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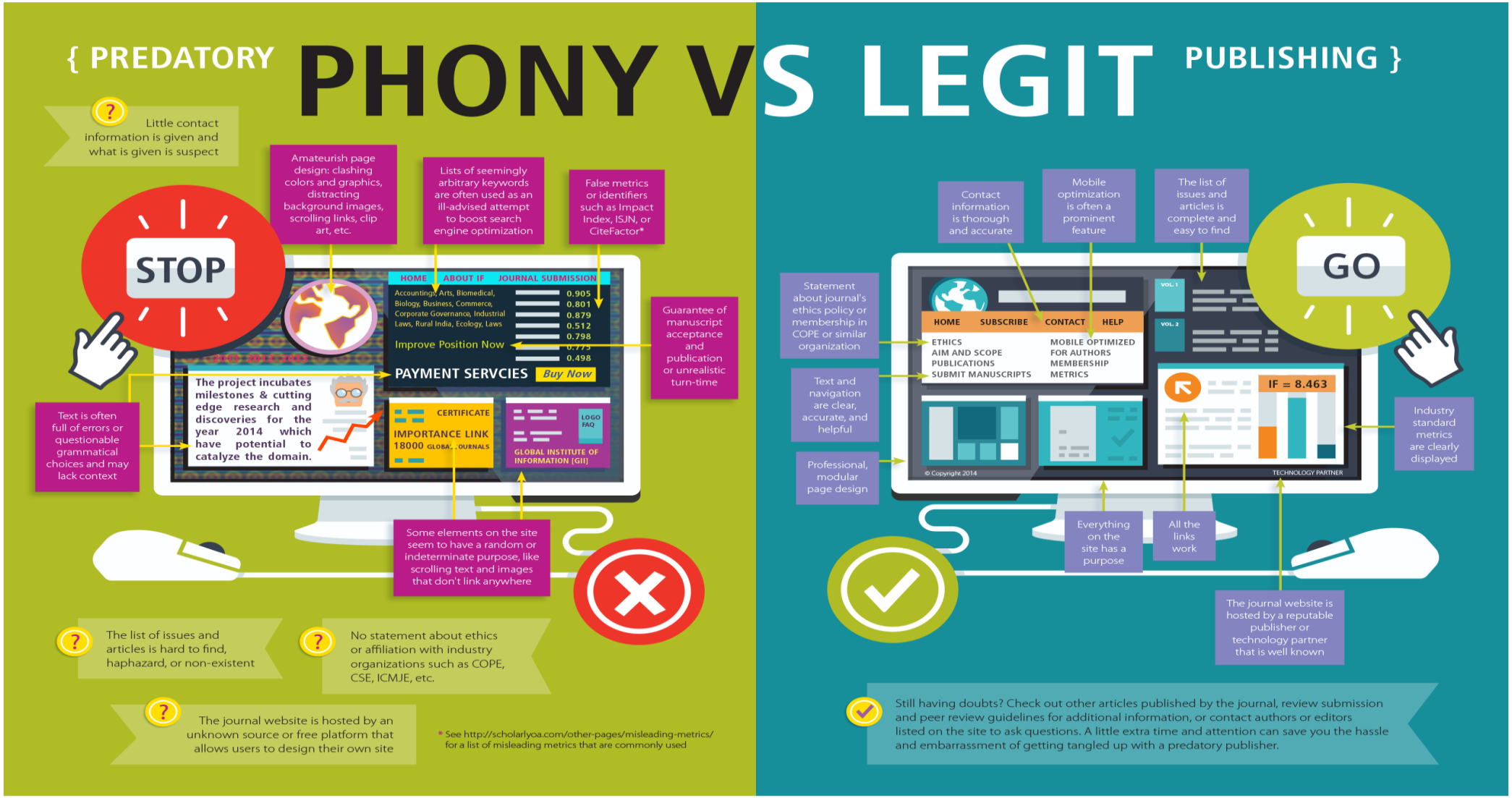
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{ PREDATORY PHONY VS LEGIT PUBLISHING }



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What is a Predatory Journal?

- A predatory journal is usually a journal that has no verifiable academic credentials, and as such these journals are managed by editorial boards whose subject and disciplinary coverage is questionable.

- A predatory journal will allude to expert scholars who do not exist, or who have been represented as part of an editorial board without their permission.

How to Identify a Predatory Journal

- No clear guideline or policy relating to plagiarism, article review processes.
- Contact email addresses are suspicious or reflect non-journal related addresses.
- Article Processing Charge (APC) is not within expected charge range, too low for the standard rates currently charged.
- The coverage and scope of the publication is unclear and vague.
- Aggressive soliciting of authors and pressure to publish.
- Review period too short,eg, 30 days

The Dangers of Publishing in Predatory Journals

- Risk of negative impact to scholars' reputation.
- Risk of signing away copyright and intellectual property.
- Risk of not being compensated for research and publishing costs.
- Risk of contributing to/complication of authentic research metrics.

How to Identify a Predatory Journal

- Refer to the Department of Higher Education 2024 Approved Journal List



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- WITS comprehensive list of all the accredited journals that we can receive DoHET subsidy for
- Clarivate Master Journal List
- Cabells List of Journals

SCHOLARLY PUBLISHING CYCLE

The Cycle of Scholarly Publishing



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Selecting Your Journal to Publish

Why publish?

- As part of scholarly research.
- As part of study requirements.
- As part of Faculty Academic Canon.
- As part of publishing new findings on specific research topics.

Criteria for Selecting a Journal

- The journal has a clear Peer review Policy or Guideline.
- The journal has a sound Editorial Review Board consisting of a panel of reliable and well-cited scholars.
- Subject focus is open to rigorous verification.
- Is traceable though various indexing platforms.
- Use the manuscript match option on various databases, for example Clarivate and Scopus.
- Consult a Librarian when unsure.

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