

# Finding Reputable Journals: Library Tools to Identify Credible Publications

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# Publish to Share Knowledge

“...knowledge is acquired cumulatively and collaboratively—and the principal mode for sharing this knowledge is the institution of scholarly publishing.”



Trinity College Library, Photo S. Stapleton

# Objectives

1. Develop strategies and discover tools to identify credible venues for your research
2. Learn tools to identify prominent publications in your field
3. Understand warning signs of potentially fraudulent publishers
4. Develop skills to build upon trustworthy information



# Publishing Experience

Have you published your research before?



The Journal Times, A. Rogan, 11/1/2018

# Ethics of Authorship

1. Understand what merits authorship  
(see 4 criteria recommended by ICMJE)
2. Learn expectations of author order in the discipline  
(first, last, corresponding)
3. Review the role of the corresponding author

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# Four Criteria for Authorship from ICMJE

1. Substantial contributions to the conception or design of the work; or the acquisition, analysis, or interpretation of data for the work; AND
2. Drafting the work or revising it critically for important intellectual content; AND
3. Final approval of the version to be published; AND
4. Agreement to be accountable for all aspects of the work in ensuring that questions related to the accuracy or integrity of any part of the work are appropriately investigated and resolved.

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## **Ten simple rules for avoiding predatory publishing scams**

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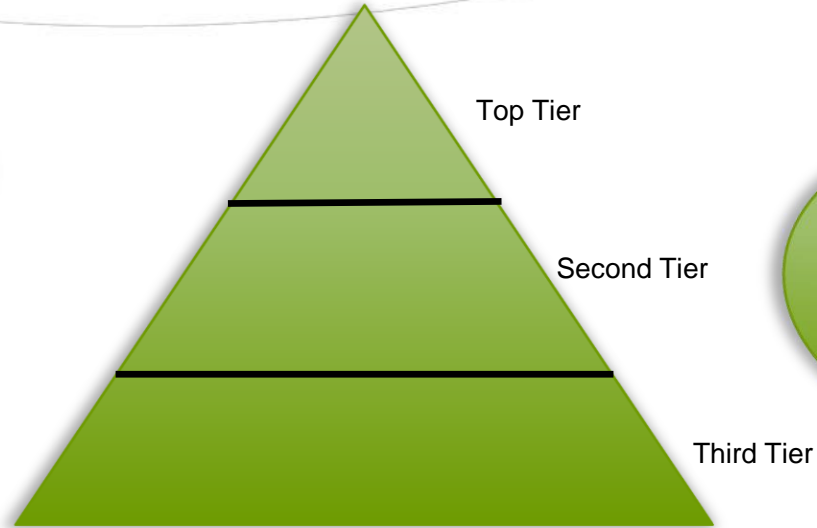
# Publishing Options Abound





# Journal Selection Personal Hierarchy of Preference

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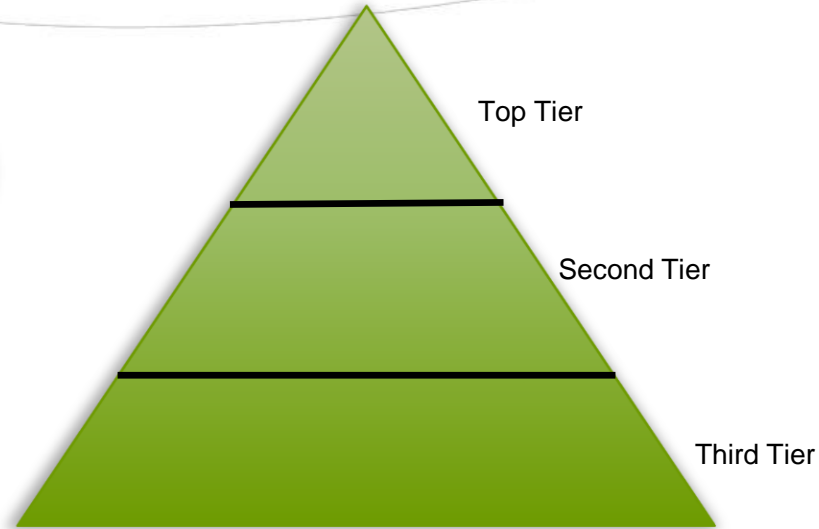


