What CU Libraries can do for you?

Check for journals & publisher in
- Database indexes
- Periodical directory

Verify stated
- Publication start date
- Archive & availability
- Journal ISSN number
- Listed impact factors
- Credentials and accuracy of listed publisher, peer reviewers, board, advisors, and other claimed affiliations, such as academic institutions, and professional organizations.

Perform a background search on a topic
- To provide a report of journals that have published on your topic/proposed subject area.
- To help identify researchers in related fields at Creighton.

Go to HSL Professional LibGuide at http://culibraries.creighton.edu/professionalresources/research or RAL's LibGuide at http://culibraries.creighton.edu/publishing/predatory for more information and tips. 4/12/16
Where to check first!
Currently Listed

- In the DOAJ (Directory of Open Access Journals, https://doaj.org/
- As members of the OASPA (Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association, http://oaspa.org/)
- With an ISSN (International Standard Serial Number) listed
- Journal Citation Reports (Web of Science)

Questions to Ask

- Did they solicit you directly?
- Is there clear information regarding editors, editorial board, sponsors, publishers, guidelines, submission procedures, and author costs?
- Is it peer reviewed and is there a clear description of the reviewing process?
- How fast will it be reviewed and published? (1-4 weeks is too fast)
- How many journals from a publisher have the same editor and editorial board?
- Is the Journal content too broad, scattered, and not consistent?