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PREDATORY PUBLISHERS (WEBINAR)

Experiences and recommendations

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PREDATORY PUBLISHERS

Predatory Journals

„Predatory Journals” use **aggressive advertising** and **pretend professionalism** in order to trick researchers into publishing articles for a fee, but do not organize any or **completely inadequate quality assurance measures**.

Predatory conferences

Similar activities are pursued by Predatory Conference Organizers, who organize **dubious conferences** and invite researchers to participate and take part in these events.

Source: <https://os.helmholtz.de/open-science-in-der-helmholtz-gemeinschaft/open-access-der-goldene-weg/faqs-zum-thema-predatory-publishing/>



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Definition given in the FAQ of Helmholtz Association

PREDATORY PUBLISHERS – EXAMPLE

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Der Spiegel

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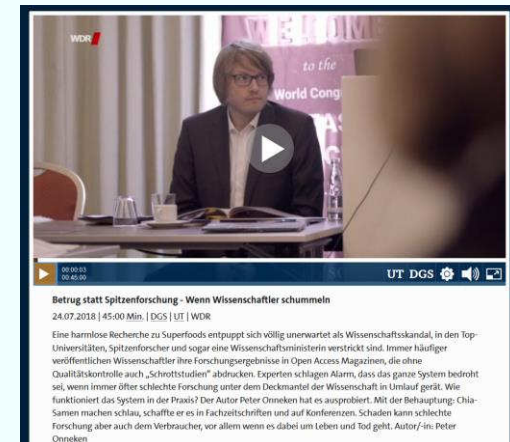
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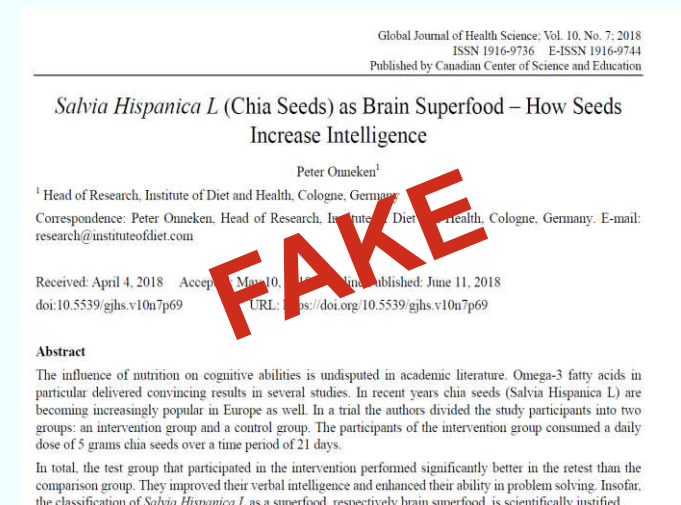
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MEDIA ATTENTION

- Investigations
 - Journalists pretending to be academics submitted non-sense scientific contributions to publishers and conferences organizers
 - Example: Peter Oenneken (2018)
- Results
 - Publishers classified as dubious accepted publications and contributions (e.g. OMICS, ConferenceSeries)

→ the term „fake science“ became popular

→ predatory publishing = fake science ...?



FACT CHECK

Reputable Publishers

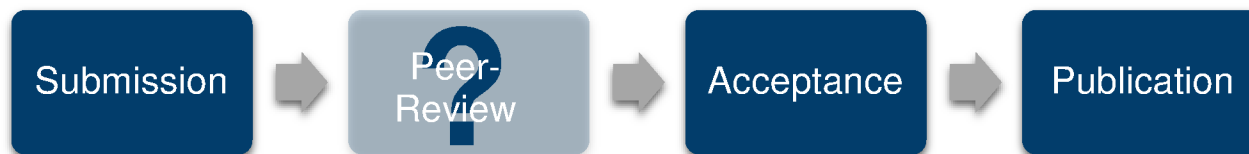
- Quality control (e.g. peer review)
- Editorial services (layout, marketing)

→ Payment for services

Predatory Publishers

- Quality is irrelevant
- Publishing services (e.g. peer review) inadequate or not provided at all

→ Payment without services



→ Predatory publishing does not necessarily mean fake science

FACT CHECK

The dangers of publishing with Predatory Publisher

- Publishing services (e.g. peer review) inadequate or not provided at all
- Damage to scientific reputation
- Access (long-term archiving) is not guaranteed
- Low visibility of publications (e.g. fake indices)
- Withdrawal of articles often not possible or subject to high fees
 - Articles may be published even without approval

FACT CHECK

Why do some scientists still take the risk to publish "predatory" intentionally?

