

Faculty Information Series:



Publishing Your Research, Tips from Editors

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Territorial Acknowledgement



University of Guelph is on Indigenous Land.

We acknowledge that the University of Guelph resides on the ancestral lands of the Attawandaron people and the treaty lands and territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit. We recognize the significance of the Dish with One Spoon Covenant to this land and offer our respect to our Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee and Métis neighbours, as we strive to strengthen our relationships with them. I must also acknowledge the horror of residential schools and the other legacies of colonialism. I want to learn more and work more towards conciliation as called for by Maria Campbell.

I encourage you to consider doing so too.

Housekeeping



- These slides offer much more detail than I will go into here and are intended to serve as an asynchronous resource
- An accessible PDF of these slides is available.
- I'll happily answer any questions at the end



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Academic publishing industry: Top players



Elsevier

Taylor & Francis

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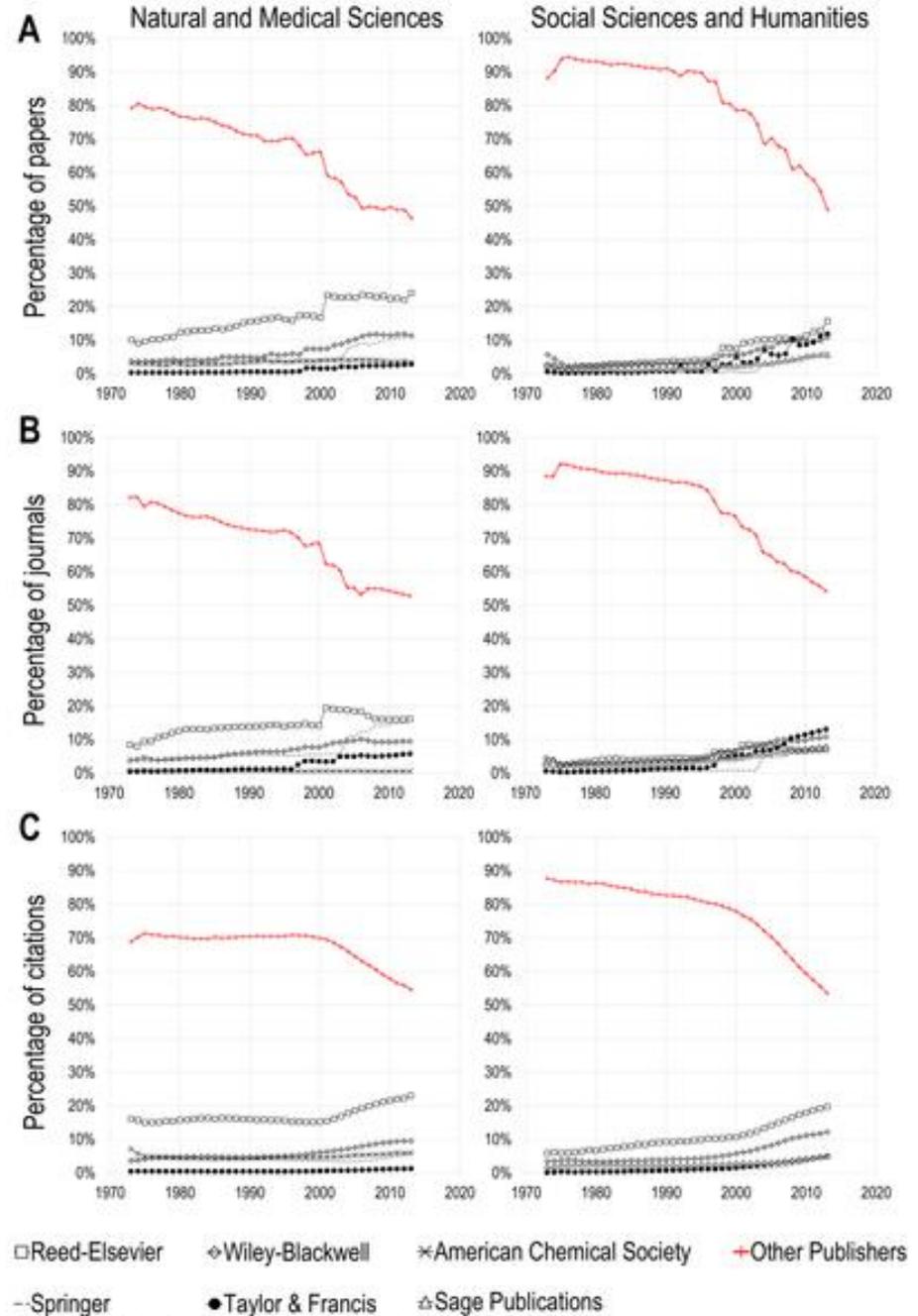
Springer-Nature

