

# Nezaupanja vredne založniške prakse

Anomalije založnikov pri znanstvenih objavah v  
odprtem dostopu

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# Kaj so nezaupanja vredne založniške prakse

Založniške prakse, ki deloma ali v celoti ne upoštevajo načel izdajanja znanstvenih del.

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- urejene avtorske pravice in intelektualna lastnina,
- učinkovita diseminacija,
- merila kakovosti z ustreznimi recenzijskimi postopki,
- ustrezno arhiviranje.



# • Temeljna načela izdajanja znanstvenih revij

Transparenten in kredibilen recenzijski sistem in uredniška politika.

Dosledno spoštovanje strukture in tipologije znanstvenih del (npr. IMRAD).

Transparentna uredništva in uredniška politika.

Arhiviranje in zagotavljanje trajne dostopnosti.

Ustrezno urejeno citiranje in navajanje drugih virov.

Ustrezna diseminacija (npr. indeksacija v poznanih bibliografskih zbirkah).



# WORLD VIEW

*A personal take on events*

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## Predatory publishers are corrupting open access

*Journals that exploit the author-pays model damage scholarly publishing and promote unethical behaviour by scientists, argues Jeffrey Beall.*

When e-mail first became available, it was a great innovation that made communication fast and cheap. Then came spam — and suddenly, the innovation wasn't so great. It meant having to filter out irrelevant, deceptive and sometimes offensive messages. It still does.

The same corruption of a great idea is now occurring with scholarly open-access publishing.

Early experiments with open-access publishing, such as the *Journal of Medical Internet Research* and BioMed Central, were very promising. Set up more than a decade ago, they helped to inspire a social movement that has changed academic publishing for the better, lowered costs and expanded worldwide access to the latest research.

Then came predatory publishers, which publish counterfeit journals to exploit the open-access model in which the author pays. These predatory publishers are dishonest and lack transparency. They aim to dupe researchers, especially those inexperienced in scholarly communication. They set up websites that closely resemble those of legitimate online publishers, and publish journals of questionable and downright low quality. Many purport to be headquartered in the United States, United Kingdom, Canada or Australia but really hail from Pakistan, India or Nigeria.

Some predatory publishers spam researchers, soliciting manuscripts but failing to mention the required author fee. Later, after the paper is accepted and published, the authors are invoiced for the fees, typically US\$1,800. Because the scientists are often asked to sign over their

research is disappearing. Now there is a journal willing to accept almost every article, as long as the author is willing to pay the fee. Authors, rather than libraries, are the customers of open-access publishers, so a powerful incentive to maintain quality has been removed.

Perhaps nowhere are these abuses more acute than in India, where new predatory publishers or journals emerge each week. They are appearing because of the market need — hundreds of thousands of scientists in India and its neighbouring countries need to get published to earn tenure and promotion.

Here, the problem is not just with the publishers. Scientists themselves are also to blame. Many are taking unethical shortcuts and paying for the publication of plagiarized or self-plagiarized work.

Honest scientists stand to lose the most in this unethical quagmire.

When a researcher's work is published alongside articles that are plagiarized, that report on conclusions gained from unsound methodologies or that contain altered photographic figures, it becomes tainted by association. Unethical scientists gaming the system are earning tenure and promotion at the expense of the honest.

The competition for author fees among fraudulent publishers is a serious threat to the future of

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# Enostavne dvomljive prakse

**Plenilske revije:** navidezne revije, ki pa nimajo urejenega recenzijskega sistema ali pa je ta neustrezen. Plenilske revije pogosto navajajo neresnične in zavajajoče metrike o svoji vplivnosti. Praviloma so odprte objave v teh revijah povezane z manjšimi stroški za APC-je.

**Plenilske založbe:** založbe, ki izdajajo plenilske revije.

**Zavajajoče metrike:** pogosto izmišljene metrike z odmevnim poimenovanjem ter pogosto s poimenovanjem, ki spominjajo na kredibilne metrike.

**Plenilske znanstvene konference:** konference, pripravljene mimo standardnih postopkov (uredniški odbor, recenzijski pregledi prispevkov...).

**Ugrabljene revije:** zavajajoča spletišča, ki oblikovno predstavljajo kopije izvirne znanstvene revije.



# Trg mednarodne znanstvene periodike

Pred pandemijo je trg mednarodne znanstvene literature obsegal cca 28 milijard dolarjev (v letu 2023 bo predvidoma spet dosegel podoben obseg).

Letna rast števila objav je cca 5 %.

Založniški modeli z odprtim dostopom rastejo hitreje kot klasični založniški modeli. Predvidena rast prihodkov v obdobju 2019 do 2022 je 11,5 %.

Cca 10.000 založb, cca 5.000 vključenih v Scopus.

Cca 33.000 naslovov znanstvenih revij v angleškem jeziku (cca 9.400 naslovov v drugih jezikih).

Letni prirast novih naslovov cca 3 %. (vir: STM report, 2018 in 2021, <https://www.stm-assoc.org/>).



# Kompleksne dvomljive prakse

**Dvomljive prakse nekaterih založb zlatih revij:** pogosta poročila o dvomih, zasnovanih na dvomljivih recenzentskih sistemih, na hitrosti objav in na nižji ceni odprtosti objav.

Okoliščine, ki to omogočajo:

- zahteve financerjev po odprtosti objav,
- upravičenost stroškov za odprte objave le v zlatih revijah,
- vrednotenje znanstvenoraziskovalnega dela na podlagi števila objav,
- Praviloma nižje stopnje zavrnitve objav pri nekaterih založbah.

# Enostavne dvomljive prakse

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# • Preverjanje oseb, ki sodelujejo pri izdajanju izbrane revije oz. založbe 1

Kot urednik pogosto pojavlja ena in ista oseba, urednik naveden tudi kot lastnik založbe.

Med revijami iste založbe se podvajajo uredniški odbori.

Uredniški odbori pogosto niso navedeni.

Podatki o članih uredniških odborov so pomanjkljivi (na primer ni navedeno, s katere institucije prihajajo).



# • Kriteriji za prepoznavo nezaupanja vrednih založniških praks

Preverjanje oseb, ki sodelujejo pri izdajanju izbrane revije oz. založbe.

Preverjanje organizacijskih vidikov upravljanja revije oz. založbe.

Integriteta in transparentnost delovanja uredništva.

Bibliometrični in bibliografski vidiki.

Drugo.



## • Preverjanje oseb, ki sodelujejo pri izdajanju izbrane revije oz. založbe 2

Uredniki in člani uredniških odborov nimajo referenc na področju raziskovalnega dela.

Uredniški odbori nimajo zadostnega števila članov (na primer le 2 ali 3), pogosto gre tudi za izmišljena imena.

Pogosto niso navedeni podatki o državi, iz katere izhajajo uredniki, še posebej v primerih, ko je izpostavljena mednarodna naravnost revije.

V uredniških odborih so pogosto le moški.

# • Preverjanje organizacijskih vidikov upravljanja revije oz. založbe 1

Očitno je pomanjkanje preglednosti in transparentnosti delovanja (nejasni podatki o naslovu založbe, telefonski kontakti in podobno).

Manjkajo sistemi za trajno identifikacijo digitalnih objektov ter za upravljanje spletnih povezav (ISSN, DOI, URN in podobno).

Licenčna politika je nejasna in vsebuje nasprotujoče si klavzule. Licenčne pogodbe ne temeljijo na poznanih standardih objav v odprtem dostopu.

Pogosto se pojavlja umik že objavljenih del (retrakcija) iz revije, tudi brez formalnih obrazložitvev. Morebitni popravki in pojasnila pogosto niso objavljeni.

Dela pogosto niso označena z informacijo o statusu objave (na primer značka crossmark).

# • Preverjanje organizacijskih vidikov upravljanja revije oz. založbe 2

Spletišča založb vključujejo spletne povezave do uveljavljenih znanstvenih konferenc in znanstvenih združenj, s katerimi sicer nimajo povezave in niso njihove članice. S tem želijo neupravičeno povečati svojo verodostojnost.

Naslovi revij niso indeksirani v poznanih in verodostojnih bazah podatkov znanstvene periodike (Ulrichsweb, DOAJ in drugih).

Informacije o ceni APC so pomanjkljive in vsebujejo veliko „drobnega tiska“.