- Publications are necessary for vita (publish or perish)
- Easy access to “scientific publishing”
- Publication is possible despite rejection in reputable journals
- “Win-Win” situation (publication for money)

What about publishing without knowledge?

- Dubious publishers are often recognized too late

FACT CHECK

Big damage to science or a marginal problem?

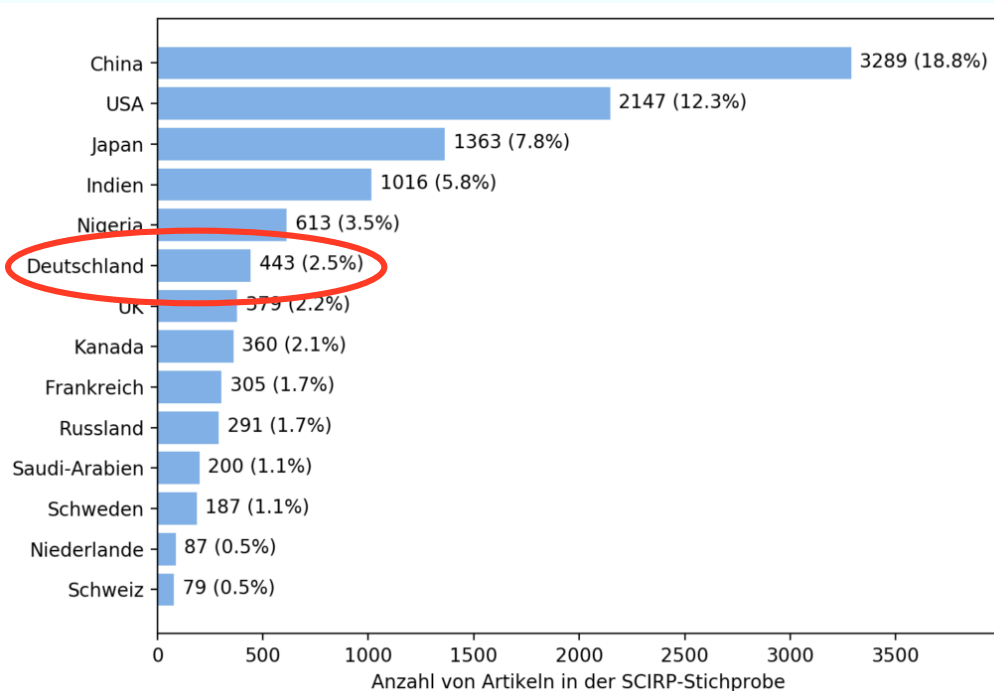
- Are publications in Predatory Journals a big deal?
 - International publications of dubious journals rose from 53 000 manuscripts (2010) to more than 400 000 (2014) (Shen C et al., 2015)
 - Around 1.3 % of German scientists (according to Science Media Center Germany)

What about Helmholtz association?

- A total of 14 publications in such journals from 2014 to 2018

FACTS

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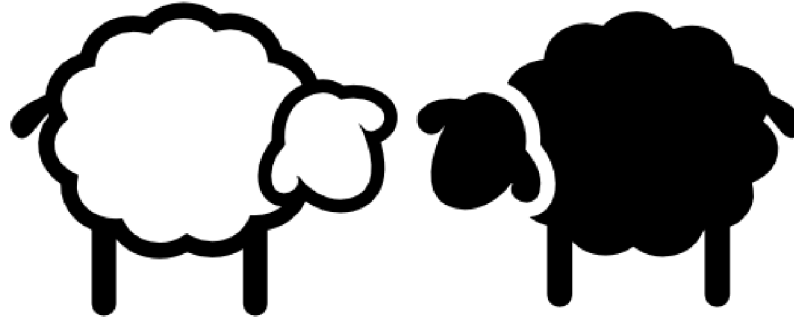


Sample investigation for the publishing house SCIRP
(n= 17.500 articles)

→ Germany 2,5 % (443 articles)

Source: <https://scilogs.spektrum.de/relativ-einfach/abzock-zeitschriften-den-daten-auf-der-spur/>

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“One of the most difficult problems in carrying out research about predatory publishing is to find a consensual list of predatory journals.”

