

# Legitimate publishing, predatory publishing and paper mills

## Legitimate publishing

Publisher, journal and manuscript level

**Stated standards and QUALITY CONTROL MEASURES**

**Questionable practices & publisher misconduct (predatory practices?)**

**Practices that deviate from best editorial and research integrity standards**

## Predatory journals/publishers

**NO QUALITY CONTROL MEASURES**

**Exploit the OA model** and guarantee publication for various fees

Imitate legitimate journals to mislead authors

## Paper Mills

**Bypass or exploit poor quality control measures** in legitimate journals to ensure that fabricated or real manuscripts will be published in the legitimate journal

**Exploit questionable practices and publisher misconduct** in legitimate journals

Paper mills may create predatory journals or work with existing predatory publishers to sell the publication of fabricated manuscripts