Založbe terjajo plačilo APC in hkrati tudi prenos materialnih avtorskih pravic na založbo. Prenos materialnih avtorskih pravic na založbo terjajo že ob oddaji dela namesto ob sprejemu v objavo, kot je to običajno.

Spletni iskalniki pogosto ne morejo indeksirati vsebine (na primer članka ni mogoče poiskati z Googlom ali podobnimi orodji). Pogosto so dokumenti zaščiteni tako, da ni mogoče analizirati plagiatorstva (na primer PDF „copy proofs“).



# Integriteta in transparentnost 1

Naslov revije ni skladen s poslanstvom revije in znanstvenim področjem, ki ga pokriva ali pa pokriva preširoko področje s ciljem, da bi privabili čim več avtorjev (na primer Journal of Education).

Založbe v svojih imenih in naslovih revij pogosto uporabljajo besede „Network“, „Center“, „Association“, „Institute“ in podobno.

Založba v naslovu revije kombinira dva ali več terminov, ki vsebinsko ne sodijo v isti kontekst.

Naslov revije zavajajoče odraža geografski izvor (npr. Canadian, izhaja pa v Indiji).



# Integriteta in transparentnost 2

Založba zavaja s podatki o faktorjih vpliva ter indeksiranjem revij v poznanih citatnih indeksih. Govorimo o t. i. lažnih faktorjih vpliva, kot so na primer Universal Impact Factor (UIF), Global Impact Factor (GIF) in Citefactor, ki pa dejansko nimajo veljave.

Založbe zavajajo z navedbami o indeksaciji revij v mednarodnih bibliografskih bazah podatkov.

Založbe pošiljajo zahteve za recenzije posameznikom, nekvalificiranim za izdelavo recenzij, pogosto v obliki masovne nenaročene pošte.

Založbe prosijo avtorje za predloge možnih recenzentov in jih tudi uporabijo brez preverjanja znanstvene verodostojnosti in konflikta interesov.

Založbe ne navajajo mehanizmov za preprečevanje in odkrivanje plagiarizma, samoplagarizma, manipulacij z grafičnimi elementi ipd.



# Zavajanja s citiranostjo

Bibliometrična izoliranost oziroma pogosto citiranje iz manjših, v citatnih indeksih neindeksiranih znanstvenih revij, pogosta citiranost iz istega okolja, v katerem izhaja revija (na primer iz iste države, iz revij iste založbe in podobno).

Pogosto se pojavljajo oblike medsebojnega in krožnega citiranja, t. i. citatni karteli.

Pojavlja se samocitiranje na nivoju naslova revije. Če je revija indeksirana v poznanih citatnih indeksih (faktor vpliva JCR, SJR, SNIP...), se lahko pojavlja nenavadno hitro povečevanje teh faktorjev vpliva.

Veliko število umetno vstavljenih citatov, ki vsebinsko niso relevantni (t. i. fabricirani citati).

# Zavajanja s članstvom v mednarodnih združenjih

Ali je založba članica katere izmed iniciativ npr:

- Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE),
- Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ),
- Open Access Scholarly Publishers' Association (OASPA)?

Ali je revija gostuje na primer na eni izmed spletnih platform INASP (za revije iz Bangladeša, Nepala, Šri Lanke, Srednje Amerike ali Mongolije) ali na African Journals Online (AJOL, za afriške revije)?

Ali je založba članica katere druge initiative?



# Zavajajanja z metrikami

Zavajajoče metrike so pogosto izmišljene metrike z odmevnim poimenovanjem ter pogosto s poimenovanjem, ki spominjajo na kredibilne metrike.

Spletna stran metrike je netransparentna in nenudi podrobnih informacij.

Upravitelj metrike zahtevajo plačilo za uvrstitev v podatkovno zbirko.

Vrednosti kazalnikov se za vse revije pogosto vsako leto povečajo.

Za izračun vrednosti je kot vir podatkov pogosto uporabljan Google Scholar.

