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# What is Open Access Literature?

- ▣ Peter Suber defines Open-Access (OA) literature “as digital, online, free of charge and free of most copyright and licensing restrictions.
- ▣ Public Library of Online Science (PLOS) defines OA as “unrestricted access and unrestricted use.”



# OA vs. the Traditional Publishing Model

- ▣ Traditional model
  - Users must pay to access the articles.
  - Permission must be obtained to use the article and usually involves an additional fee.
- ▣ Open Access
  - Accelerated Discovery
  - Public Enrichment
  - Improved Education
- ▣ Is Open Access free?
  - No, but it's less expensive than the traditional model
  - Remove access barriers by shifting costs from users

# Types of Access

- ▣ Green OA - The author and publisher negotiate to allow a version of the article made publicly available through a personal archive, website or institutional repository.
- ▣ Hybrid Model – “Pay to Publish” An article from a subscription journal becomes Open Access by a payment of a publication fee.
- ▣ Gold OA – Open access literature is online, free of charge, and free of most copyright and licensing restrictions.
- ▣ NIH Mandate – Will become uploaded into PubMed Central system 12 months after publication.

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- ▣ Committee on Publication Ethics
- ▣ Directory of Open Access Journals
- ▣ Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association
- ▣ World Association of Medical Editors

# Principles of Transparency

- ▣ Peer-Review Process
- ▣ Governing Body
- ▣ Editorial team/contact information
- ▣ Author fees
- ▣ Copyright
- ▣ Identification of and dealing with allegations of research misconduct
- ▣ Ownership and management
- ▣ Website



# Principles of Transparency Continued

- ▣ Name of Journal
- ▣ Conflicts of Interest
- ▣ Access
- ▣ Revenue sources
- ▣ Advertising
- ▣ Publishing schedule
- ▣ Archiving
- ▣ Direct marketing

# References

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# The Dark Side of Open Access Publishing

## “Fuzzy”, Homogeneous Configurations

Margaret Simpson, Kim Jong Fun and Edna Krabappel

### ABSTRACT

The Ethernet must work. In this paper, we confirm the improvement of e-commerce. WEKAL, our new methodology for forward-error correction, is the solution to all of these challenges.

### I. INTRODUCTION

Unified perfect symmetries have led to many unproven advances, including Markov models and write-ahead logging. While prior solutions to this quagmire are excellent, none

### II. RELATED WORK

A litany of related work supports our use of pseudorandom epistemologies [6], [7]. Thomas and White [3] and N. Sasaki presented the first known instance of the understanding of web browsers [8]. Further, the original approach to this obstacle by Scott Shenker was good; on the other hand, it did not completely accomplish this purpose. Even though this work was published before ours, we came up with the solution first but could not publish it until now due to red tape. Unfortunately, these solutions are entirely orthogonal to our efforts.

*4. Collaborative Information*

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Dear Margaret Simpson, Kim Jong Fun, Edna Krabappel,

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# Scholarly Open Access Publishing Blog

- ▣ Created and maintained by academic librarian at University of Colorado Denver, Jeffrey Beall's blog Scholarly Open Access
- ▣ <http://scholarlyoa.com/>

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## Is OMICS Publishing Group Sneakily Trying to Buy Its Way into PubMed?



OMICS Publishing Group's journals are not included in NIH (National Institutes of Health) databases such as PubMed and PubMed Central, but OMICS may be working on a way to sneak into these prestigious databases.

It appears that OMICS' strategy is to purchase journals that are already indexed in PubMed and add them to its journal portfolio. This may give it standing to start using PubMed and PubMed Central logos on its websites, despite a cease-and-desist order from the US Department of Health and Human Services last year demanding that OMICS stop using all NIH trademarked logos, including those for PubMed and PubMed Central.

