


# *DISPELLING MYTHS ABOUT OPEN ACCESS PUBLISHING*

*identifying reputable journals*

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*Preprints protect against scooping. Priority established via a timestamp & DOI.*

***MYTH 1: PREPRINTS  
WILL GET YOUR  
RESEARCH  
“SCOOPED”***

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*JIF is a deeply flawed metric not meant for how it is now used.*

***MYTH 2: JIF & JOURNAL  
BRANDING ARE  
MEASURES OF QUALITY  
FOR RESEARCHERS***

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*Current peer review system is prone to flaws such as corruption, human bias & ghostwriting.*

***MYTH 3: APPROVAL BY  
PEER REVIEW PROVES  
THAT YOU CAN TRUST A  
RESEARCH ARTICLE***

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*Researchers are responsible & competent enough to ensure their own quality control as part of intrinsic scientific integrity.*

***MYTH 4: WITHOUT  
JOURNAL PEER REVIEW,  
THE QUALITY OF  
SCIENCE SUFFERS***

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*Predatory publishing has existed long before OA publishing was introduced & gained momentum.*

***MYTH 5: OPEN ACCESS  
HAS CREATED  
PREDATORY  
PUBLISHERS***

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*Copyright transfer neither protects authors nor contributes to the advancement  
of science.*

***MYTH 6: COPYRIGHT  
TRANSFER IS REQUIRED  
TO PUBLISH & PROTECT  
AUTHORS***

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*Over 70% of OA journals listed in DOAJ are funded by other sources, such as research institutions & grants.*

***MYTH 7: GOLD OPEN  
ACCESS IS  
SYNONYMOUS WITH THE  
APC BUSINESS MODEL***

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*Subscription journals can co-exist with zero-embargo self-archiving policies on author manuscripts.*

***MYTH 8: EMBARGO  
PERIODS ON “GREEN” OA  
ARE NEEDED TO  
SUSTAIN PUBLISHERS***

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*Neither represent the sum of current global research.*

***MYTH 9: WEB OF  
SCIENCE & SCOPUS ARE  
GLOBAL DATABASES OF  
KNOWLEDGE***

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*Key services may be provided by publishers, including peer review management, production, & archiving of final version articles.*

***MYTH 10: PUBLISHERS  
ADD NO VALUE TO THE  
SCHOLARLY  
COMMUNICATION  
PROCESS***

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*QUESTIONS OR  
CONCERNS?*

*THANK YOU!*

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