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- ☐ Ali je na spletni strani navedeno, ali postopek vključuje neodvisne/zunanje recenzente in koliko recenzentov pregleda članek?
- ☐ Ali založnik ponuja recenzije s strani strokovnega uredniškega odbora ali raziskovalcev z vašega področja?
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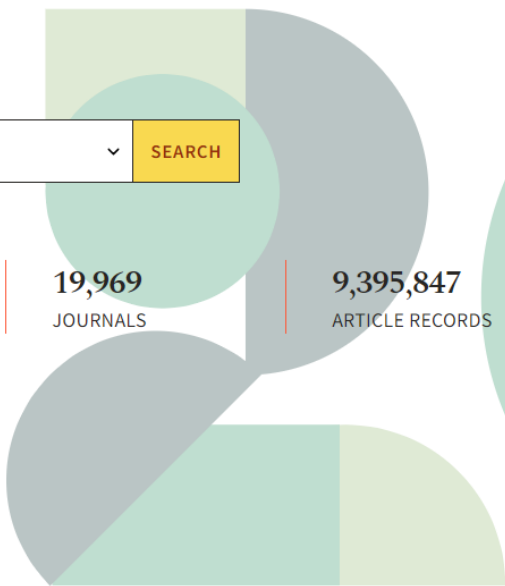
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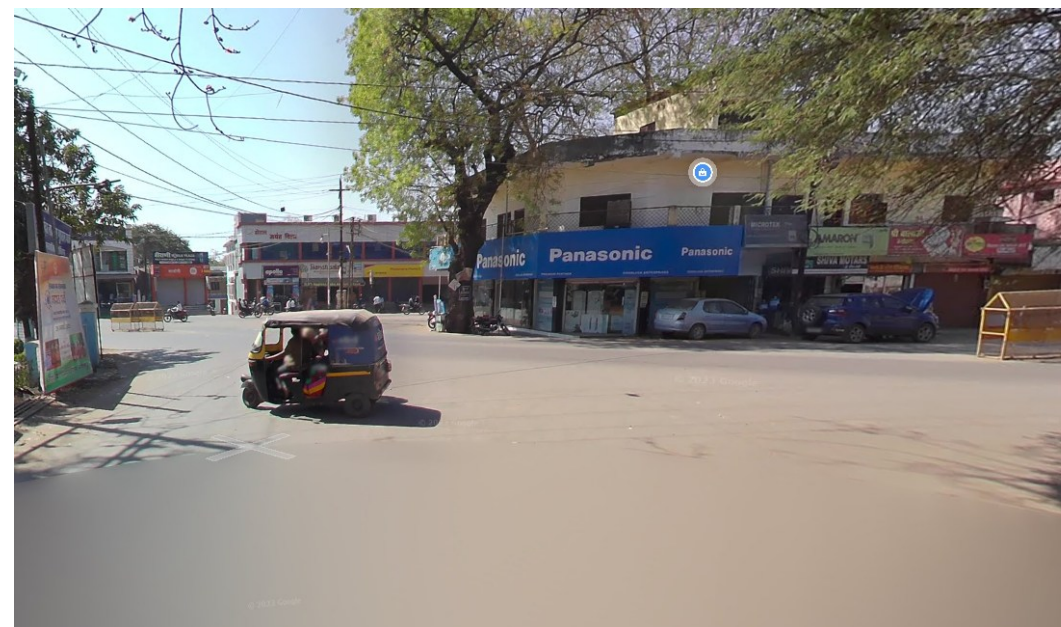
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# FAQ: „Ali je MDPI plenilska založba?“

Ta razprava poteka že več let, vse odkar je Jeffrey Beall omenjeno založbo dodal na svoj seznam.

Okoliščine ugodne za razcvet tovrstnih založb:

- zahteve financerjev po objavah v odprtem dostopu,
- nenapisano pravilo „publish or perish“ je povezan s hitrostjo objave,
- sistemi vrednotenja pogosto spodbujajo veliko število objav,
- visoke cene za APC v hibridnih revijah,
- nekatere politike (Koalicija S, Obzorje Evropa) ne omogočajo individualnega plačevanja odprtosti v hibridnih revijah.

# Značilnosti MDPI

MDPI objavlja številne revije, indeksirane v Web of Science, nekatere z visokim faktorjem vpliva (18 revij ima IF višji od 4).

Veliko, ali celo večina člankov je kakovostnih.

Med uredniki so ugledni raziskovalci s skoraj vseh področij, ki pogosto poročajo o pozitivnih ocenah.

MDPI v celoti izdaja odprto dostopne revije, zato ne prispeva k zelo donosnem prihodkom in dvojnemu zaračunavanju tradicionalnih založnikov.