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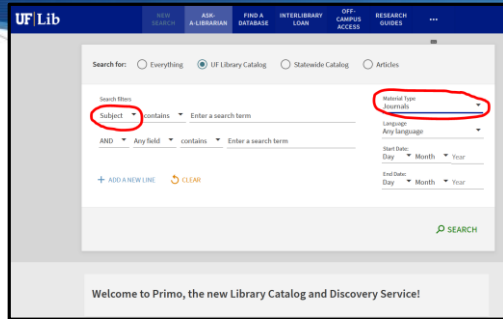
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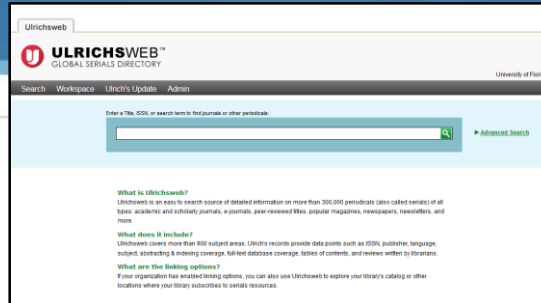
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# Find Journals by Topic: Examples



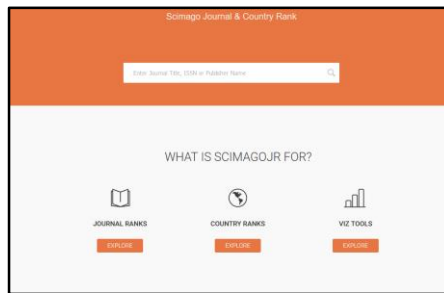
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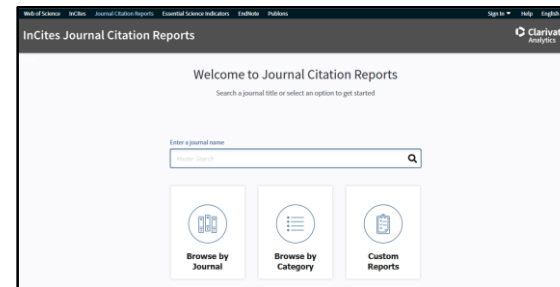
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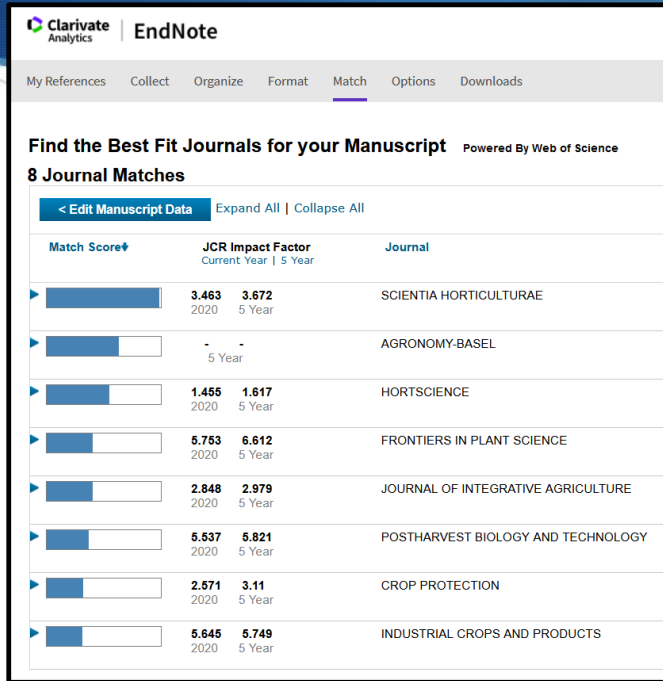
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# Find Journals with Database Tools



Example: EndNote Manuscript Matcher  
(Similar to Elsevier's JournalFinder)



Example: Scimago Journal & Country Rank, SJR

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- Scramble to protect scooping.
- Request matching authors, articles or publications.