Many use inclusion in PubMed as a hallmark of quality and won't submit articles to excluded journals. If OMICS can figure out a way to get permission to use PubMed logos it will likely get more article submissions and therefore revenue, for it exclusively uses the gold open-access model,

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## Open-Access Publisher McMed International Helps Authors Needing a Fast Publication



I recently learned of the new open-access publisher [McMed International](#). Everything about this publisher is amateurish and even childish. Its website feels like it was designed for children, and no serious researcher should publish here.

McMed launched with 79 journals, many of which gratuitously use geographical terms in their titles. Though based in Chennai, India, McMed publishes journals with titles containing geographical terms such as "American," "European," and "Scandinavian." They even publish the *Singapore Journal of Pharmaceutical Research*, despite lacking any honest connection to the country.

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# Beall's Annual Lists

Standalone Journals	
Year	Number of journals
2013	126
2014	303
2015	507

Publishers	
Year	Number of publishers
2011	18
2012	23
2013	225
2014	477
2015	693

# Beall's List of Possible Predatory Journals:

1. American Journal of Advances in Medical Science (ARNACA)
2. International Journal of Basic Medical Sciences and Pharmacy (IJBMSPP)
3. International Journal of Biomedical Science
4. International Journal of Medical Science and Education (IJMSE)
5. International Journal of Medical Science Research and Practice(IJMSRP)
6. Journal of Advances in Internal Medicine
7. Journal of Evidence Based Medicine and Healthcare (JEBMH)
8. Journal of Medical Research and Practice (JMRP)

For the full list see: <http://scholarlyoa.com/individual-journals/>

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2. Advanced Science and Engineering Technology Institute (ASET)
3. American Association for Science and Technology (AASCIT)
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# Misleading Metrics

- ▣ Website for the metric is nontransparent and provides little information about itself such as location, management team and its experience, other company information
- ▣ The company charges journals for inclusion in the list
- ▣ The values/scores for most or all of the journals on the list increase each year
- ▣ Company uses Google Scholar as its database for calculating metrics (Google Scholar does not screen for quality and indexes predatory journals)

# Misleading Metrics Examples:

- ▣ Advanced Science Index
- ▣ American Standards for Journals and Research (ASJR)
- ▣ General Impact Factor
- ▣ Scientific Journal Impact Factor
- ▣ International Society for Research Activity (ISRA)



# Criticism of Beall

tripleC 11(2): 589-597, 2013  
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<http://www.triple-c.at>

## Reactionary Rhetoric Against Open Access Publishing

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<http://blogs.princeton.edu/librarian>

**Abstract:** In 2013, Jeffrey Beall published an attack on the open-access scholarship movement in *tripleC*: "The Open-Access Movement Is Not Really About Open Access". This article examines claims and arguments of that contribution. Beall's article makes broad generalizations about open access advocates with very little supporting evidence, but his rhetoric provides good examples. Albert O. Hirschman called the "rhetoric of reaction". Specifically, it provides examples of the futility thesis, the futility thesis, and the jeopardy thesis in action. While the main argument is bold and invalid, it does show a rare example of reactionary rhetoric from a librarian.

**Keywords:** Open-access, Scholarly publishing, Reactionary, Rhetoric

**You should** realize that when Joseph Esposito (2013) at the generally anti-open *Scholarly Kitchen* blog thinks your anti-open access rant is excessive, you've crossed some sort of threshold. You should also realize that when Michael Eisen (2013) of the *Library of Science* bothers to give your article a thorough fisking, you have people's ears in the digital pages of this very open access journal. Jeffrey Beall (2013) managed to turn an anti-open access article so poorly argued that I wonder if he'll later use the publication as an example of how bad open access (OA) publishing can be. If only *Lingua Franca* would around to publish "The Beall Hoax".

### 1. Broad Generalisations with No Evidence

Beall makes a number of outrageous claims about OA advocates without referring to any of them. There's absolutely no evidence presented that any OA advocates hold the "anti-corporatist" (sic) views that Beall attributes to them, which leaves the article



## Parting Company with Jeffrey Beall

POSTED BY JOSEPH ESPOSITO - DEC 16, 2013 - 57 COMMENTS

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Jeffrey Beall came to prominence because of his *Beall's List*, which set out to document the existence of what Beall termed "predatory publishers." Without addressing the question of whether Beall was right 100% of the time, he was doing a good thing. There are inherent structural problems with Gold Open Access that later unscrupulous people were going to exploit them. Beall offered himself as the person who helped to make ours a safer neighborhood. Kudos to him.