Uredništva MDPI delujejo hitro, zanesljivo in strokovno; objava na spletni strani je hitra, učinkovita in nemotena - vse to je težko reči za druge tradicionalne založnike.

Več revij MDPI je vključenih v kriterije, ki jih različne države uporabljajo za najzahtevnejša vrednotenja raziskav in raziskovalcev.



# Značilnosti MDPI

Po drugi strani pa je MDPI znan po agresivnem pošiljanju neželene elektronske pošte raziskovalcem za urejanje posebnih izdaj, pogosto z znanstvenih področij, na katerih prejemniki vabil niso aktivni.

Leta 2018 je celoten uredniški odbor revije *Nutrients*, ene najprestižnejših revij MDPI, množično odstopil zaradi pritiskov založnika, ki je želel znižati kriterije kakovosti, da bi zagotovil več objav.

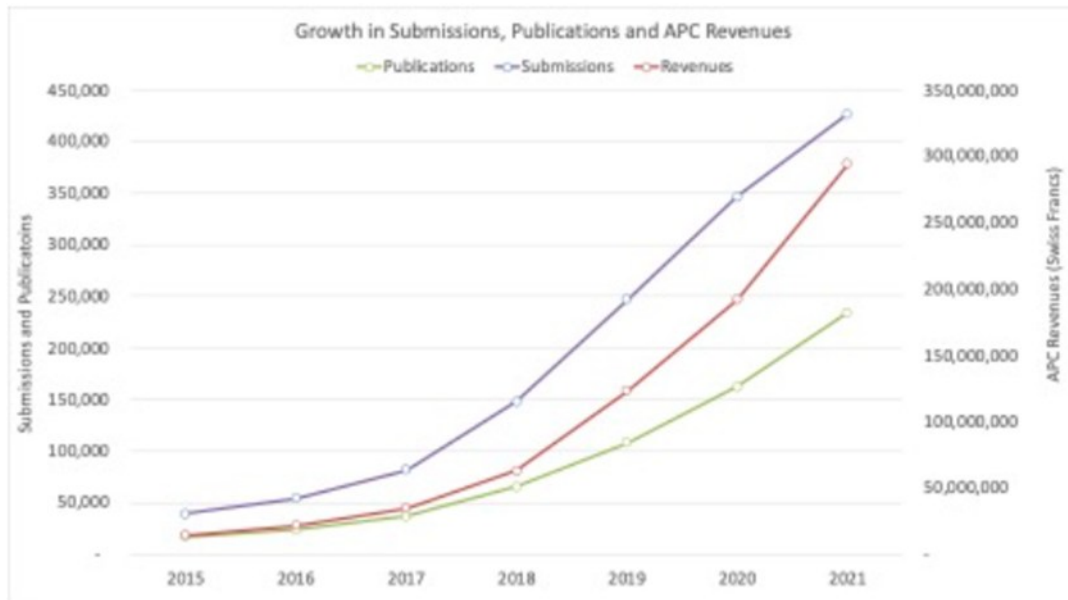
Težko trdimo oz. z gotovostjo lahko zavrnemo trditev, da je MDP plenilska založba, a številne informacije in okoliščine spodbujajo razmišljanja o tem.



# Nenavadne prakse v MDPI

- Hitra rast števila revij.
- Nerazumno veliko število posebnih izdaj.
- Nenavadno kratek čas od oddaje do objave.
- Domneve o nižanju meril kakovosti.