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	Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association : JAMIA <span>Medline-indexed</span> <span>PMC</span>	1.3	Show articles
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	Journal of interprofessional care <span>Medline-indexed</span>	0.4	Show articles

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# Evaluating Possible Publishing Venues

## Criteria

Is this a good  
publication for my  
work?

1. Appropriate scope
2. Quality content
3. Publisher
4. Scholarly impact
5. Author's rights
6. Professional ethics

# Appropriate Scope

- What is the mission of the publication? Does your research fit within the aims & scope of this venue?
- Are your findings new or novel? Will they stimulate and contribute to conversations on topics covered by the publication?
- See the description about the journal or book series.
- Read recently published articles.

# Appropriate Scope

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Book proposal

## Journal of Ethnobiology

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### Scope

Mission

The Journal of Ethnobiology (JoE) is a quarterly, peer-reviewed scientific journal published by the Society of Ethnobiology. Founded in 1981, JoE is the oldest ethnobiological journal in the world to publish original interdisciplinary research on past and present inter-relations between humans and their biological worlds.

Sustained by a large global community of scholars in ethnobiology, JoE is committed to push the boundaries of knowledge through the publication of robust ethnobiological research with great societal impact and high policy relevance. As one of the world leading scientific journals in ethnobiology, JoE has a particular interest in research that has the potential to increase the voice of ethnobiologists in global conversations about environmental change, planetary sustainability and Indigenous Peoples' rights, among others.

Journal submission

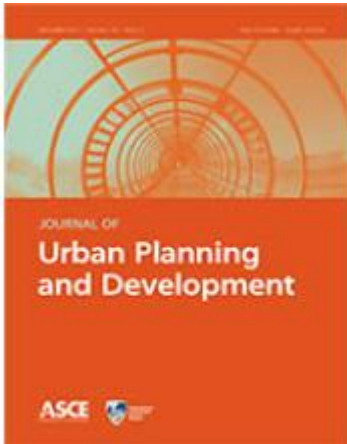
# Who ensures the quality of the content published?

## Editorial Board



- The editorial board establishes and maintains the quality of content published.
- Who is on the editorial board? Does their expertise complement the scope of the publication?
- Are diverse perspectives represented?

# Editorial Board - example



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# Who ensures the quality of the content published?

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### Peer Review Process

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# Quality of Content Published

Can you think of other indicators of quality content?

# Evaluating Publishing Venues

## Criteria

1. Appropriate scope
2. Quality content
3. Publisher
4. Scholarly impact
5. Author's rights
6. Professional ethics



# Publisher

- Who owns the publication?
- What are the revenue sources to produce the publication?
- What services does the publisher provide?