Source: Perlin, Marcelo and Imasato, Takeyoshi and Borenstein, Denis, Is Predatory Publishing a Real Threat? Evidence from a Large Database Study (November 9, 2017). <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.3067958>

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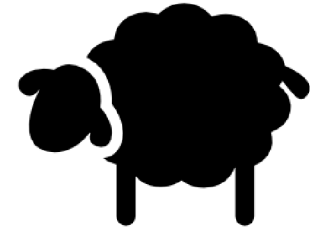
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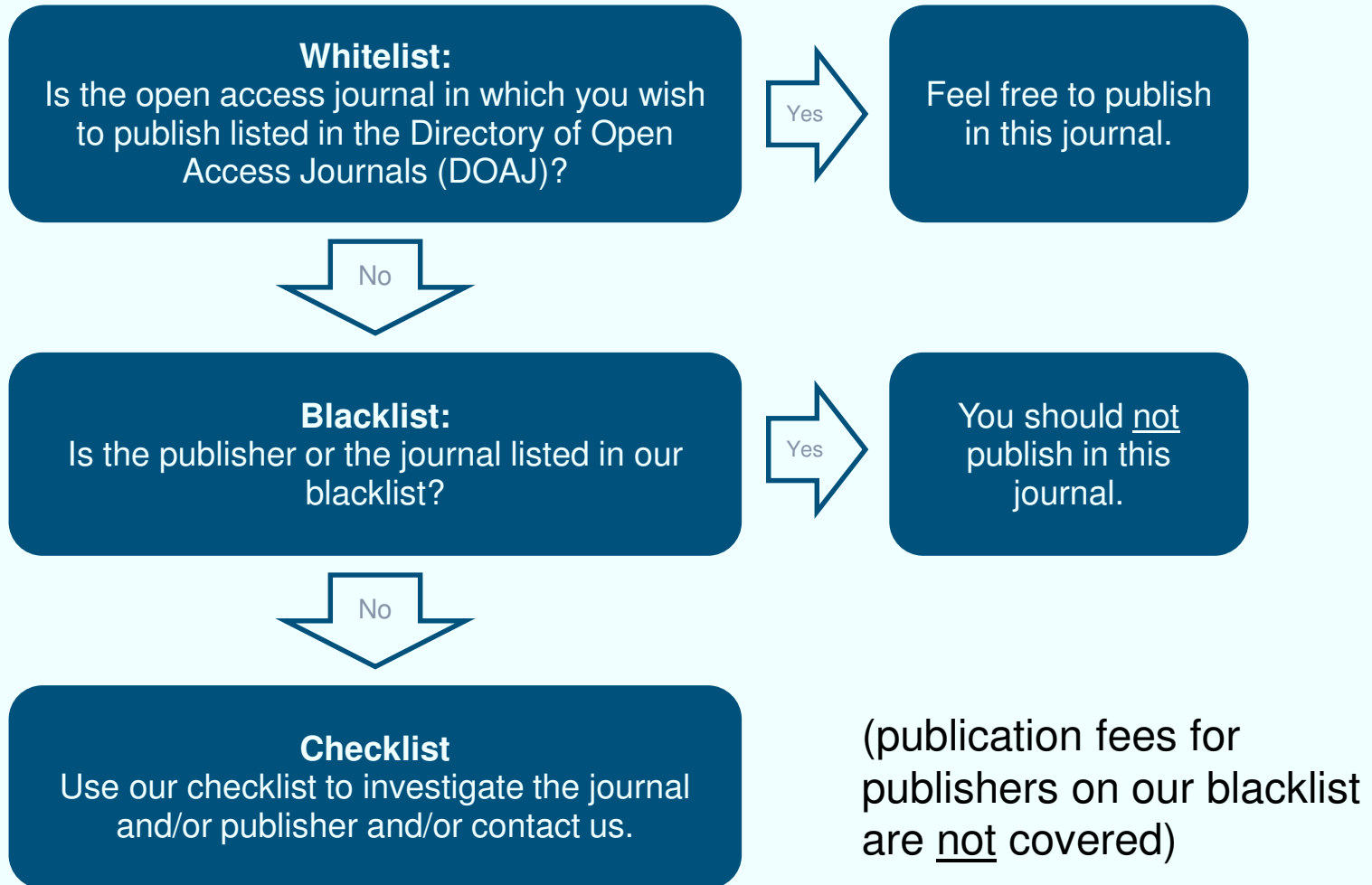


