How to identify predatory journals
What are predatory journals?
• 1. The journal asks for a submission fee instead of a publication fee or tries to keep the copyright to authors’ work.
• 2. The editorial board is very small or “coming soon.”
• 3. A single publisher releases an overwhelmingly large suite of new journals all at one time.
• 4. The journal says an issue will be available at a certain time, but the issue never appears.
• 5. The website is not professional in quality.
• 6. The journal title notes a national or international affiliation that does not match its editorial board or location.
• 7. There are fundamental errors in the titles and abstracts.
  An example would be repeated mention of “Vibrio cholera” in place of the correct species name “Vibrio cholerae” (cholera is the name of the disease, not the bacterium). When looking through the articles from a journal that interests you, keep an eye out for repeated basic errors.
• 8. The content of the journal varies from the title and stated scope.