# Publisher Examples



Society publisher

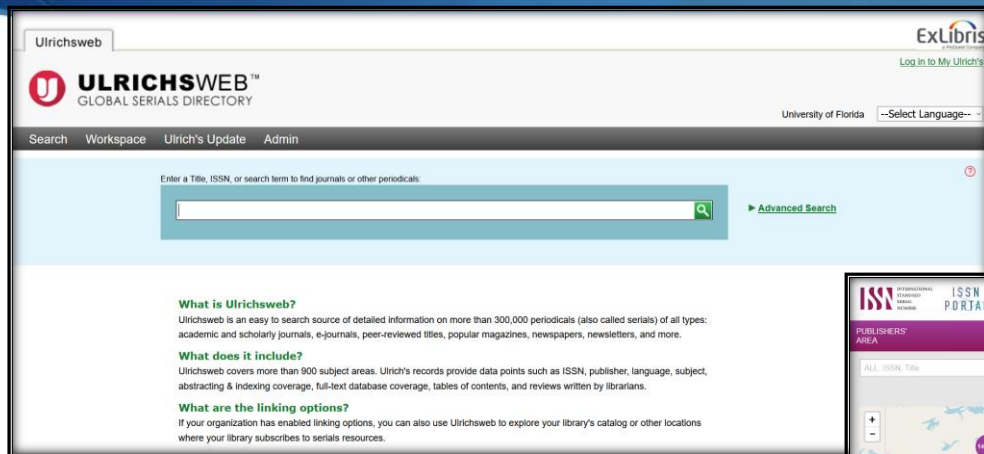
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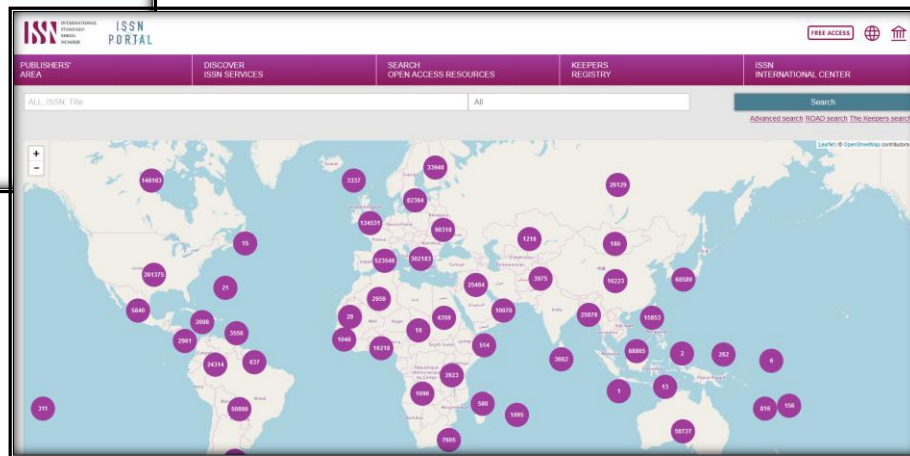
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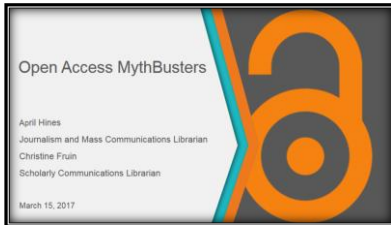
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# What is Open Access Publishing?

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## Open Access (OA) Definition

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- Gold OA **journals** provide free, immediate access to the articles via publisher web sites that may or may not carry author fees. The Public Library of Science (PLOS) is an example.
- There are hybrid OA journals providing Gold OA for authors who pay an up-front-fee to publish on their journal's web site.




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Information for authors on the Libraries' investments to make open access publishing more affordable.

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### Open Access Publishing Models

A variety of business and sustainability models are emerging to support open access publishing long-term. The Libraries directly support organizations, publications, and initiatives in the following ways:

**Read & Publish:** A Read & Publish agreement is an agreement in which the Libraries bundle payments for reading (library users are able to access and read published content) and publishing (authors are able to publish open access with no out-of-pocket costs) into a single contract. These are referred to as "transformative" agreements in that they seek to shift library funding away from traditional subscription-based reading and toward open access publishing. Examples include the Libraries' current agreements with Cambridge University Press and the Royal Society.

**Memberships:** Several content providers offer open access memberships. The Libraries pay annual membership fees which help not only to cover publication costs associated with making content open access, but often provide discounts for UF authors who wish to publish open access. Examples include the Libraries' current memberships with BioMed Central, Luminos, and Open Book Publishers.

**Subscribe to Open:** In this model, the Libraries receive a discount from publishers for annual subscription fees. If enough libraries continue to subscribe, the publisher will make the content open access and available to non-subscribers. An example is the Libraries' current agreement with Annual Reviews.

### Status of UF Open Access Publishing Fund

After the conclusion of a four-year program, the UF Open Access Publishing Fund is now on indefinite hiatus. Administered by the Smathers Libraries and the Faculty Senate University Libraries Committee with support from the Provost's Office, the fund has supported nearly 400 open access publications since 2017.

Authors may wish to inquire with their departments about other sources of funds, or with journals about potential fee waivers.

