

# Journal Health Checklist

Journal Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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<i>Website</i>						
Website looks professionally maintained						Website looks outdated & from the 90s
Sufficient amount of contact information provided to get in touch with publisher						Has insufficient contact information with only one point of contact
Website content is well-structured and properly written						Website is horribly written with irregular sentences and grammar
Several board members are published authors by the journal						Board members are not authors of any of the journal articles
The aims and goals of the journal are well presented, concise, structured, and realistic						The aims and goals of the journal very broad and unstructured (a catch-all)
They are affiliated with an association or publishing house (reference check the websites to confirm the affiliations)						The journal is a completely separate from any associations or claims to be linked to imaginary associations
<i>Publishing Information</i>						
There are thorough instructions for authors for publication (i.e. manuscript types, word length, formatting, citation style, etc)						Instructions for the authors are vague with little to no details provided or feels like it would be "too-good-to-be-true"
There a realistic and thorough peer review process with an informed process						The peer review process appears rushed (i.e. 3 weeks) or unrealistic
Author fees are clearly defined with upfront expectations (If none, leave blank)						Author fees are vague and undefined or feels suspiciously high or oddly timed
Author copyright details are clearly defined with upfront expectations						Author copyright details vague or there is a request for money post-submission
<i>Other</i>						
A quick perusal of their published articles show they are of good quality and relevant to the aims and scope of the journal						A quick reading of their published articles show they are of poor quality
The journal is indexed and verifiable by reputable websites such as <a href="#">DOAJ</a>						Journal is not indexed anywhere or not found in index they claimed
The journal has an ISSN number and/or can be found in <a href="#">Google scholar</a> and <a href="#">General Impact Factor</a>						There is no ISSN number nor can it be found in <a href="#">Google scholar</a> nor <a href="#">General Impact Factor</a>
<b>Totals:</b>						
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Notes:						

Between 13 and 27 – Likely low caliber and maybe predatory = Inquire Further into Journal

Between 28 and 40 – Low caliber with predatory tendencies = Inquire & Consult a Librarian

Between 41 and higher – Quite likely to be predatory = Inquire, Consult and possibly Abandon