Since I first became aware of Beall's List, however, I have been following some of the growing unease. Here and there some (to me) distasteful political ideology peeked through a pragmatic mindset, any kind of ideology makes me queasy, but you don't have to agree with them all the time to agree with them some of the time. But now, in a recent screed, he has said that while I continue to admire Beall's List, the broader critique (really an assault) of Gold Open Access who advocate it is too strong for me. Sorry, Jeffrey, but I'm not with you on this.

So what is that Beall is expounding? The following comes from the conclusion to

Jon Stewart: "You have a responsibility to discourse, and you fail."

# DOAJ's response

- ▣ Beall's list includes around 900 titles out of the almost 10,000 that are on the DOAJ member list.
- ▣ DOAJ now has stricter criteria and is asking all of the journals in its directory to reapply.
- ▣ New members will also be required to complete a tougher entry form that now has more than 50 questions.
- ▣ The application process will also create one of the largest 'whitelists' of acceptable OA journals.
- ▣ Journals that meet the highest criteria – estimated to be around 10 – 15% of the total – will be given a 'seal' of best practice.



## OMICS Group Continues to Purchase Journals Indexed in PubMed



OMICS Group is stealthily continuing to purchase journals indexed in PubMed. One recent purchase is the journal *Quality in Primary Care*, formerly published by Radcliffe Publishing and distributed on the IngentaConnect platform.

*Quality in Primary Care* is now owned by OMICS Group and published under its imprint *Insight Medical Publishing*. Note that this publisher's URL is <http://imedpub.com/>, which matches the name of a totally different publisher, iMedPub, based in Spain.



Insight Medical Publishing currently has 19 journals in its portfolio. It claims to be totally cloud based:



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- ❑ MEDLINE is a subset of PubMed
- ❑ MEDLINE is the official journal citation database that is produced by the National Library of Medicine® (NLM®)
- ❑ MEDLINE includes citations from over 5,600 scholarly journals published around the world.
- ❑ Publishers submit their journals to an NIH-chartered advisory committee.
- ❑ The committee utilizes guidelines and bases their decision for inclusion based on considerations of both scientific policy and scientific quality.
- ❑ The MEDLINE database is directly searchable from NLM as a subset of the PubMed database as well as through other numerous search services that license the data.
- ❑ what sets MEDLINE apart from the rest of PubMed is the added value of using the NLM controlled vocabulary, Medical Subject Headings (MeSH®) to index citations.

# PubMed vs MEDLINE

- ▣ Currently PubMed has roughly 2 million more citations than the 21 million references within MEDLINE
- ▣ PubMed includes: in-process citations, which provide records for articles before those records go through quality control and are indexed with MeSH or converted to out-of-scope status.
- ▣ Citations to articles that are out-of-scope.
- ▣ "Ahead of Print" citations that precede the article's final publication in a MEDLINE indexed journal.
- ▣ Pre-1966 citations that have not yet been updated with current MeSH and converted to MEDLINE status.
- ▣ Citations to some additional life sciences journals that submit full text to PMC<sup>®</sup> (PubMed Central<sup>®</sup>)

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- ▣ surgery AND prophylaxis timing
- ▣ Journal of Genetic Disorders and Genetic Reports



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Publication Start Year: 2013

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Publisher: Henderson, NV : SciTechnol, 2013-

Language: English

ISSN: 2327-5796 (Electronic)

2327-5796 (Linking)

LCCN: 2013201472

Electronic Links: <http://www.scitechnol.com/jgdgrhome.php>

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## Other Criteria to Identify Reputable Publishers:

- ▣ Contact information included on site (not just web forms)
- ▣ Confirm impact factors on JCR
- ▣ Consider contacting editorial board members directly
- ▣ Be wary of invitations to publish/present or serve on editorial boards
- ▣ Be cautious of quick-turnaround claims



# Resources for Librarians:

- ▣ ISI's Journal Citation Reports
- ▣ Journal Selector Tools
  - Edanz
  - JANE
  - Publisher-supplied journal selector tools
    - ▣ Elsevier Journal Finder
    - ▣ Springer Journal Selector
- ▣ SPARC Publication Addendum
- ▣ Be iNFORMED checklist

# Journal Citation Reports

- ▣ What is JCR, Journal Citation Reports?
- ▣ One of the best known tools for determining how a journal ranks in comparison to other journals
- ▣ Use the Journal Citation Reports (JCR) to examine the relative importance of a journal, especially in comparison with other journals in the same field
- ▣ JCR provides impact factors, cited and citing half lives, immediacy index and other useful journal metrics

# JCR Cont.

- ▣ Predatory publishers will sometime make up a false JCR “impact factor”
- ▣ The library has a subscription to the JCR, so you can check to see if this information is legitimate.





# Edanz Journal Selector

- ▣ [Edanz Journal Selector \(Beta\)](#)
- ▣ [Edanz Group](#), a Beijing-based company that provides English language editing and support services for the worldwide scientific community, has launched a free, online tool aimed at helping scientists and academic researchers find the most appropriate outlets for their articles.

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- ▣ The selector tool works by comparing the author's abstract, or short article description, with keywords from abstracts from a database of more than 28,000 journal titles.

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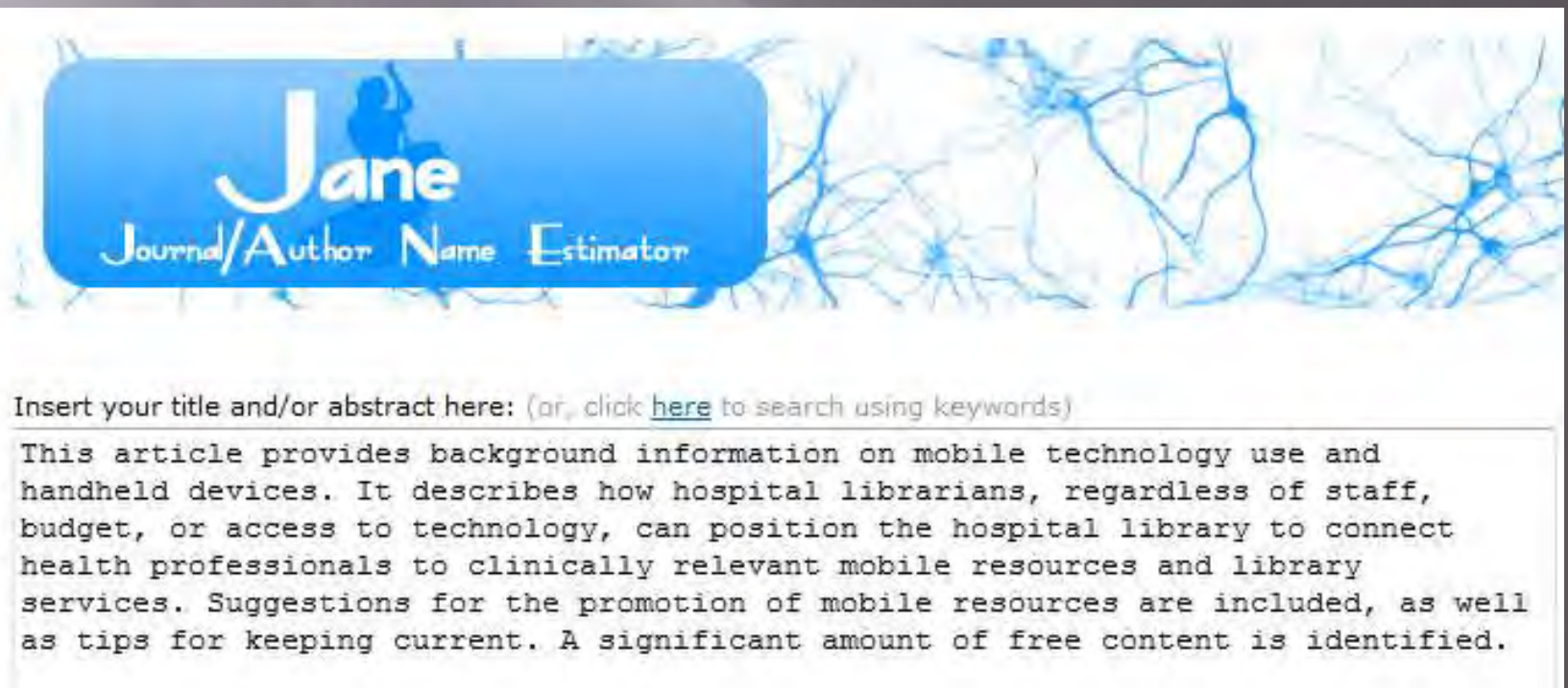