Wiley

American
Chemical Society
(honourable
mention)

Concentration of ownership in academic publishing

50% of academic journal articles are published by just **5** corporations.



□ Reed-Elsevier ◇ Wiley-Blackwell * American Chemical Society + Other Publishers
 - Springer ● Taylor & Francis △ Sage Publications

Elsevier profit margins

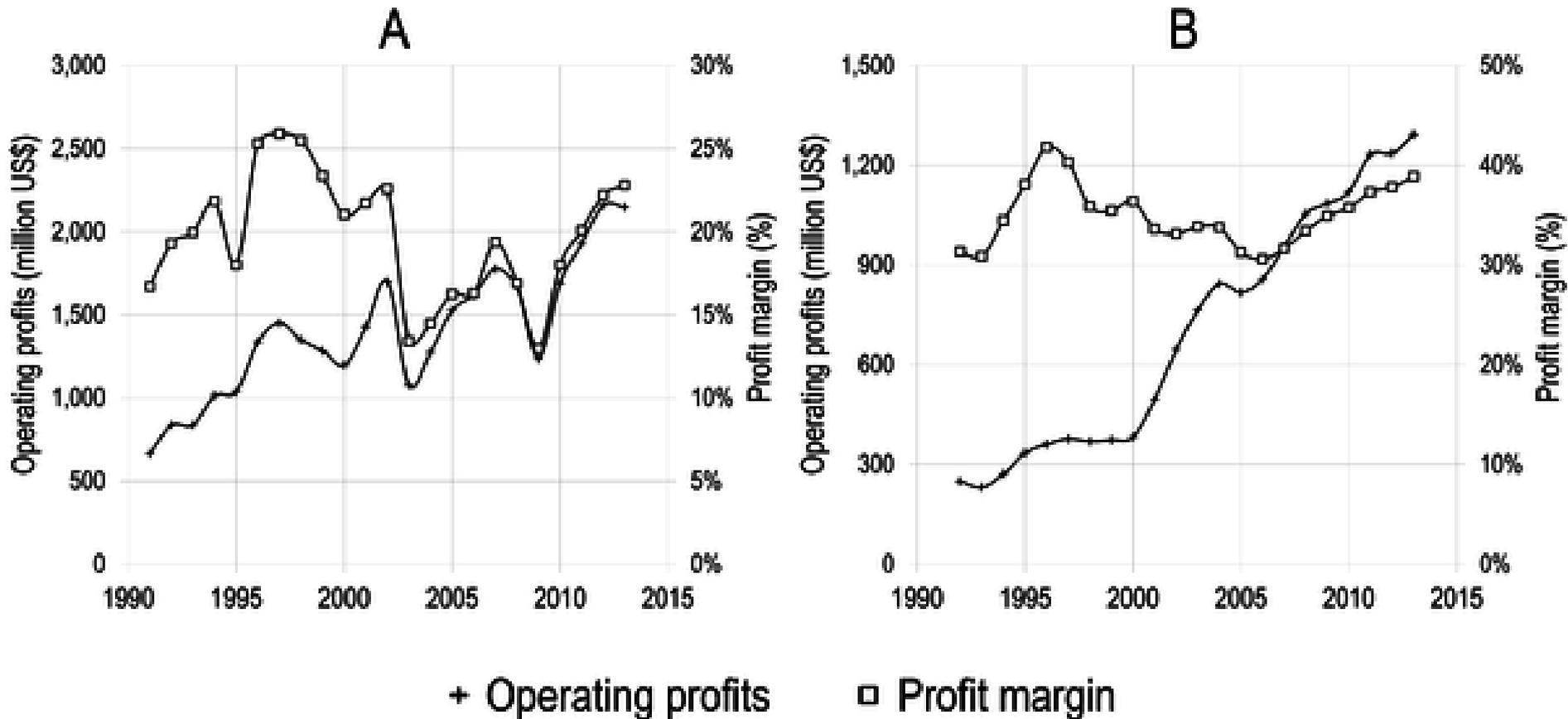
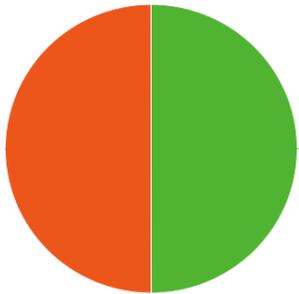


