Reviewer’s report

Title: "Predatory" Open Access - A longitudinal study of article volumes and market characteristics

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Reviewer: Marion Broome

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The authors have done a commendable job of revising the manuscripts based on the reviewers’ comments. The purpose and research questions are clearer, previous research covered succinctly, the sampling is much better described, findings well organized and discussion expands on the findings.

I have some small editorial suggestions.

Discretionary revisions:

1. While the rest of the paper has been well edited the abstract still has a few rough spots (ie. ‘so-called’ predatory, ‘cashing in’ and should be edited as well.
2. The end of the background and prior to the presentations of the research questions would be strengthened with a summary paragraph related to gaps in prior research that this paper hopes to fill.
3. I would suggest delineating clearly next steps in terms of research.

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests