

Publishing in Open Access & Identifying Predatory Journals



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Outline

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- ❖ Introduction to selection tools
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- ❖ Pre-submission preparations
- ❖ What to expect after submission
- ❖ Post Publication: what next?
- ❖ How to spot predatory journals

Expected outcomes

- ❖ Have an understanding of Open Access publishing
- ❖ Be able to identify credible Open Access Journals
- ❖ Understand how to spot predatory journals




Open access resources

- ❖ Open access to knowledge is a generic term used for knowledge resources made available in the public domain for public access or public consumption at large scale, **without any hindrance of subscription fee or access charges.**
- ❖ Open Access means, something that is **FREE** "Open access" is the term used to describe literature that is available to any reader at **no cost** on the Internet.
- ❖ It is part of a continuum ranging from completely closed, subscription/purchase only access to completely open, **no barrier publishing.**

Overview of OA publishing model

- ❖ Free digital content with no access barriers
- ❖ Copyright owner stipulates how content is used.



- ❖ Author pays Article Processing Charges Vs Subscription where reader pays
- ❖ Usually has an open button 
- ❖ Stipulate how to use the content using creative commons license

Why is the choice of journal important?

- ❖ A journal that will present your work in the best way possible
- ❖ Has impact on perception of the research quality
- ❖ Your reputation as a scholar
- ❖ Permanent access to the research
- ❖ The need to avoid publishing in a predatory journal
- ❖ A journal with widest reach

Routes to OA Publishing

- ✓ Gold OA: Publish in OA Journal (DOAJ) or Hybrid Journal
 - ❖ Copyright owner is the author
 - ❖ Publisher PDF permanently and freely available
 - ❖ APC applicable
 - ❖ Discounts and waivers: (EIFL) Electronic Information for Libraries
 - ❖ Institution and funder agreements eg Taylor & Francis
- ✓ Green OA: Archive a version of author manuscript in IR, website etc
 - ❖ Copyright with publisher
 - ❖ Archived version stipulated: [SHERPA/RoMEO](#)
 - ❖ Embargo period

NB: Discounts and waivers: Eifl (**romy@eifl.net**)

Why open access?

- ❖ Visibility and Wider reach
- ❖ Free to share your work
- ❖ More discoverable: no access barriers
- ❖ Comply with funder requirements

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Selection tools- “White List”

- ❖ [Directory of Open Access Journals](#)
- ❖ [Scimago](#)
- ❖ [Scopus preview](#)
- ❖ [Web of Science](#)
- ❖ [AJOL](#)
- ❖ [Other INASP Journal Online Projects](#)

Selection tools cont..

Some publishers have a service that aids in selecting a journal

- ❖ [Taylor and Francis Call for papers](#)
- ❖ [Springer Journal Suggester](#)
- ❖ [Emerald find a journal](#)
- ❖ [IEEE Publication Recommender](#)
- ❖ [Elsevier journal finder](#)
- ❖ [Web of Science Match Manuscript](#)
- ❖ Browsing publisher sites by subject

Mining

Subject



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31 indexed journals

Refine search results

SEE JOURNALS...

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- Without article processing charges (APCs)

Without article processing charges (APCs) X

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Results per page

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SUBJECTS

Search 508 subjects

- Agriculture
- Fine Arts
- Education
- Technology

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Revista de Metalurgia

Published by *Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas* in **Spain**
Accepts manuscripts in **Spanish, English**

Technology: Mining engineering, Metallurgy

Last updated on 1 Nov 2019

[Website](#)

No charges

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Scimago <https://www.scimagojr.com/>

Earth and Planetary Sciences | Geochemistry and Petrology | All regions / countries | All types | 2019

Only Open Access Journals | Only SciELO Journals | Only WoS Journals [?]

Display journals with at least 0 | Citable Docs. (3years) | Apply

Download data

1 - 25 of 25

Filter by Open Access (indicated by a blue arrow)

Impact factor (indicated by a blue arrow pointing to the SJR column)

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1	Geochemical Perspectives Letters	journal	2.573 Q1	18	16	104	473	429	95	4.39	29.56	
2	Journal of Applied Volcanology	journal	1.642 Q1	19	8	40	843	125	38	3.81	105.38	
3	International Journal of Mining Science and Technology	journal	1.401 Q1	39	124	432	3720	1715	424	4.57	30.00	
4	Egyptian Journal of Petroleum	journal	1.044 Q2	28	61	303	2340	1558	303	4.05	38.36	
5	Solid Earth	journal	0.993 Q2	38	113	265	8444	802	265	3.09	74.73	