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# Scholarly Impact

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- Indexing: Do reputable subject databases include content from this publication?
- Citation metrics

# Indexing by Reputable Databases

## The journal evaluation process for the Web of Science Core Collection

1. Initial Triage    2. Editorial Triage    3. Editorial Evaluation

Quality Criteria			Impact Criteria
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Eligible titles are reviewed according to a combination of quantitative and qualitative selection criteria:

Journal Policy	Quality of Content	Journal Standing	Regularity	Online Availability
Convincing editorial concept/policy	Academic contribution to the field	Citedness of journal articles, including self-citation rate	No delay or interruption in publication schedules	Content available online
Type of peer-review	Clarity of abstracts	For local Chinese journals, ISTIC & other national rankings are consulted	Volume/issue frequency and article output should be reliable and predictable	Digital policies and preservation practices
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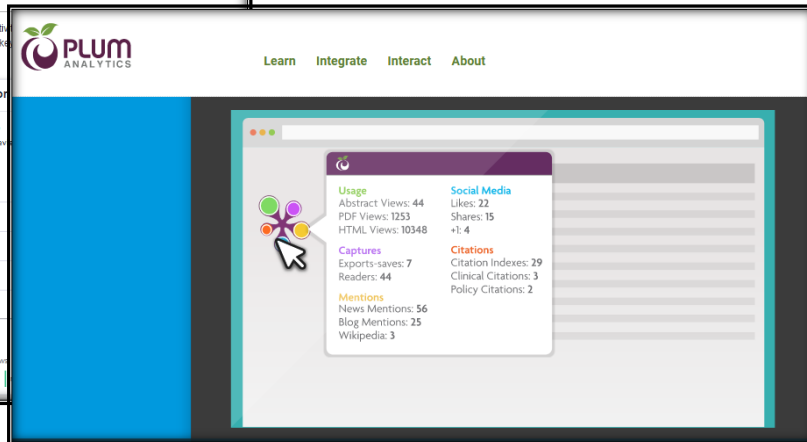
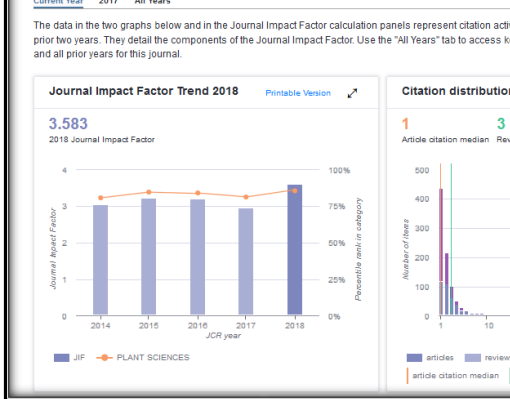
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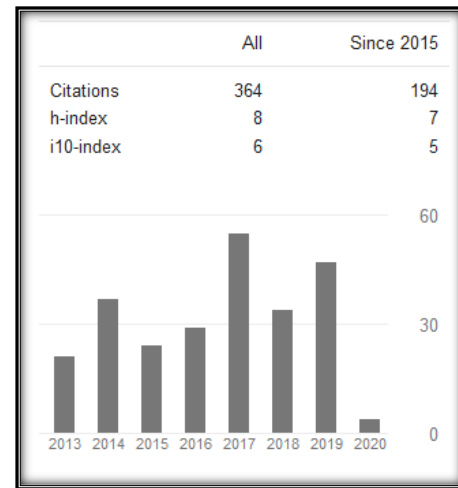
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- Indexing: Do reputable subject databases include content from this publication?
- Citation metrics: Journal Impact Factor, Journal Citation Report, Scopus, SciMago, Eigenfactor.org, Publish or Perish, CWTS Leiden University, altmetrics, h-index, etc.

# Research Metrics Examples



Journal level metrics

Article level metrics



Author level metrics

# Evaluating Publishing Venues for Quality

## Criteria

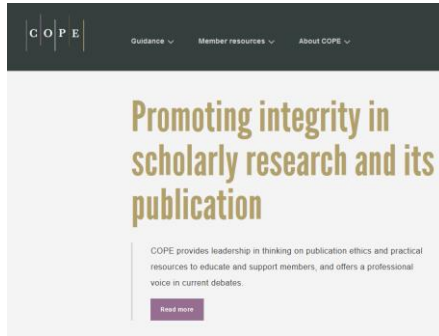
1. Appropriate scope
2. Quality content
3. Publisher
4. Scholarly impact
5. Author's rights
6. Professional ethics

# Author's Rights

- Copyright and licensing: who owns the published content? Is the author permitted to post pre-prints? Are permissions for re-use detailed with a Creative Commons license?
- Transparency of all author-provided fees (Article Processing Charges, APCs)
- What is the expected duration for the review process?



