

## SPI-Hub™: a gateway to scholarly publishing information

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### APPENDIX B

#### SPI-Hub™ Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) feature

SPI-Hub™'s Frequently Asked Questions feature provides answers to questions received from users' feedback that we are working to address in the next version of SPI-Hub.



The screenshot shows the SPI-Hub website interface. At the top left is the Vanderbilt University Medical Center logo. The main header features a magnifying glass icon and the text "SPI-Hub™ Scholarly Publishing Information Hub". Below the header is a navigation bar with buttons for "Overview", "Search", "Resources", and "Contact Us". A secondary bar contains "Suggest a Journal", "Send Feedback", and "FAQ" (which is highlighted). On the right side, there is a vertical "Feedback" button. The main content area is titled "SPI-Hub™ Frequently Asked Questions" and includes an introductory paragraph: "This page provides answers to questions received through the SPI-Hub™ User Evaluation Form." Below this are several FAQ items, each with a question and an answer. The first question is "Can SPI-Hub™ indicate which journals are 'predatory'?<sup>1-3</sup>". The answer explains that SPI-Hub™ does not label journals as predatory but provides indicators of journal scholarship. It lists three references: 1. Cobey KD, Lalu MM, Skidmore B, Ahmadzai N, Grudniewicz A, Moher D. What is a predatory journal? A scoping review. Version 2. F1000Res. 2018 Jul 4 [revised 2018 Jan 1];7:1001. doi: 10.12688/f1000research.15256.2. eCollection 2018. PubMed PMID: 30135732. 2. Laine C, Winker MA. Identifying predatory or pseudo-journals. Biochem Med (Zagreb). 2017 Jun 15;27(2):285-291. doi: 10.11613/BM.2017.031. Review. PubMed PMID: 28694720. 3. Shamseer L, Moher D, Maduekwe O, Turner L, Barbour V, Burch R, et al. Potential predatory and legitimate biomedical journals: can you tell the difference? A cross-sectional comparison. BMC Med. 2017 Mar 16;15(1):28. doi: 10.1186/s12916-017-0785-9. PubMed PMID: 28298236. The second question is "Does SPI-Hub™ provide information on the costs associated with publishing?". The answer states that SPI-Hub™ does not include publishing costs but provides direct links to author instructions. The third question is "Will you include information about journal open data policies and retraction/correction requests?". The answer explains that SPI-Hub™ records include a field indicating if a journal belongs to the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE) and provides links to COPE's Code of Conduct and Best Practices Guidelines. The fourth question is "Does SPI-Hub™ include journals indexed in the Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature (CINAHL) database?". The answer states that SPI-Hub™ currently includes approximately 75% of the journals indexed in CINAHL. The fifth question is "Is it possible to add an option to filter results by medical specialty?". The answer states that the plan is to incorporate this functionality at a later time.