Fig 7. Operating profits (million USD) and profit margin of Reed-Elsevier as a whole (A) and of its Scientific, Technical & Medical division (B), 1991–2013.

Reality-Check about Scholarly Publishing



5 publishers make up around **50%** of the scholarly research published.



Vast **majority** of the publications from these publishers are **not open access**.



These publishers make **massive profit** margins from **free academic labour**.



Libraries are charged **high subscription fees** that often result in cancellations.

Intellectual Property (IP) Defined

Canadian Association of Graduate
Studies

“any form of knowledge or expression
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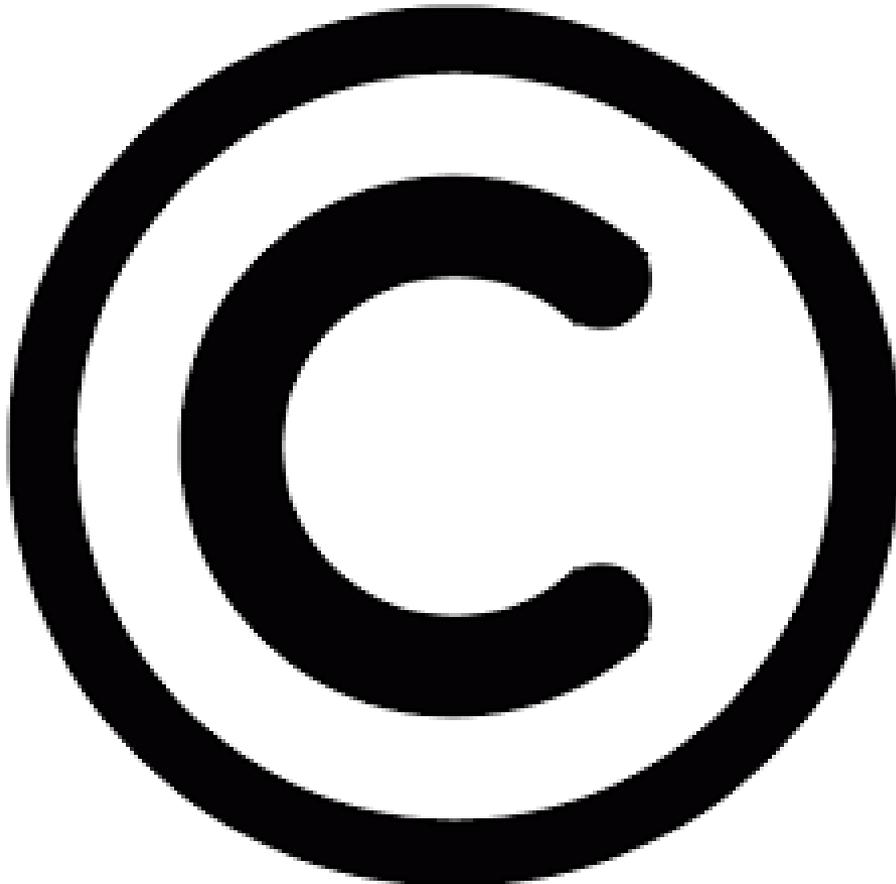
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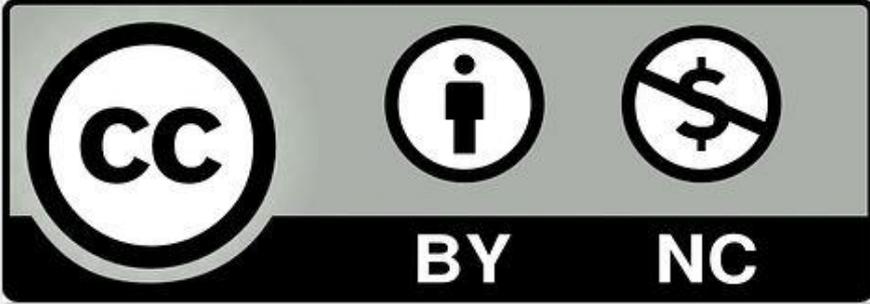
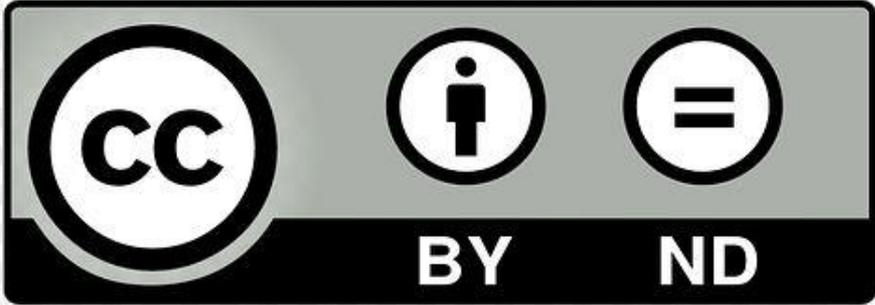
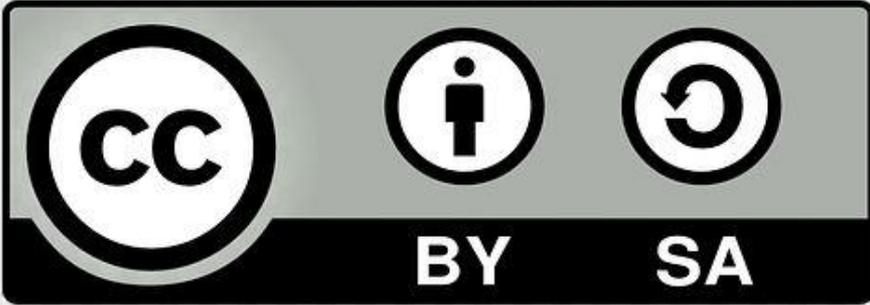
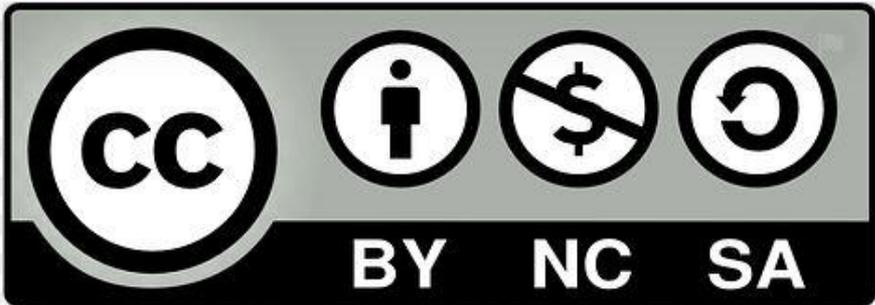
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Open Access (OA)