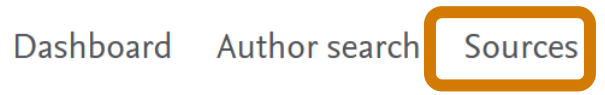
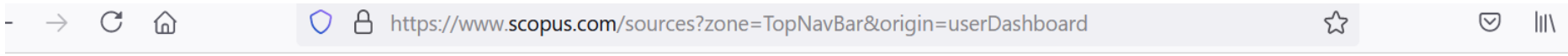
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Scopus Preview <https://www.scopus.com/home.uri>



2. Search by subject

1. Click on Sources

Sources



Enter subject area

Subject area

- Agricultural and Biological Sciences
 - Agricultural and Biological Sciences (miscellaneous)
 - Agronomy and Crop Science
 - Animal Science and Zoology
 - Aquatic Science

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Subject area

Subject: Agronomy And Crop Science x

Filter refine list

Apply Clear filters

Display options

Display only Open Access journals

Counts for 4-year timeframe

No minimum selected

Minimum citations

Minimum documents

Citescore highest quartile

Show only titles in top 10 percent

1st quartile

2nd quartile

3rd quartile

4th quartile

Source type

123 results

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All

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	CiteScore ↓	Highest percentile ↓	Citations 2016-19 ↓	Documents 2016-19 ↓	% Cited ↓
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<input type="checkbox"/> 2 <i>Plant Genome Open Access</i>	7.4	96% 13/334 Agronomy and Crop Science	1,718	231	77
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 <i>Food and Energy Security Open Access</i>	6.9	97% 4/140 Forestry	540	78	72
<input type="checkbox"/> 4 <i>Information Processing in Agriculture Open Access</i>	6.2	97% 9/402 Animal Science and Zoology	962	154	78

Display Open Access

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Web of Science Manuscript Matcher

<https://mjl.clarivate.com/search-results>

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Emerald find a journal

<https://www.emeraldgrouppublishing.com/products/journals/find-a-journal>

The screenshot shows the Emerald Publishing website's 'Find a journal' page. At the top left is the Emerald Publishing logo. A navigation menu includes 'Services', 'Products', 'Publish', 'How-to', 'Our goals', and 'About'. The breadcrumb trail reads 'Home > Products > Journals > Find a journal'. The main heading is 'Find a journal', followed by the text 'Quickly locate specific journals with our alphabetical listing or search and browse'. A search bar contains the text 'Search for a journal name or ISSN number'. Below the search bar, there are two filter options: 'Filter by subject: Engineering' and 'Show only journals with open access'. Two yellow callout boxes with blue arrows point to these filters: 'Search by subject' points to the subject filter, and 'Filter by OA' points to the open access filter. At the bottom of the page, there is an alphabetical index (A-Z), a privacy policy notice, and two buttons: 'Accept all cookies' and 'Manage cookies'.

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Taylor and Francis Call for Papers

<https://authorservices.taylorandfrancis.com/call-for-papers/>

The screenshot shows the Taylor and Francis call for papers website. The navigation bar at the top includes links for 'Publishing your research', 'Choose Open', 'Research impact', 'Policies', and 'Insights blog'. Below this is a grid of subject categories, each with a checkbox. The 'Engineering & Technology' checkbox is checked, and a blue arrow points to it from a yellow box labeled 'Check box'. At the bottom of the grid, a blue 'Load' button is visible, with a blue arrow pointing to it from a yellow box labeled 'Click on load'. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows various application icons and the system clock displaying 9:07 AM on 4/6/2021.

<input type="checkbox"/> Area Studies	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Leisure Studies
<input type="checkbox"/> Arts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engineering & Technology	
<input type="checkbox"/> Behavioral Sciences	<input type="checkbox"/> Environment & Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing & Allied H...
<input type="checkbox"/> Bioscience	<input type="checkbox"/> Environment & Sustainability	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum and Heritage Studies
<input type="checkbox"/> Built Environment	<input type="checkbox"/> Food Science & Technology	<input type="checkbox"/> Physical Sciences
<input type="checkbox"/> Communication Studies	<input type="checkbox"/> Geography	<input type="checkbox"/> Politics & International Relations
<input type="checkbox"/> Computer Science	<input type="checkbox"/> Health and Social Care	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Sciences
<input type="checkbox"/> COVID-19	<input type="checkbox"/> Humanities	<input type="checkbox"/> Sociology & Criminology
<input type="checkbox"/> Development Studies	<input type="checkbox"/> Information Science	<input type="checkbox"/> Sports and Leisure
<input type="checkbox"/> Earth Sciences	<input type="checkbox"/> Language & Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Tourism, Hospitality and Events
<input type="checkbox"/> Economics, Finance, Business & Indust...	<input type="checkbox"/> Law	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Studies

