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| **Guidelines for Evaluating the Integrity of a Journal** | | |
| **Question** | **What to look for** | **Red flags** |
| Who is the Editor in charge of journal content? |       A person who has a reputation in the discipline.        Direct contact information for the Editor is provided. |       You cannot find any evidence of the Editor’s standing in the discipline.        There is no contact information. |
| What is the journal’s process for assuring quality of content? |       A clear description of the process for review of manuscripts prior to publication is stated.        The names and duties of editorial advisory or review panel members are listed. |       A promise of rapid review and publication (quality reviews take time).        Mystification of those who are involved in the review process. |
| Does the journal have sound business and publishing practices? |       The journal is a member of [**COPE**](http://publicationethics.org/).        The journal is in the[**INANE/NA&E Directory of Nursing Journals**](http://nursingeditors.com/journals-directory/).        Information about author processing charges (APC), if any, is clear and easily accessible.        If the journal shows an impact factor, it is verifiable in the [**Journal Citation Reports**](http://thomsonreuters.com/journal-citation-reports/) (Web of Science). |       The publisher/journal is on Beall’s List at[**Scholarly OA**](file:///C:\Users\Leslie\Downloads\scholarlyoa.com).        The journal name or other information is suspiciously like another journal.        The journal/publisher solicits manuscripts using excessively complimentary emails. |
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