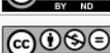


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The moral case for Open Access



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Greater impact and more frequent citations

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The business case for Open Access

✓ Governments and research funders are increasingly requiring open (for all types of research outputs, including publications and data)!

Open takes full advantage of the internet's capabilities (the ability to disseminate knowledge widely and to make the content accessible)



Open works (we have a number of services available to support your work OA Journal Hosting, Online Exhibition Support, and Institutional Repository Support)



Open has impact (research shows that openly available works gets more citations than those behind paywalls)



Open is sustainable, unlike the current commercial 'paywalled' publishing system which puts an undue cost burden on universities



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– Journals vs Articles

Journals ✕

– Subject

10 count ↓ OR

Environmental sciences ✕

Genetics (1)

Environmental effects of industries
and plants (1)

+ Article processing charges
(APCs)

+ DOAJ Seal

epigenetics

Journals vs Articles: Journals ✕ Full Text language: English ✕ Subject: Environmental sciences ✕
Country of publisher: United Kingdom ✕

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 [Environmental Epigenetics](#)

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Tri-Agency Open Access Policy on Publications

1. Preamble

The [Canadian Institutes of Health Research \(CIHR\)](#), the [Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada \(NSERC\)](#) and the [Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada \(SSHRC\)](#) (“the Agencies”) are federal granting agencies that promote and support research, research training and innovation within Canada. As publicly funded organizations, the Agencies have a fundamental interest in promoting the availability of findings that result from the research they fund, including research publications and data, to the widest possible audience, and at the earliest possible opportunity. Societal advancement is made possible through widespread

What is an APC?