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Taylor and Francis Journal Suggester

<https://authorservices.taylorandfrancis.com/publishing-your-research/choosing-a-journal/journal-suggester/>

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://authorservices.taylorandfrancis.com/journal-suggester/>. The page header includes "AUTHOR SERVICES" and a navigation menu icon. Below the header, a breadcrumb trail reads "Home > Journal Suggester: find the best home for your article". The main content area features a large blue banner with the text "Journal Suggester BETA" and "Helping you find the best home for your research article". A red "Feedback" button is visible on the right side of the banner. Below the banner, a dark grey box contains the text "There are two easy steps" followed by "Step 1 - paste in the full abstract of your article" and "Step 2 - click on 'reveal suggested journals'". At the bottom of the page, there is a light grey input field with the placeholder text "Paste your abstract here...". A blue arrow points from a yellow box labeled "Paste abstract" to this input field.

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Browse Sage by Discipline & Subcategory- Engineering

<http://journals.sagepub.com.elibraryku.remotexs.co/action/showPublications>

Browse

Browse a list of journals by selecting a discipline and/or subject. Use the A-Z option to filter to journals beginning with that letter. You can also add journals to your favorites or set up email alerts for new content by selecting the journal tick box and clicking the corresponding button. Alternatively, discover the latest content by clicking on the 'Explore Discipline Hubs' button below.

Explore Discipline Hubs

Discipline Life & Biomedical Sciences

Choose Discipline

All 0-9 A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Search Within

Add Alerts

Add to Favorites

- Air, Soil and Water Research
- Energy Exploration & Exploitation
- Environmental Health Insights

Journal in Energy

Demo and exercise

❖ Selection Tools

Exercise

❖ Web of Science Match Manuscript

- ❖ Login to web of Science
- ❖ Enter manuscript title and abstract
- ❖ Identify an OA journal
- ❖ Check
 - Aims and Scope,
 - Frequency
 - Turn around time
 - Article Processing Charges (APC)
- ❖ Go to one of the journal home page

Demo and exercise - Links

- ✓ **DOAJ** <https://doaj.org/>
- ✓ **Scimago** <https://www.scimagojr.com/>
- ✓ **Scopus Preview** <https://www.scopus.com/home.uri>
- ✓ **Web of Science Manuscript Matcher**
<https://mjl.clarivate.com/search-results>
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- ✓ **Emerald find a journal**
<https://www.emeraldgrouppublishing.com/products/journals/find-a-journal>

Criteria for choosing a journal

Journal information found on Website as:

- ❖ Information for authors
- ❖ Publish with us
- ❖ About the journal
- ❖ Author resources
- ❖ Call for papers

NB: Instructions are journal specific

Criteria for choosing a journal cont...

- ❖ Journal audience. Broad vs subject specific
- ❖ Regional vs international?
- ❖ type of submission- empirical research, review paper, brief report, thought piece, book review, book chapter?
- ❖ Journals aims and scope

Criteria for choosing a journal cont...

- ❖ Reputation of the journal
- ❖ Acceptance/rejection rates
- ❖ Quality of accepted articles
- ❖ No of issues in a year
- ❖ Turnaround time-
 - ✓ **early cite, acceptance and publication**

Criteria for choosing a journal cont...

- ❖ Are there any article processing charges?
 - ❖ Article processing charges (APC) \$1,000 to \$5,000(EIFL)
 - ❖ Elsevier \$150 and \$9900 US Dollars
 - ❖ [EIFL negotiated APCs?](#)
- ❖ **Any waivers for developing countries?**
 - ❖ (Cambridge, Wiley, Taylor and Francis, Sage, OUP)

[Journals with waivers/discounts \(https://www.eifl.net\)](https://www.eifl.net)

- ❖ Is the journal visible and accessible - in our subscribed databases
- ❖ Publication timelines - how many issues a year?
- ❖ Be realistic in your choice

Criteria for choosing a journal cont...

