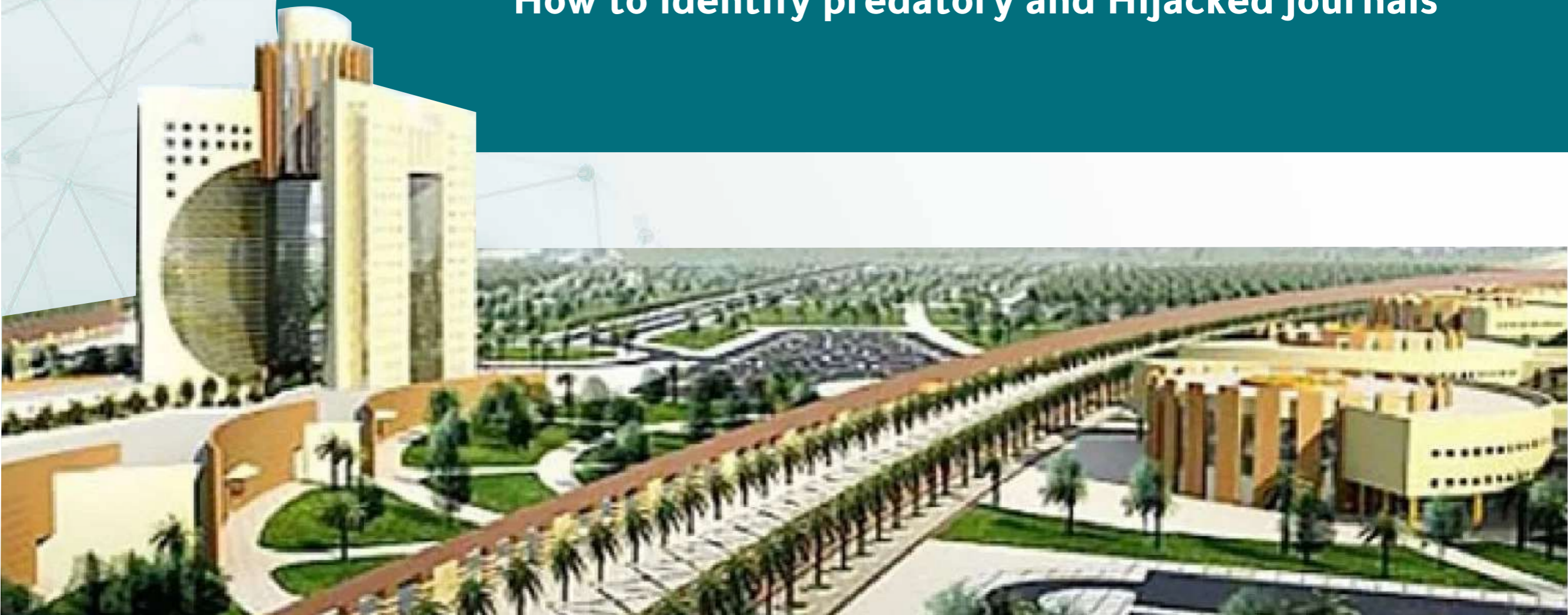




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How to identify predatory and Hijacked Journals



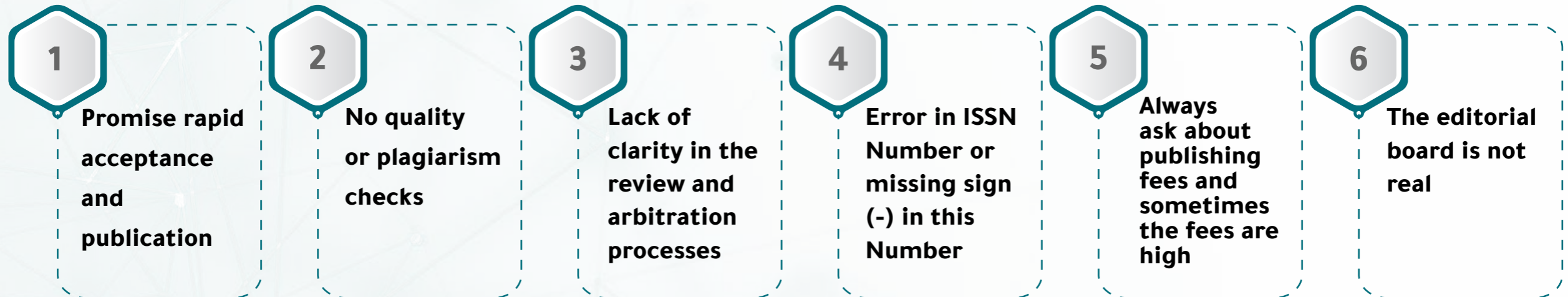
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What is predatory Journals:

Predatory journals also called fraudulent, deceptive, or pseudo journals are publications that claim to be legitimate scholarly journals, but misrepresent their publishing practices. Some common forms of predatory publishing practices include falsely claiming to provide peer review, hiding information about Article Processing Charges , misrepresenting members of the journal's editorial board, and other violations of copyright or scholarly ethics.

Signs of predatory Journals:



Ways to check predatory Journals:

1

Check the previous issues of the journal

2

Randomly review the title of any research paper published in the journal and search it in the WOS or Scopus databases

3

Scrutinizing the journal's editorial board and contact information

4

Check the journal's website accurately

5

You can check predatory Journals by scanning the barcode and insert the name of the journal or its link in the search box



How to check journals through the Scopus database

Login Scopus website using the steps mentioned in the previous guide



Type the name of the journal in the search box and click on journal's name at the result section.

The screenshot shows a search interface with a search box at the top containing the text "Enter title Type journal's name here" and a "Find sources" button. Below the search box is a notification banner titled "Improved Citescore" with a close button. To the left is a "Filter refine list" sidebar with "Apply" and "Clear filters" buttons, and "Display options" including "Display only Open Access journals" (unchecked), "Counts for 4-year timeframe" (radio buttons for "No minimum selected" and "Minimum citations"), and "View metrics for year: 2021". The main results area shows a table with columns: "Source title", "CiteScore", "Highest percentile", "Citations 2018-21", "Documents 2018-21", and "% Cited". A red box highlights the text "Click on journal's name" with an arrow pointing to the "BMC Nutrition" entry in the table. The table also includes "All" and "Export to Excel" buttons at the top.

Source title	CiteScore	Highest percentile	Citations 2018-21	Documents 2018-21	% Cited
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 BMC Nutrition <i>Open Access</i>	2.7	50% 136/276 Medicine (miscellaneous)	732	274	62

Journal information, including joining and leaving dates from the Scopus database will appear

The screenshot shows the Scopus Preview interface for the journal 'Saudi Medical Journal'. The journal title is highlighted with a red box. The page includes navigation links for 'Author Search', 'Sources', 'Create account', and 'Sign in'. The journal details section lists the publisher, ISSN, subject area, and source type. A sidebar on the right displays CiteScore 2021 (2.1), SJR 2021 (0.345), and SNIP 2021 (0.798).

Scopus Preview

Author Search Sources ? [Create account](#) [Sign in](#)

Source details

[Feedback >](#) [Compare sources >](#)

Saudi Medical Journal
Scopus coverage years: from 1979 to 2022

Publisher: Saudi Arabian Armed Forces Ministry of Defence and Activation
ISSN: 0379-5284 E-ISSN: 1658-3175
Subject area: [Medicine: General Medicine](#)
Source type: Journal

[View all documents >](#) [Set document alert](#) [Save to source list](#) [Source Homepage](#)

CiteScore 2021 2.1 ⓘ
SJR 2021 0.345 ⓘ
SNIP 2021 0.798 ⓘ

If the journal is in the Scopus database, the homepage link of the journal will appear, and by clicking it, you will be taken to the homepage of the journal (recommended)

The screenshot displays the Scopus Preview interface for the 'Saudi Medical Journal'. The page includes a header with the Scopus logo and navigation options like 'Author Search', 'Sources', 'Create account', and 'Sign In'. The main content area is titled 'Source details' and provides information about the journal, including its Scopus coverage years (1979-2022), publisher (Saudi Arabian Armed Forces Ministry of Defence and Activation), ISSN (0379-5284), E-ISSN (1658-3175), and subject area (Medicine: General Medicine). A 'Source Homepage' link is highlighted with a red box. On the right side, there are three performance metrics: CiteScore 2021 (2.1), SJR 2021 (0.345), and SNIP 2021 (0.798). At the bottom, there are links for 'CiteScore', 'CiteScore rank & trend', and 'Scopus content coverage'.

