

# Copyright policy and its issues in DOAJ journals applications

practical examples

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# Criteria for Quality of Journals

The Scopus selection process is explained here: <https://www.elsevier.com/solutions/scopus/how-scopus-works/content/content-policy-and-selection>

Regarding WoS you can find more information here: <https://www.clarivate.com/products/web-of-science/open-access>

Regarding Cabell's you can find more information here: <https://www2.cabells.com/selection-policy2> and here <https://blog.cabells.com/2019/03/20/predatoryreport-criteria-v1-1/>

Regarding DOAJ's criteria you can read <https://blog.doaj.org/2020/07/01/doajs-basic-criteria-updated-and-rewritten-in-plain-english/>  
<https://doaj.org/publishers>

# DOAJ criteria for Quality of Journals

DOAJ only looks at Gold Open Access journals in all languages

DOAJ looks at the quality of publishing using the principles of Best Practice in scholarly publishing

The scientific quality of articles only plays a role in discriminating between low quality and questionable journals

The journals are especially assessed for the quality of Open Access: copyright, licensing, accessibility

The journals in DOAJ are not routinely assessed for the quality of their content ( except for applications from questionable publishers)

The journals in DOAJ are not ranked

# INCREASING THE IMPACT OF OPEN ACCESS IN INDONESIA

DOAJ ambassadors for Indonesia:

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Due to the scale of operations in Indonesia, we have also appointed 2 honorary Ambassadors: [Professor Toho Cholik Mutohir](#) (in Indonesian) and [Abdul Wahid Maktub](#). Professor Mutohir is a lecturer at Surabaya State University and Abdul Wahid Maktub is Special Advisor to the Minister of Research, Technology and Higher Education of the Republic of Indonesia.

# Position of Indonesia

## NEED FOR IMPROVING JOURNAL QUALITY

First rank in journals added to DOAJ

But also with 2003 applications

First rank in journals rejected



## **Recommendations to journals wanting to be listed**

- Unrestricted copyright for the author
- No exclusive publishing rights for the journal
- No transfer of commercial rights
- Use of Creative Commons licensing
- Embedded licensing information with articles
- Permanent article identifiers
- No mention of impact factors
- NEVER ALL RIGHTS RESERVED

# Examples of problems with DOAJ criteria in Indonesia

- Website security (Malware)
- Links are not to correct information
- **Copyright and licensing**
- Peer reviewer number and diversity
- APC changes after DOAJ listing
- Editorial board diversity
- Authors = editors

# Copyright and licensing

- <https://blog.doaj.org/?s=copyright+and+licensing+-+part>

Series of blogposts which focusses on the details of copyright and licensing, how they are applied to works and which options and best practices DOAJ recommends. You can read all 4 installments in this series here. The DOAJ website also has a help page dedicated to Copyright .

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DOAJ is virtually free of predatory  
journals

# **Differences between predatory and low-quality journals**

## OUR DEFINITION

Questionable/Predatory publishers are publishers, who are **not living up** to reasonable standards in terms of **content, services, transparency** and **business behavior**.

## OUR DEFINITION

Low Quality Publishers are publishers, who publish **low quality articles** due to **inadequate peer review** and or **editors / peer reviewers from one institute only**

A special team at DOAJ reviews  
suspicious journal applications  
according to a defined set of internal  
criteria

These criteria are not public but  
similar to the set of criteria  
published by Cabell's

publishing practice, business structure, transparency, quality of  
content, fake metrics, mail spamming and others

## The good news is

- Indonesia has not many questionable journals
- The problem is more one of low quality publishing and bad understanding of Good Publishing Practices and copyright and licensing issues in open access publishing
- There is a need for (repeated) nation-wide education
- Useful to get Indonesian translation of the 'DOAJ for publishers info' page

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## The qualifiers for the DOAJ Seal

DOAJ promotes best practice in Open Access publishing. To highlight journals that adhere to best practices, we have created the 'DOAJ Seal for Open Access Journals'.

The qualifiers for the Seal highlight features related to accessibility, openness, discoverability, reuse and author rights and have nothing to do with the **scholarly quality of the papers published**.

To qualify for the Seal the journal must:

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6. have a [deposit policy registered](#) in a deposit policy directory. (Question 51) 'No' does not qualify for the Seal.
7. allow [the author to hold the copyright without restrictions](#). (Question 52) 'No' does not qualify for the Seal.

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## DOAJ Seal criteria

- **Copyright**
- *To allow authors to hold copyright and publishing rights without restriction*
- Copyright must be retained by the author
- Exclusive publishing rights for the publisher do not qualify
- Transfer of commercial rights to the publisher do not qualify

# APC changes after DOAJ listing

- before listing no APC, after listing APC
- Before listing APC, after listing (much) higher APC
- This can lead to removal of your journal depending on the amount of change