- ❖ Indexing and Visibility? Scopus, Web of Science, Scimago? Pubmed, Medline, Google Scholar?
- ❖ Is it indexed in discovery tools: Ebsco, ProQuest, WorldCat Discovery
- ❖ Read the peer review policy
- ❖ Review their sample papers
- ❖ Impact factor (Journal Citation Reports, Scimago, Source Normalized Impact Per Paper(SNIP))
- ❖ Option for rapid publication?

Taylor & Francis

<https://taylorandfrancis.com/partnership/commercial/accelerated-publication/#track>

Fast Track	Rapid Track
<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Publish in 3-5 weeks from submission*❖ Submission to acceptance: 2-3 weeks❖ 1-2 weeks for peer review†❖ 1 week for author revision❖ Acceptance to online publication: 1-2 weeks, with proofs within 5 working days and 48 hours for author review❖ Cost per article: \$7000 / €6200 / £5500	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Publish in 7-9 weeks from submission*❖ Submission to acceptance: 5-6 weeks❖ 3-4 weeks for peer review❖ 2 weeks for author revision❖ Acceptance to online publication: 2-3 weeks, with proofs within 10 working days❖ Cost per article: \$3900 / €3400 / £3000

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Before sending your manuscript

- ❖ Good idea to do a cover letter
- ❖ One publisher at a time
- ❖ Obtain co-authors' consent
- ❖ Agree on authorship and order of author list
 - ❖ [International Comm. Of Med. Journals editors](#)
 - ❖ [Harvard Medical School author guidelines](#)
- ❖ Declare any conflict of interest
- ❖ Have plan B incase of rejection

Before sending your manuscript cont...

- ❖ Proof read
- ❖ Check against author instructions
- ❖ Cover letter



Have a checklist



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What to expect after submission

- ❖ Accept
- ❖ Accept with minor revision
- ❖ Accept with major revision
- ❖ Reject



Why do articles get rejected?


- ❖ Mismatch between the manuscript and the journal aims and scope.
- ❖ Sent to the wrong journal
- ❖ Not aligned to author instruction
- ❖ Nothing new is found or stated
- ❖ Poor English and language-proof read

What are your options if rejected?

- ❖ Abandon the paper
- ❖ Send the paper with no review to another journal
- ❖ Review the reasons for the rejection and act
- ❖ Submit to another journal



Points to note in manuscript submission

- ❖ One publisher at a time
- ❖ Read and understand the publishing contract
- ❖ Corporate email
- ❖ Author list
- ❖ Researcher ID
 - ❖ ORCID Open Researcher and Contributor ID 

Post publication: what next?

- ❖ Update your scholar profiles
- ❖ Upload in Institutional Repositories

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Predatory journals defined

- ❖ Term coined by Jeffrey Beall
- ❖ Corrupt and exploit the author pay model i.e. Open Access
- ❖ Charges without providing request value addition services
 - ❖ Quality checks: Peer review, language editing, formatting etc
- ❖ False or misleading information: Indexing, Membership, IF
- ❖ Do not follow best practices in publishing

Why are they so tempting?

Credible journals



Peer review, Revisions, Rejections

Predatory journals



Greetings, We Adore Your Research!

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Signs of a predatory journal

- ❖ Does the journal promise more than it can reasonably deliver?
- ❖ Editorial or review board: credible, verifiable, qualification, affiliation, duplicate
- ❖ The publisher releases/starts with unrealistically large number of new journals
- ❖ Aggressive and indiscriminate solicitation of content
- ❖ Check website-contact information and general appearance
- ❖ Lack of transparency in Article Processing Charges (APCs)

Signs of a predatory journal cont...

- ❖ Little or no evidence of peer review and editorial services
- ❖ Guaranteed publication
- ❖ Is it indexed by search engines?
- ❖ When you Google the title of the journal, is the first hit the journal website or a blog on why the journal is a fraud?
- ❖ Quick acceptance and publication
- ❖ Unrealistically broad coverage
- ❖ **Quality of past issues**

Signs of a predatory journal cont...

- ❖ Bealls list of predatory journals and publishers
 - ❖ <https://beallslist.net/>
- ❖ Cabell's list of predatory journals
- ❖ False or misleading information
- ❖ If it claims to be indexed by a reputable database (e.g. ones from EBSCO, ProQuest, Thompson Reuters, etc.), verify

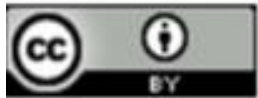


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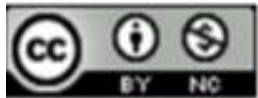
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