particularly in subscription databases.
- Examples:
 - Scopus Journal Analyzer
 - Compare up to 10 journal titles. Gives a range of metrics including whether they're well cited and if they publish many review articles.
 - Elsevier Journal Finder
 - Paste in the title and/or abstract of your paper to match it with suitable journals.
 - Springer Journal Suggester
 - Enter the details of your paper to get suggested journal matches.
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 - IEEE Publication Recommender
 - Finds recommended IEEE publications based on keywords from your paper.
 - Wiley Journal Finder
 - Enter the details of your paper to get suggested journal matches.

Taylor and Francis Journal Suggester

https://authorservices.taylorandfrancis.com/publishing-your-research/choosing-a-journal/journal-suggester/



Note!!!

 Plan as early as possible for your publication to avoid last minute rush that will only leave you with the choice of predatory journals.

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