# Kako je tako hitra rast števila revij v MDPI mogoča?

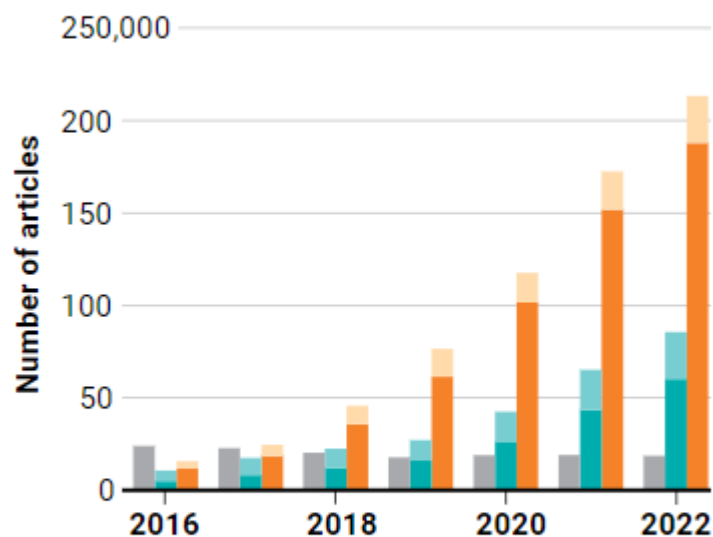


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- Kadar se nekaj tako hitro proda, je odgovor trivialen: povpraševanje. Po tem, kar prodaja MDPI, je očitno veliko in vedno večje povpraševanje. Toda kaj prodajajo, česar ne prodajajo konkurenti?
- MDPI prodaja visoko stopnjo sprejemanja člankov v objavo in zelo hiter čas objave v posebnih številkah, v revijah, ki imajo sorazmerno visok faktor vpliva.
- Večina revij MDPI sprejme približno 50 % člankov. Čeprav je to daleč od plenilskih praks (to bi bilo 100 %) in kaže, da revije MDPI članke tudi zavračajo, je stopnja sprejemanja za red velikosti višja kot pri večini klasičnih založb.
- Dejavnik vpliva, ki sicer ni na najvišji ravni, a je spodoben in v porastu.

# Nerazumno veliko število posebnih izdaj

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Vir: Science, <https://www.science.org/content/article/fast-growing-open-access-journals-stripped-coveted-impact-factors>

- Leta 2022 je skoraj 100 revij MDPI, ki imajo faktorje vpliva, objavilo več kot 17.000 posebnih števil, ki so vsebovale 187.000 člankov.
- Praktično vsa rast MDPI v zadnjih letih lahko pripišemo posebnim izdajam.
- Skeptike skrbi, da je ta praksa še posebej izpostavljena manipulacijam gostujočih urednikov.
- Gostujoče urednike ne vabijo uredništva revij temveč založba neposredno z množičnimi vabili.

Obsežna mreža posebnih števil zagotavlja, da boste našli posebno številko po vaši meri – v nasprotnem primeru lahko vedno sprejmete povabilo MDPI in si jo prilagodite po lastnih željah. Faktor vpliva izvirnega naslova je visok in vam bo koristil pri vrednotenju vašega dela.

# Nenavadno kratek čas od oddaje do objave

V letnem poročilu za leto 2020 MDPI navaja, da je povprečni čas do prve odločitve 20 dni.

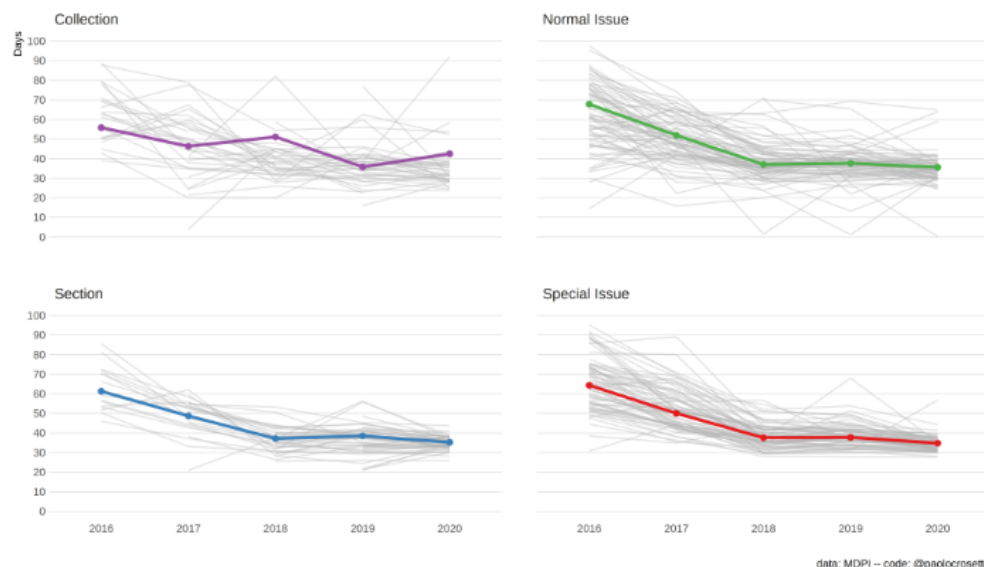
Paolo Crosetto ugotavlja tri glavne ugotovitve:

1. Ni velike razlike med običajnimi, posebnimi izdajami, razdelki in zbirkami.
2. MDPI je uspel prepoloviti čas obdelave od leta 2016 do leta 2020.
3. Poleg skrajševanja povprečnega časa do objave na ravni založbe se zmanjšujejo tudi razlike med posameznimi revijami.

Tako je približno 17 % vseh člankov v MDPI v letu 2020 - to je 25.000 člankov - sprejetih v 20 dneh po oddaji, vključno s popravki. 45 % - to je 66.000 dokumentov - je sprejetih v 30 dneh.

Vir: <https://paolocrosetto.wordpress.com/2021/04/12/is-mdpi-a-predatory-publisher/>

Submission to acceptance at MDPI - 74 journals with an IF  
One line is a journal -- bold line is the overall mean



Hitra obdelava je nedvomno prednost in MDPI je na tem področju odličen. Vendar je skrajšanje časa urednikov in referentov za znanost dobro le, če se lahko kakovost recenzijskega pregleda ohrani tudi pri tako hitrem tempu.

# Domneve o nižanju meril kakovosti

**Table 2: Papers Published in Different Rejection Rate Categories**

| Rej Rate     | 2015          | 2016          | 2017          | 2018          | 2019           | 2020           | 2021           |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <40          | 2,533         | 2,962         | 5,497         | 11,224        | 10,730         | 23,726         | 86,087         |
| 40-49        | 1,560         | 5,320         | 8,423         | 11,421        | 19,486         | 38,206         | 87,363         |
| 50-59        | 8,679         | 8,228         | 14,063        | 22,205        | 46,482         | 76,259         | 54,328         |
| >=60         | 4,607         | 7,019         | 8,692         | 20,875        | 30,997         | 24,312         | 6,158          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>17,379</b> | <b>23,529</b> | <b>36,675</b> | <b>65,725</b> | <b>107,695</b> | <b>162,503</b> | <b>233,936</b> |

**Table 3: Estimated APC from Different Rejection Rate Categories (000s CHF)**

| Rej Rate     | 2015          | 2016          | 2017          | 2018          | 2019           | 2020           | 2021           |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1 <40        | 2,102         | 2,71          | 5,200         | 10,775        | 12,275         | 27,997         | 108,297        |
| 2 40-49      | 1,295         | 4,873         | 7,968         | 10,964        | 22,292         | 45,083         | 109,903        |
| 3 50-59      | 7,204         | 7,537         | 13,304        | 21,317        | 53,175         | 89,986         | 68,345         |
| 4 >=60       | 3,823         | 6,429         | 8,223         | 20,040        | 35,461         | 28,688         | 7,747          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>14,425</b> | <b>21,553</b> | <b>34,695</b> | <b>63,096</b> | <b>123,203</b> | <b>191,754</b> | <b>294,291</b> |

**Table 4: Number of journals in each rejection rate category**

| Rej Rate     | 2015       | 2016       | 2017       | 2018       | 2019       | 2020       | 2021       |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1 <40        | 44         | 56         | 65         | 73         | 63         | 73         | 92         |
| 2 40-49      | 26         | 32         | 48         | 37         | 39         | 51         | 61         |
| 3 50-59      | 45         | 26         | 26         | 37         | 49         | 47         | 32         |
| 4 >=60       | 33         | 41         | 37         | 50         | 46         | 35         | 21         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>148</b> | <b>155</b> | <b>176</b> | <b>197</b> | <b>197</b> | <b>206</b> | <b>206</b> |

