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In the News

""**Predatory Journals**" is term is used to refer to questionable open access journals that prey on authors by collecting Article Processing Charges (APCs) in the absence of proper peer review processes. This term was first coined by librarian Jeffrey Beall who was behind the creation of Beall's list.

Whilst publishing in predatory journals is commonly thought to be a problem plaguing developing countries, an article in *Nature* highlights an analysis of articles conducted in which "more than half of the corresponding authors hailed from high-and upper-middle-income countries." The article titled "***Stop this waste of people, animals and money***", also touches on the ill effects of publishing in these journals.

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NTU's response to predatory journals

When faculty members and researchers are invited to publish or to join the editorial boards of predatory journals, this can result in **reputational risks** to both the individual as well as to the host institution. In light of the rising numbers of journals thought to be questionable in nature, **NTU Library** has developed a one-stop guide to aid researchers in NTU to be informed of the risks associated with publishing in these journals.

The blog titled "**How to Avoid Predatory Publishers**" provides useful resources such as a checklist for identifying predatory publishers, whitelists & blacklists and information about predatory conferences.

You can contact your librarian at library@ntu.edu.sg for more information.

Raising Awareness on Research Integrity

In line with NTU's vision of maintaining highest standards of integrity in all its research endeavours, the NTU Research Integrity Committee (NTU RIC) is actively working to roll out educational programmes catered to all research members in the University. These programmes will be launched in phases with the first of such being implemented early this quarter.

You can find the latest University-level RI programmes organised on our website and for access to online courses on research integrity, click here.

Deadlines:	**2 Apr 2018:** Next due date for submissions to NTU-IRB and NTU-IACUC
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