Article Processing Charge



A fee that researchers pay to Open Access Journals that allows an article to be freely available instead of behind a paywall

Article Fee

- Article fees are associated with print journals.
- They often exist as a charge per page or per image included with an article.
- Some digital-only journals charge article fees in addition to article processing fees.

Publication Charges

Evolution publishes in an online-only format effective with the 2017 volume. *Evolution* charges a publication fee of \$50 USD per page. All articles and color images publish free of charge when any author is a member of the [Society for the Study of Evolution](#). Members must indicate their membership status when submitting the manuscript in ScholarOne. If no authors are members and you would like to request to have the publication fee waived, please contact Mohamed Noor at noor@duke.edu. Digests are always published free of charge regardless of membership.

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Author Publication Fees

| Journal | Article Fee (US\$) | Optional Open Access Charge |
|---|--|--------------------------------|
| <i>+American Journal of Physiology</i> | \$85/page; \$200/color figure** | \$2,000 |
| <i>Biochemical and Biophysical Research Communications</i> | None | \$2,200 |
| <i>Cancer Research</i> | \$1,500; \$675/color figure** | \$3,500 (includes article fee) |
| <i>Cell</i> | \$1,000 for first color figure; \$275/added figure | \$5,000*** |
| <i>Cellular and Molecular Gastroenterology and Hepatology</i> | \$2,000** \$1,200 (members) | None |
| <i>#Cell Reports</i> | \$5,000 | None |
| <i>#eLife</i> | \$2,500 | None |
| <i>EMBO Journal</i> | \$246/page | \$3,900 |
| <i>FASEB Journal</i> | \$199/page (plus up to \$796 for supplements) | \$2,500 |

Fees accurate as of July 25, 2017: <https://www.the-scientist.com/critic-at-large/opinion-understanding-and-coping-with-rising-publication-costs-30238>

Hybrid vs. Fully Open

- Hybrid journals are subscription journals with the option to pay an APC and make an article Open Access
- Fully Open journals are journals in which every article is Open Access
- (They may or may not have an APC)

Why would I
want to pay
an APC?



To make your article
Open Access!



More people can read
your article



Greater impact and
more frequent citations

Why do APCs exist?



Publishers used to make their money from journal subscriptions



You don't need a subscription to read an Open Access article



Publishers still want to make money

How much
does an APC
cost?



Elsevier (a major publisher) claims between \$150 and \$5000 Canadian



Lowest I found was \$65, but they don't actually publish that journal anymore...



Average is around \$2500 USD, or about \$3500 Canadian

THE COST OF PUBLISHING

JOURNAL PRICES VARY WITH INFLUENCE AND BUSINESS MODEL.

Price of prestige

Open-access prices correlate weakly with the average influence of a journal's articles.

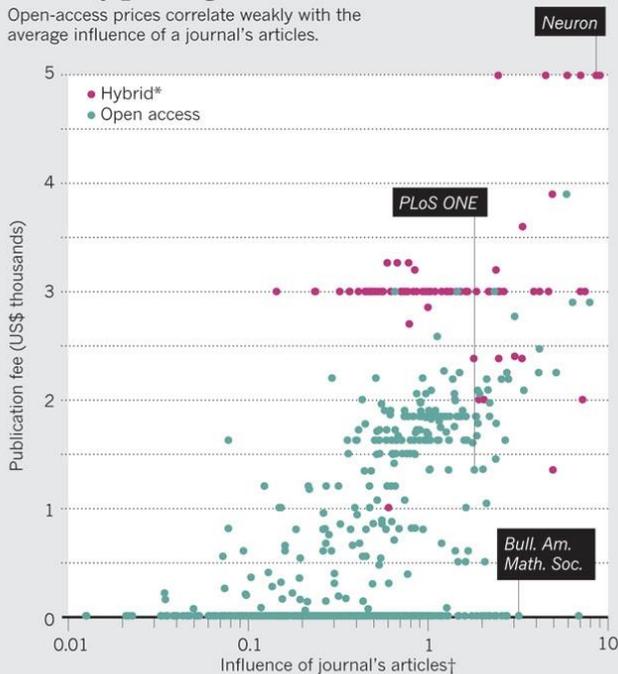


Chart omits open-access journals yet to receive an Article Influence® score.
*Subscription journals that give option of open-access publishing. †Relative score, in which 1 = global average.