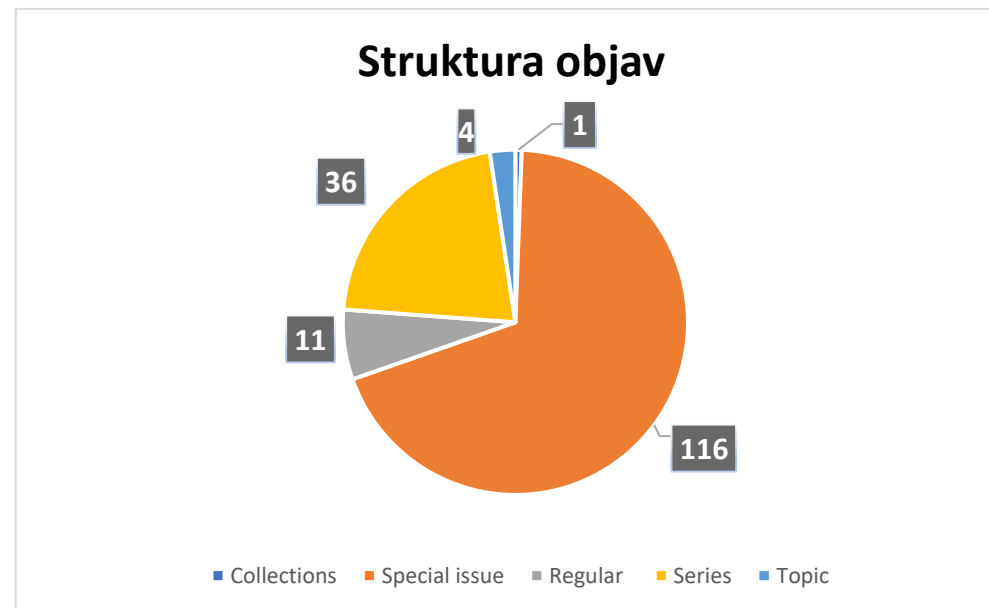
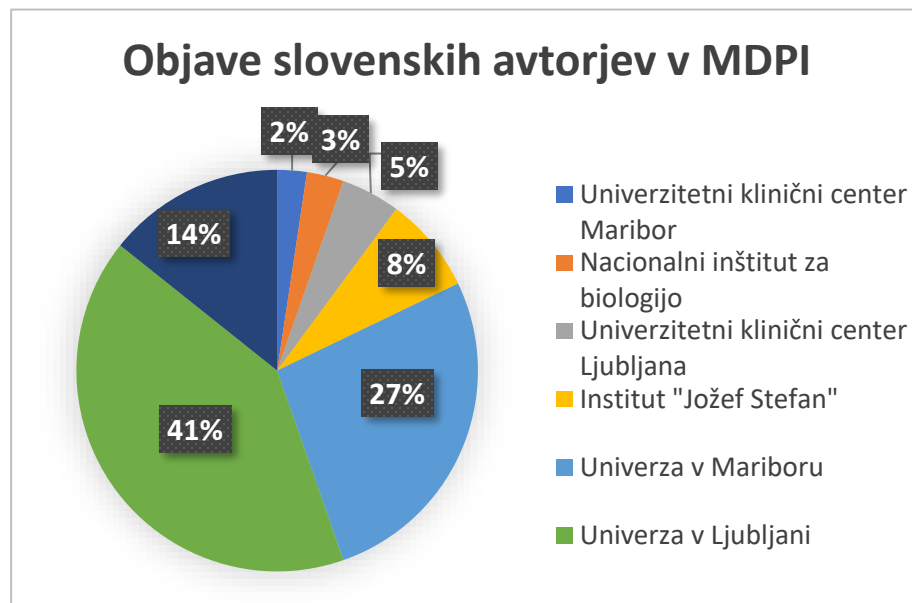
Rast števila objav je delno posledica nižjih stopenj zavrnitev. Revije z nizkimi stopnjami zavrnitev ustvarjajo večji delež publikacij in prihodkov MDPI.

Delež zavrnenega gradiva pri približno 45 % analiziranih revijah MDPI je bil nižji od 40 %. Prispevki v teh revijah predstavljajo skoraj 38 % prihodkov iz pristojbin za objavo.

Revije z več kot 50 % deležem zavrnenih prispevkov predstavljajo le nekaj več kot 25 % prihodkov.

Uvrstitev v Web of Science ne vpliva na stopnjo zavrnitve. Povprečna stopnja zavrnitve za revije, ki so uvrščene na seznam WoS, je bila 42,7 %, za revije, ki niso uvrščene na seznam, pa 41,6 %.

# Slovenske objave v MDPI



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