# Professional Ethics



<https://publicationethics.org/>

- How are alleged instances of research misconduct handled?
- Is the publisher a member of a scholarly publishing ethics organization such as Committee on Publishing Ethics (COPE)?
- Does the publication have a unique name and secure website to avoid mimicry?

# Do Your Due Diligence to Avoid Untrustworthy Publishers

Is the Journal intentionally dubious or potentially fraudulent?

Assess the journal's

- Editorial Board Composition
- Peer Review Policy
- Transparent Fees



Assess the publisher and publication before committing funds or losing rights to your research

# Beware Unsolicited Invitations



Dear Stapleton, SC,

Hope that you're having a good day.

We get to know your research paper titled "[title]", which has been published in [Journal Name], and the topic of the paper has impressed us a lot.

Due to your rich academic experience and excellent research accomplishments, we will feel honored if you could submit papers to our journal and join as an Editorial Board Member or Reviewer.

# Examples of Mimicry



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The screenshot shows a hijacked website for Ciências e Técnicas in Vitivinícola. The page features a navigation bar with links for HOME, SUBSCRIBE, CONTACT, and a prominent green 'SUBMIT MANUSCRIPT' button. Below the navigation, there are sections for 'About Journal' and 'About Journal' with a red arrow pointing to the 'About Journal' section. The 'About Journal' section contains text describing the journal as a peer-reviewed, open access journal that publishes novel findings that elucidate disease pathogenesis at the molecular or physiological level, which may lead to the design of specific tools for diagnosis, treatment, or prevention of diseases. The text also mentions that articles published by Frontiers in Molecular Medicine will be selected and peer reviewed by highly qualified researchers across the globe in the scope of journal and is made available to all the readers soon after acceptance. Other than interpreting the manuscripts based on their novelty we will evaluate them based on ethical standards and methodological rigor.

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The Editorial Board warns all authors who want to publish their articles in the *Ciências e Técnicas in Vitivinícola* that this journal has been hijacked and therefore the articles must be submitted through this authentic website. In addition, publishing in this journal is free of charge.  
The hijacked version website is [ciencia-e-tecnica.org](http://ciencia-e-tecnica.org) and a publication fee of 454 USD is being requested.  
Please do not visit the hijacked website and alert your colleagues and other members of your institution on this issue. Since the efforts made by the Portuguese authorities to solve this criminal situation did not succeed, spread this notice is the only way to minimize the problem.

<https://www.ctv-jve-journal.org/>



# Predatory Publishers: The Case of OMICS Group

The New York Times

## The Price for 'Predatory' Publishing? \$50 Million

The Federal Trade Commission accused Omics International, a publisher in India, of operating hundreds of questionable scientific journals. A federal judge agreed.



Following a complaint by the FTC., a federal judge has ordered a large publisher of online scientific journals to change its business practices -- and to pay an enormous judgment. Alex Brandon/Associated Press

G. Kolata, NYT 4/3/2019



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Is there  
hope?

# Predatory Publishers: The Problems with Lists

Is there a list  
I can check to  
see if this  
publication is  
trustworthy?