The Article Influence score measures the relative importance of a journal, based on the average influence of an article in that journal over 5 years after publication, and normalized so that the global mean influence is 1. Like the impact factor, Article Influence is based on citation counts, but gives heavier weight to citations from papers in journals that are themselves highly cited. See www.eigenfactor.org/openaccess for more.

How costs break down

An economic model shows how switching from subscription to open access changes the costs of publishing.



Data from J. Houghton et al. *Economic implications of alternative scholarly publishing models* (Joint Information Systems Committee, 2009). available at go.nature.com/uqrxqw.

Where does
the money
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ADMINISTRATION



HOSTING



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Where does
the money
not go?



AUTHORS

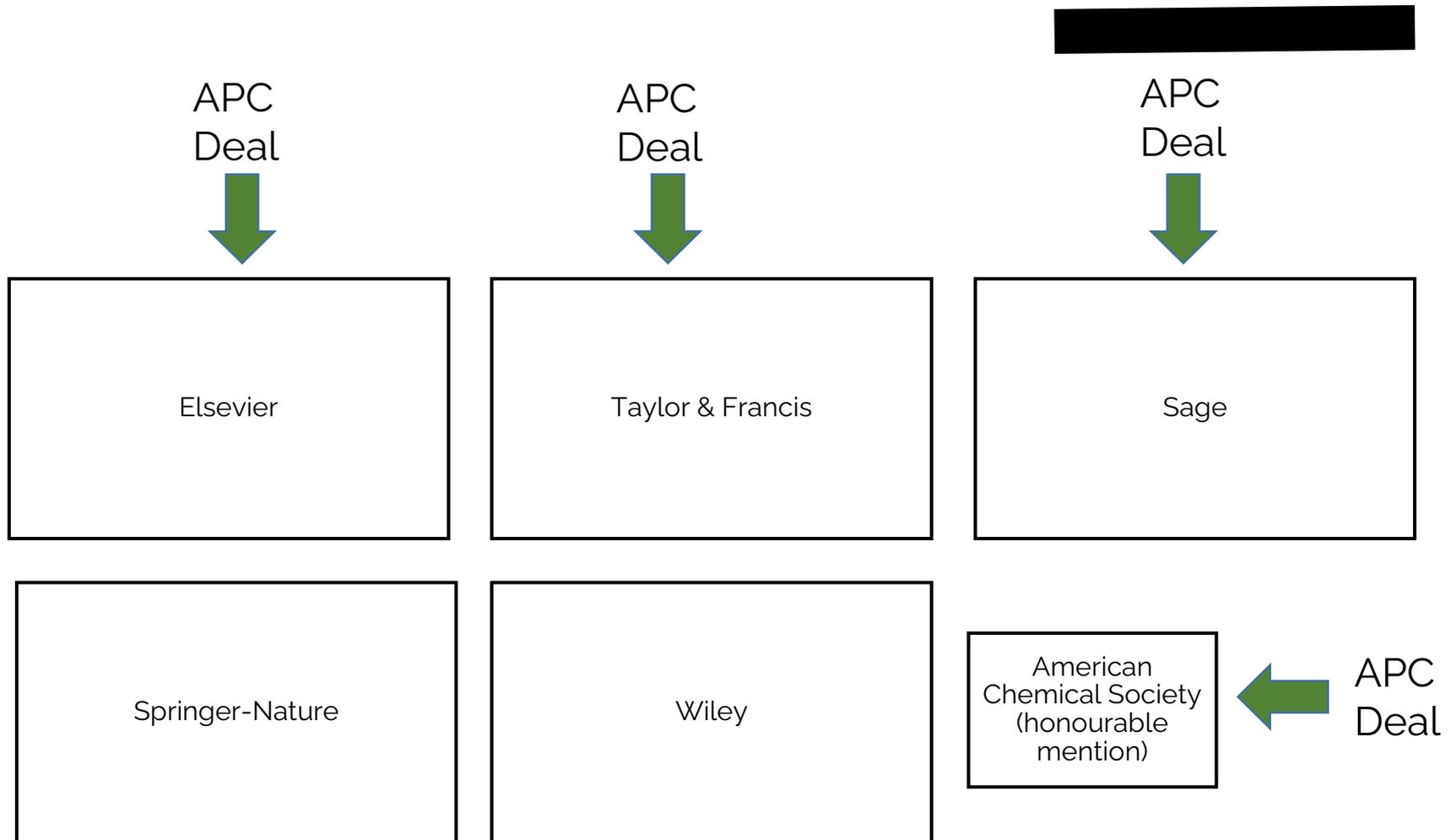


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Who actually
pays APCs?



Academic publishing industry: Top players





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How to Identify the right journal?



Read the journal policies and articles.



Search for feedback about the journal.



Check to see if it is indexed in databases



Ask a Librarian!

Contract negotiation: How do I negotiate?

Read your contract!



- You can't negotiate unless you already know what the contract says you can or cannot do.
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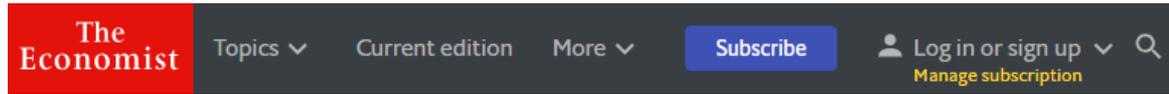
- Open Access Journal
- Charges Publication Fees
- **Does not attempt to provide Editorial Services.**

Predatory publishing in the news



Predatory journal has firm grip on universities in Ottawa and Canada

TOM SPEARS Updated: January 5, 2018



Publish and don't be damned

Some science journals that claim to peer review papers do not do so

One estimate puts the number of papers in questionable journals at 400,000

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Predatory publishing a growing problem, warn scientists

How does the scam work?



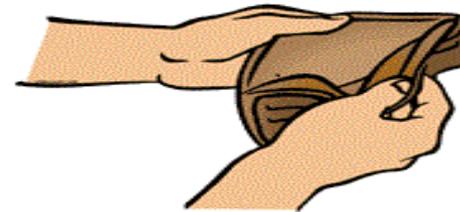
Trickery



Spam



Praise



Cheap

Beall's List is flawed: The impact of being incorrectly labelled as predatory

Inclusion in Jeffrey Beall's List

In 2012, Academic Journals name was included in Jeffrey Beall's list. This significantly impacted on Academic Journals. Several editors resigned from the various editorial board. The number of manuscript submission declined, including several withdrawals. This decline was steep and fast, and impacted on our ability to support our team. At the end of the year, under this very difficult condition, Academic journals was forced to downsize the number of employees. Almost half of all members of the team was affected by the downsizing. **Over a hundred and twenty employees lost their jobs.**

Journal Of Clinical
MEDICINE AND RESEARCH



International Journal Of
VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL
EDUCATION



Journal Of Petroleum
AND GAS ENGINEERING



Who is not a Predatory Publisher?



New or Small Journals
making Honest Mistakes



Legitimate Journals for
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Little contact information is given and what is given is suspect

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* See <http://scholarlyoa.com/other-pages/misleading-metrics/> for a list of misleading metrics that are commonly used

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Contact information is thorough and accurate

Mobile optimization is often a prominent feature

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AIM AND SCOPE
PUBLICATIONS
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MOBILE OPTIMIZED FOR AUTHORS
MEMBERSHIP METRICS

IF = 8.463



Industry standard metrics are clearly displayed



Still having doubts? Check out other articles published by the journal, review submission and peer review guidelines for additional information, or contact authors or editors listed on the site to ask questions. A little extra time and attention can save you the hassle and embarrassment of getting tangled up with a predatory publisher.



<https://thinkchecksubmit.org/>

Learning Outcomes revisited

By the end of this session the learner will be able to:

1. Locate author rights information and supports.
2. Summarize the benefits of Open Access (OA).
3. List the various areas available for negotiation for academic authors.

Questions?



Thank you!



<https://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/get-assistance/publishing-support>

Resources

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