Metric	Value
CiteScore 2021	2.1
SJR 2021	0.345
SNIP 2021	0.798

In case of removing the journal from the classification, the link of journal's homepage will not appear in the Scopus database, although the name of the journal still appears in the Scopus database (note: such a journal will be vulnerable to hijacking and should be avoided). Therefore, it is preferable not to access Scopus journals through search engines such as Google and others.

Scopus Preview

Author Search Sources ? ? Create account Sign in

Source details

Feedback > Compare sources >

Scopus coverage years: from 2012 to 2020

ISSN: 1679-9941 E-ISSN: 2177-5281

Subject area: Medicine: Pediatrics, Perinatology and Child Health

Source type: Journal

[View all documents >](#) [Set document alert](#) [Save to source list](#)

CiteScore 2021 0.3

SJR 2021 0.118

SNIP 2021 0.086

Journal's homepage link is not available because it is out of classification for 2022

[CiteScore](#) [CiteScore rank & trend](#) [Scopus content coverage](#)

How to check journals through the WOS database

Login WOS website and move to the JCR using the steps mentioned in the previous guide



Type the journal's name in the search box

The screenshot shows a search interface with a search box containing the word "nutrition". The search results are displayed in a table with columns for Journal name, ISSN, eISSN, Category, Total Citations, 2021 JIF, JIF Quartile, 2021 JCI, and % of OA Gold. The search results are filtered by "MEDICINE, GENERAL & INTERNAL", "SCIE", and "JCR Year: 2021". A filter sidebar on the left shows "Filter" with a count of 3. A "14 ?" badge is visible in the bottom right corner of the table area.

172 journalsⁱ

nutrition

Copy query link Export

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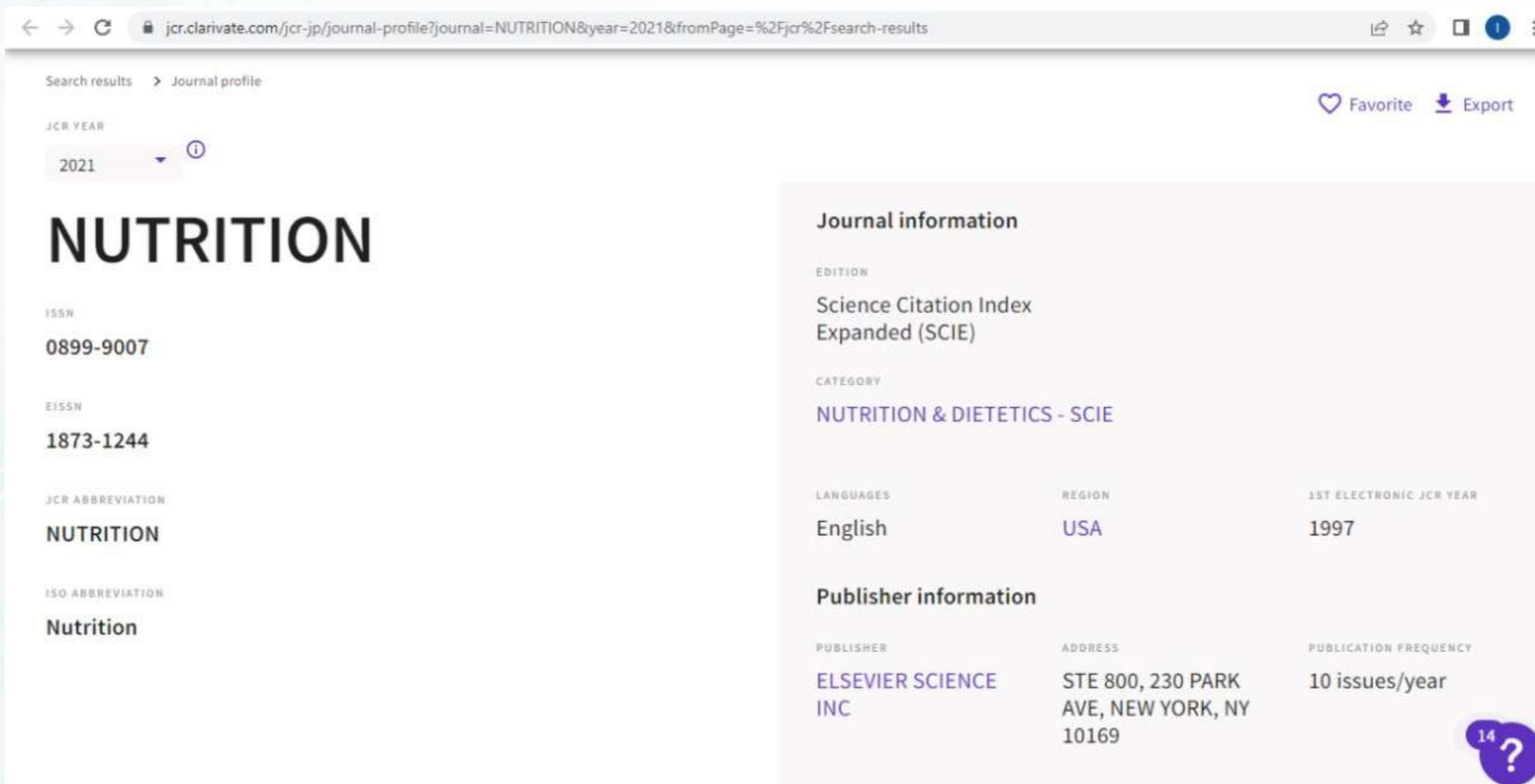
MEDICINE, GENERAL & INTERNAL SCIE JCR Year: 2021