## Predatory Publishing Lists

- Jeffrey Beall's list today
- Cabell's Journalytics / Predatory Reports

# Carefully choose where to share your scholarship



Choose the right journal for your research

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<https://thinkcheckattend.org/>

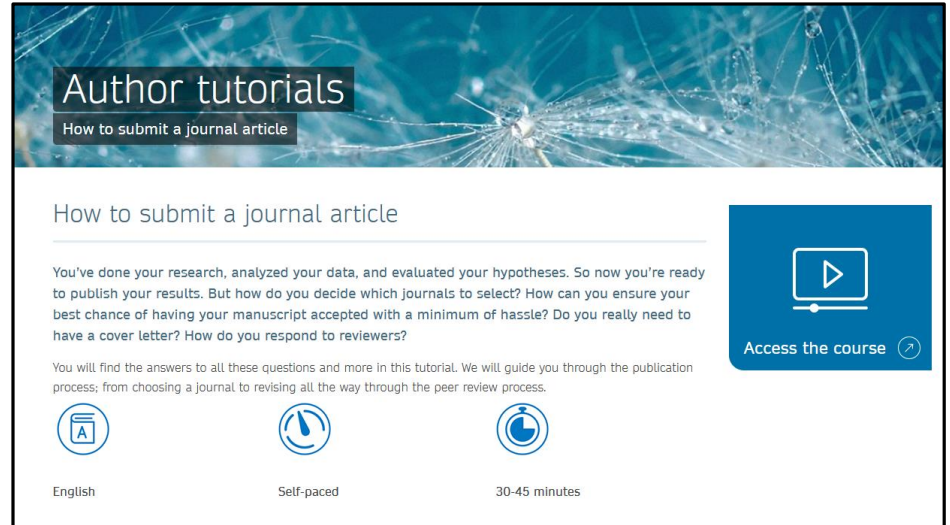
# Develop your skills as a scholarly author

There are many resources available

- Evaluate others' publications
- Complete trainings & tutorials
- Request reviews of your writing

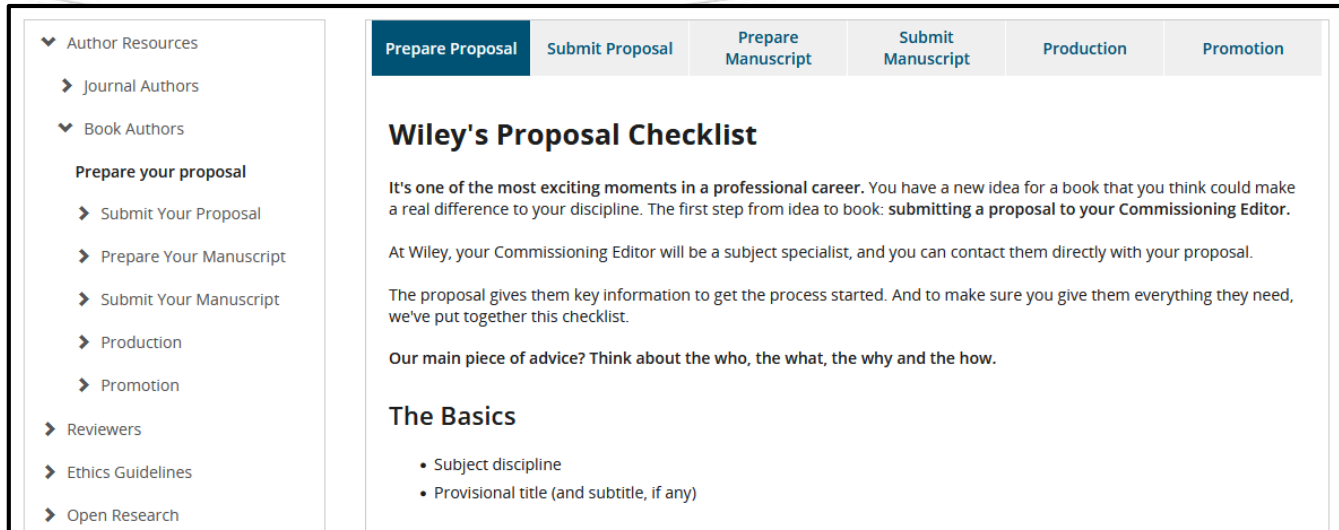
As your experience grows,

- Offer to serve as a peer reviewer



The screenshot shows a webpage titled 'Author tutorials' with a sub-header 'How to submit a journal article'. The main heading is 'How to submit a journal article'. Below this, there is a paragraph of text: 'You've done your research, analyzed your data, and evaluated your hypotheses. So now you're ready to publish your results. But how do you decide which journals to select? How can you ensure your best chance of having your manuscript accepted with a minimum of hassle? Do you really need to have a cover letter? How do you respond to reviewers?'. Below the text, there are three icons: a book icon labeled 'English', a clock icon labeled 'Self-paced', and a clock icon labeled '30-45 minutes'. On the right side, there is a blue button with a play icon and the text 'Access the course' with an external link arrow.