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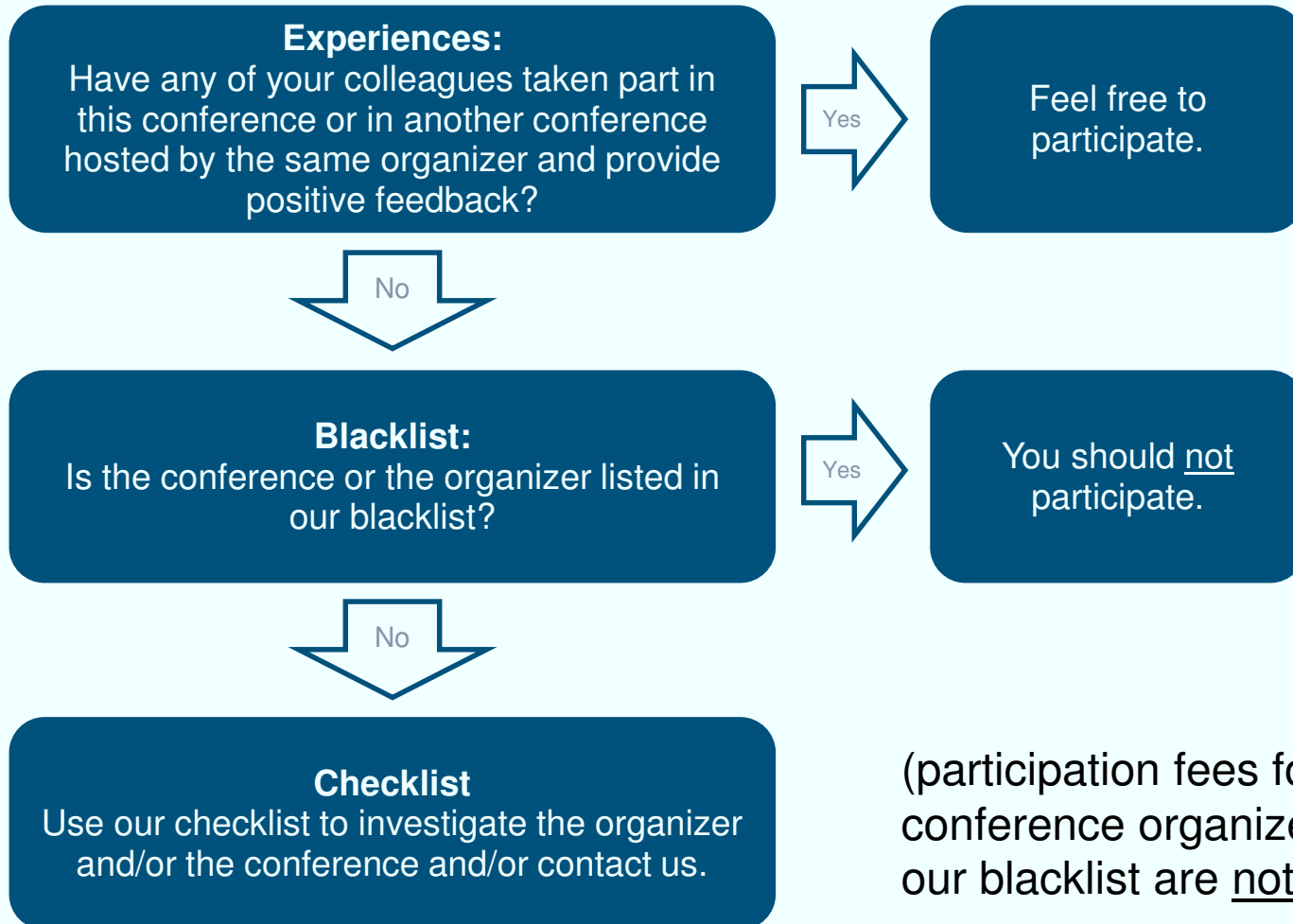
Examples show:

- Predatory Publishers are not always easy to identify
 - Publishing/participating without knowledge is possible
- Predatory Journals/Conferences“ know how to fish for contributions
- How can Predatory Publishers be identified?

JOURNAL CHECK IN 3 STEPS



CONFERENCE CHECK IN 3 STEPS

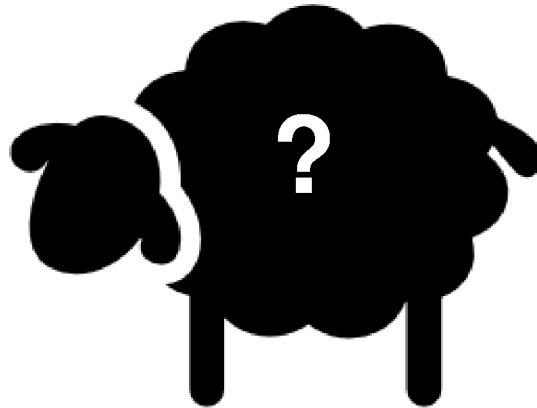


(participation fees for conference organizers on our blacklist are not covered)

SERVICES OF THE CENTRAL LIBRARY

- General information on Predatory Publishers
- Providing checklists
 - Assistance in evaluating individual journals/conferences
- Providing blacklists
 - List of publishers identified as predatory by the Central Library → The date in brackets indicates the deadline after which publication or participation fees will no longer be covered.
- Publisher/journal/conference check
 - Individual assistance for the evaluation of specific publishers/journals/conferences

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