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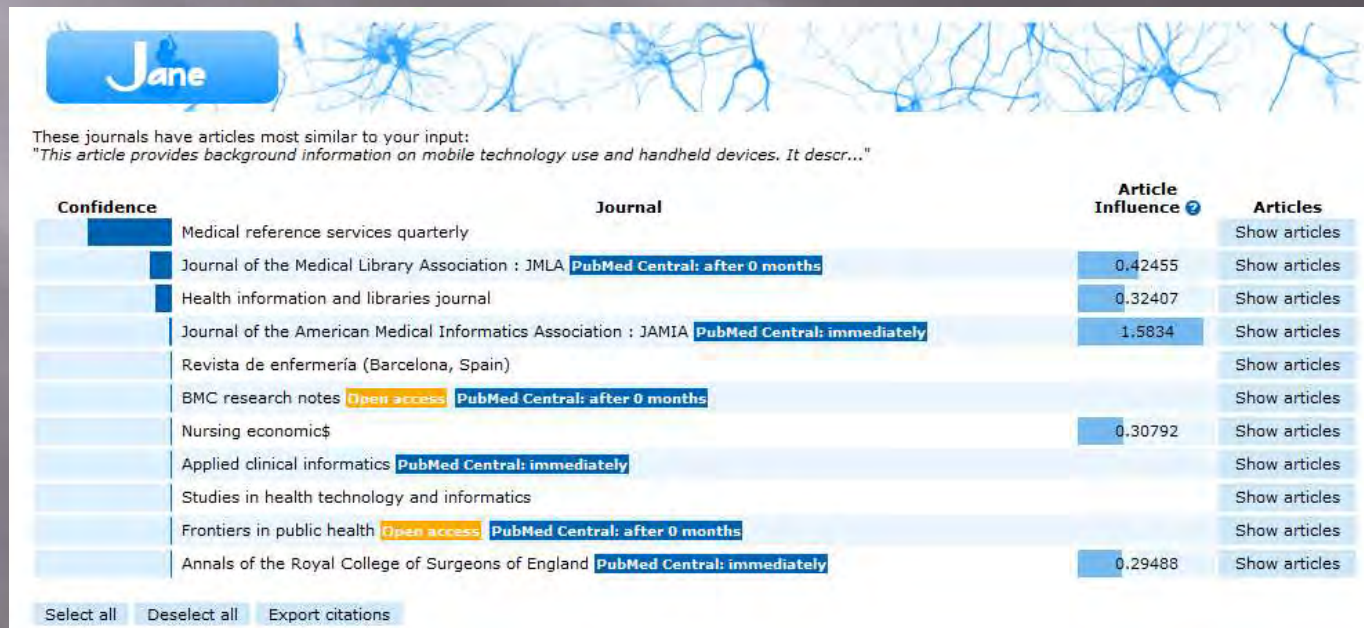
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