Hijacked journals

A list of hijacked journals has been created by a librarian, *Jeffrey Beall* (https://beallslist.net/hijacked-journals/). Sometimes someone will create a counterfeit website that pretends to be the website of a legitimate scholarly journal. The website creators then solicit manuscript submissions for the hijacked version of the journal, pocketing the money. In some cases, the legitimate versions of the journals are only published in print form and they may not have websites.

Sl No.	Hijacked Journal	Authentic Journal
1	Education Journal	Education
2	Journal of Information System Management	Information System Management
3	Journal of Psychology and Theology	Journal of Psychology & Theology
4	WIWO Report	WIWO report

Misleading metrics

Misleading metrics was created by a librarian *Jeffrey Beall.* This is a list of questionable companies that purport to provide valid scholarly metrics at the researcher, article, or journal level. Some of the criteria for determining the misleading metrics are:

- The website for the metric is nontransparent and provides little information about itself such as location, management team and its experience, other company information, and the like.

- The company charges journals for inclusion in the list.

- The values (scores) for most or all of the journals on the list increase each year.

- The company uses Google Scholar as its database for calculating metrics (Google Scholar does not screen for quality and indexes predatory journals).

- The metric uses the term "impact factor" in its name.

- The methodology for calculating the value is contrived, unscientific, or unoriginal.

- The company exists solely for the purpose of earning money from questionable journals that use the gold open-access model. The company charges the journals and assigns them a value, and then the journals use the number to help increase article submissions and therefore revenue.

Some of the misleading metrics as mentioned in the website of Jeffrey Beall (https://beallslist.net/misleading-metrics/) are:

- CiteFactor (https://www.citefactor.org/)
- General Impact Factor (http://generalimpactfactor.com/index.php)
- International Journal Impact Factor (IJIF)
- Journal Impact Factor (http://jifactor.org/)
- Journal Influence Factor (http://journalsmetrics.com/journal_influence_factor)

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