

All Researchers, Attention!  
Here are...

# Two ways

to make your dissertation highly evaluated / cited

## ① Before posting

Post to a  
reputable journal !

Reliability UP

Posting to a malicious journal (predatory journal) without careful consideration may not only **detract the credibility of your research and Tokushima University** but also **jeopardize your future as a researcher**.

Before posting, check the quality and reliability of journals carefully.  
Some ways of confirmation are provided on the back side.



Citation rate UP

## ② After posting

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in Tokushima University  
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<http://cms.db.tokushima-u.ac.jp/DAV/organization/276983/IRReport/No.8/@University/IRReport08.pdf>

# All Researchers, **Check** the followings before submitting your dissertation!



Malicious journals (predatory journals) which seek to earn revenue without sufficient peer-review have become serious problem worldwide. If you contribute your research to them, not only **the credibility of your research and Tokushima University would be adversely lowered**, but also your career would be affected negatively.

Here are three recommended ways

## How to evaluate the quality and reliability of journals



### ■ Check the database "Scopus"



Scopus has a content selection and advisory board set up by an external group of experts, so it only contains high-quality journal information.

- ① Access Scopus  
<https://www2.scopus.com/>
- ② Change the upper tag to "Sources" and search.  
(You can also download a list of journals)

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### ■ Check the database "PubMed"



PubMed based on MEDLINE, a database provided by the National Library of Medicine (NLM). MEDLINE journals are reviewed by the committee and their quality is guaranteed.

- ① Access PubMed  
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nlmcatalog/journals/>



### ■ Check the database "DOAJ"



DOAJ (Directory of Open Access Journals) indexes high quality, open access, peer-reviewed journals in accordance with a quality control system.

- ① Access DOAJ  
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### ★ What is a predatory journal?

A low-quality open access journal whose purpose is to obtain a dissertation submission fee from authors.

### ★ The characteristics of the predatory journal?

- Questionable research papers
- Rapid publication
- Irrelevant papers
- Fake address of publishers
- Fake websites
- Broken DOI link
- Plural papers by same author
- Invitation to publish or join editorial board.
- etc.

CAUTION !



If my research won't get recognition.



Shock! I will be sick.

Disaster after posting to a predatory Journal