# Publishers' Guidance for Book Authors: Example Wiley's Book Proposal Checklist



The image shows a screenshot of the Wiley website's 'Book Authors' section. On the left is a navigation menu with a tree structure. The main content area has a horizontal tabbed interface with six tabs: 'Prepare Proposal' (active), 'Submit Proposal', 'Prepare Manuscript', 'Submit Manuscript', 'Production', and 'Promotion'. The 'Prepare Proposal' tab is selected, displaying the 'Wiley's Proposal Checklist' page. The page content includes an introductory paragraph, a paragraph about contacting the Commissioning Editor, a paragraph about the proposal's purpose, and a section titled 'The Basics' with a bulleted list of advice.

▼ Author Resources

- ▶ Journal Authors
- ▼ Book Authors
  - Prepare your proposal**
    - ▶ Submit Your Proposal
    - ▶ Prepare Your Manuscript
    - ▶ Submit Your Manuscript
    - ▶ Production
    - ▶ Promotion
  - ▶ Reviewers
  - ▶ Ethics Guidelines
  - ▶ Open Research

Prepare Proposal | Submit Proposal | Prepare Manuscript | Submit Manuscript | Production | Promotion

## Wiley's Proposal Checklist

It's one of the most exciting moments in a professional career. You have a new idea for a book that you think could make a real difference to your discipline. The first step from idea to book: **submitting a proposal to your Commissioning Editor**.

At Wiley, your Commissioning Editor will be a subject specialist, and you can contact them directly with your proposal.

The proposal gives them key information to get the process started. And to make sure you give them everything they need, we've put together this checklist.

**Our main piece of advice? Think about the who, the what, the why and the how.**

### The Basics

- Subject discipline
- Provisional title (and subtitle, if any)

I hope you are now better able to...

- Use strategies and tools to identify credible outlets for your research
- Understand warning signs of potentially fraudulent publishers



“It is a common assumption that publications are the output of research. This is a simplistic understanding of the role of publication in science. Publication can just as well be seen as a (vital) part of the research process itself. Publications and citations constitute the scientific discourse.”

Larsen & von Ins, 2010  
doi: [10.1007/s11192-010-0202-z](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11192-010-0202-z)

# Selected Relevant Resources

## Search for Journals

- Library catalog for Journal Title [https://ufl-flvc.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/search?vid=01FALSC\\_UFL:UFL&lang=en](https://ufl-flvc.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/search?vid=01FALSC_UFL:UFL&lang=en)
- Ulrich's Global Periodical Directory: <http://ulrichsweb.serialssolutions.com/>
- ISSN Portal <https://portal.issn.org/>
- Web of Science InCites Journal Citation Reports <http://journalprofile.clarivate.com/jif/home/>
- Scimago [www.scimagojr.com](http://www.scimagojr.com)
- Journal/Author Name Estimator (JANE), <https://jane.biosemantics.org/>

## Publishing Ethics

- Ethics of Authorship and Peer Review tabs in Responsible Conduct of Research LibGuide: <http://guides.uflib.ufl.edu/stemrcr/>
- Principles of Transparency and Best Practices in Scholarly Publishing: <https://oaspa.org/principles-of-transparency-and-best-practice-in-scholarly-publishing/>
- Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE), <https://publicationethics.org>
- Think. Check. Submit. <https://thinkchecksubmit.org/>
- Think. Check. Attend. <https://thinkcheckattend.org/>
- Navigating Questionable Publishing Practices (UF Faculty Senate presentation, 1/30/2020, 17 min) <https://ufdc.ufl.edu/IR00011093/00001>
- Deciding Where to Publish recording (version 3/18/2020, 43 min) <https://ufdc.ufl.edu/IR00011124/00001>



# Thank you!

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