Journal name	ISSN	eISSN	Category	Total Citations	2021 JIF	JIF Quartile	2021 JCI	% of OA Gold
<input type="checkbox"/> LANCET	0140-6736	1474-547X	MEDICINE, GENERAL & INTERNAL - SCIE	403,222	202.731	Q1	21.87	21.98 %
<input type="checkbox"/> NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL OF MEDICINE	0028-4793	1533-4406	MEDICINE, GENERAL & INTERNAL - SCIE	506,071	176.082	Q1	22.47	0.00 %
<input type="checkbox"/> JAMA-JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION	0098-7484	1538-3598	MEDICINE, GENERAL & INTERNAL - SCIE	242,430	157.375	Q1	10.46	1.49 %
<input type="checkbox"/> BMJ-British Medical Journal	0959-535X	1756-1833	MEDICINE, GENERAL & INTERNAL - SCIE	183,671	96.216	Q1	7.45	81.56 %

Filter 3

14 ?

When choosing the name of the required journal, the journal's information will appear



The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the journal profile for 'NUTRITION' on the Clarivate JCR website. The browser address bar shows the URL: `jcr.clarivate.com/jcr-jp/journal-profile?journal=NUTRITION&year=2021&fromPage=%2Fjcr%2Fsearch-results`. The page title is 'Search results > Journal profile'. A 'JCR YEAR' dropdown menu is set to '2021'. The journal name 'NUTRITION' is prominently displayed. To the right, a 'Journal information' section provides details: Edition is 'Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE)', Category is 'NUTRITION & DIETETICS - SCIE', Languages are 'English', Region is 'USA', and the first electronic JCR year is '1997'. Below this, 'Publisher information' lists 'ELSEVIER SCIENCE INC' at 'STE 800, 230 PARK AVE, NEW YORK, NY 10169' with a publication frequency of '10 issues/year'. A 'Favorite' button and an 'Export' button are visible at the top right. A small blue circular icon with the number '14' and a question mark is located in the bottom right corner of the page.

Search results > Journal profile

JCR YEAR
2021

NUTRITION

ISSN
0899-9007

EISSN
1873-1244

JCR ABBREVIATION
NUTRITION

ISO ABBREVIATION
Nutrition

Journal information

EDITION
Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE)

CATEGORY
NUTRITION & DIETETICS - SCIE

LANGUAGES	REGION	1ST ELECTRONIC JCR YEAR
English	USA	1997

Publisher information

PUBLISHER	ADDRESS	PUBLICATION FREQUENCY
ELSEVIER SCIENCE INC	STE 800, 230 PARK AVE, NEW YORK, NY 10169	10 issues/year

14 ?