



# Targeting Journal to get published your manuscript

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# Announcement

1. Questions will be answered after presentation.
2. The survey and handouts will be provided after the session.

# Agenda



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Source that we trusted

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Exploring and selecting Scopus journals

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Before submitting your manuscript

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Q & A



# Source that We Trusted



# Authoritative and Credible Information: Sources that we trusted.

- When working with new information, **especially online sources**, what evidence suggests that the content is credible, accurate, and authoritative?
- Examine the following criteria when evaluating information:
  - **Authorship:** Is the author an expert in the field? Does the author identify him/herself?
  - **Publisher:** Is the publisher credible or established?
  - **Timeliness:** When was the content created? When was it last updated?
  - **Sponsorship:** Do credible sources (e.g. media outlets, academics, experts) link to or share the content on their own sites?
  - **Footnotes and bibliography:** Does the author cite credible sources? Did the author conduct research while creating content



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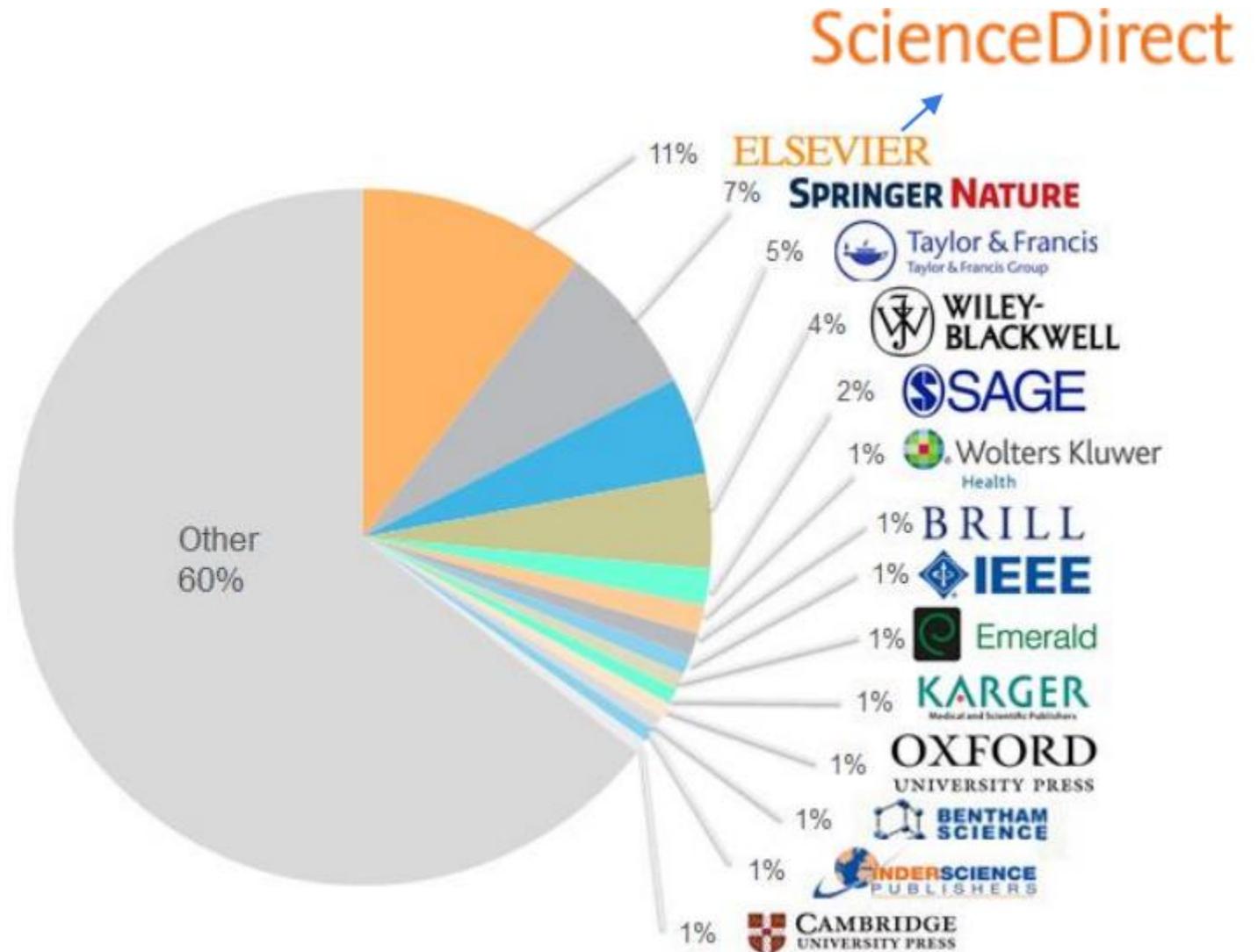
# Finding and evaluating the right information with Scopus

## Scopus

### The Bibliographic Index Leader

>70M records and over 23,500 active titles from more than 5K international publishers. More than 3,759 Gold Open Access journals indexed, 165K books and 8,3M conference proceedings

Unbiased, comprehensive journal coverage with titles from many reputable scholarly publishers:

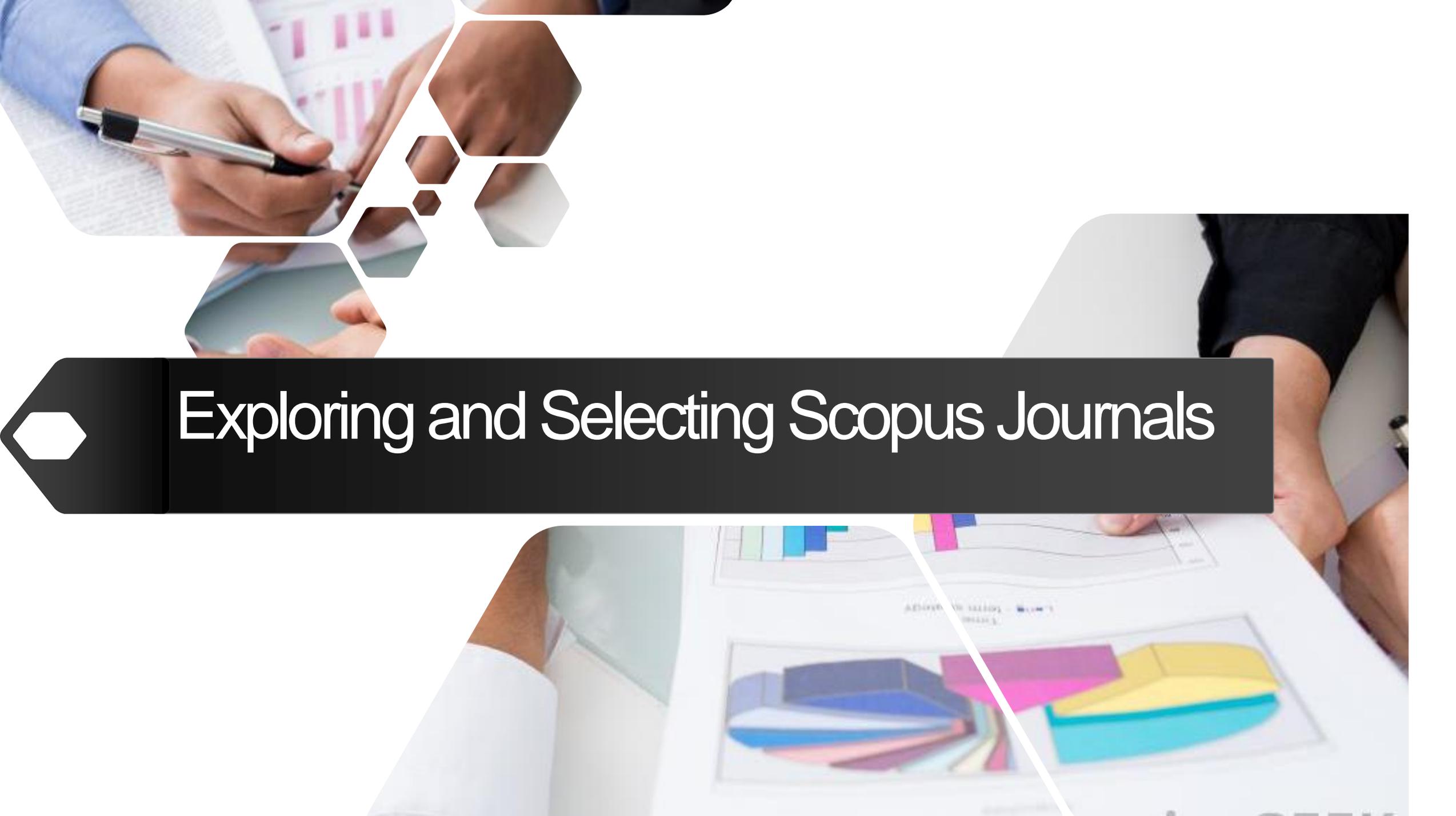


# Research Workflow

- Which journals should I select for my manuscript?
- What are the journal's guidelines?
- Can I publish OA with this journal?



- How likely people will cite my work?
- Would people outside Thailand also see my work?
- How can I benchmark journal's quality across different publishers?



# Exploring and Selecting Scopus Journals

# What are types of content for publishing?

## Original Research Articles

- Complete report on original research
- Typically 8-10 pages, 5 figures, 25 references
- Can be found in OA or non-OA journal
- Good way to build a scientific research career

## Short Communications

- Quick and early communications of significant, original advances, usually claiming certain results.
- Much shorter than full articles.
- Appear under many names, such as letter papers, preliminary notes, notes, etc.

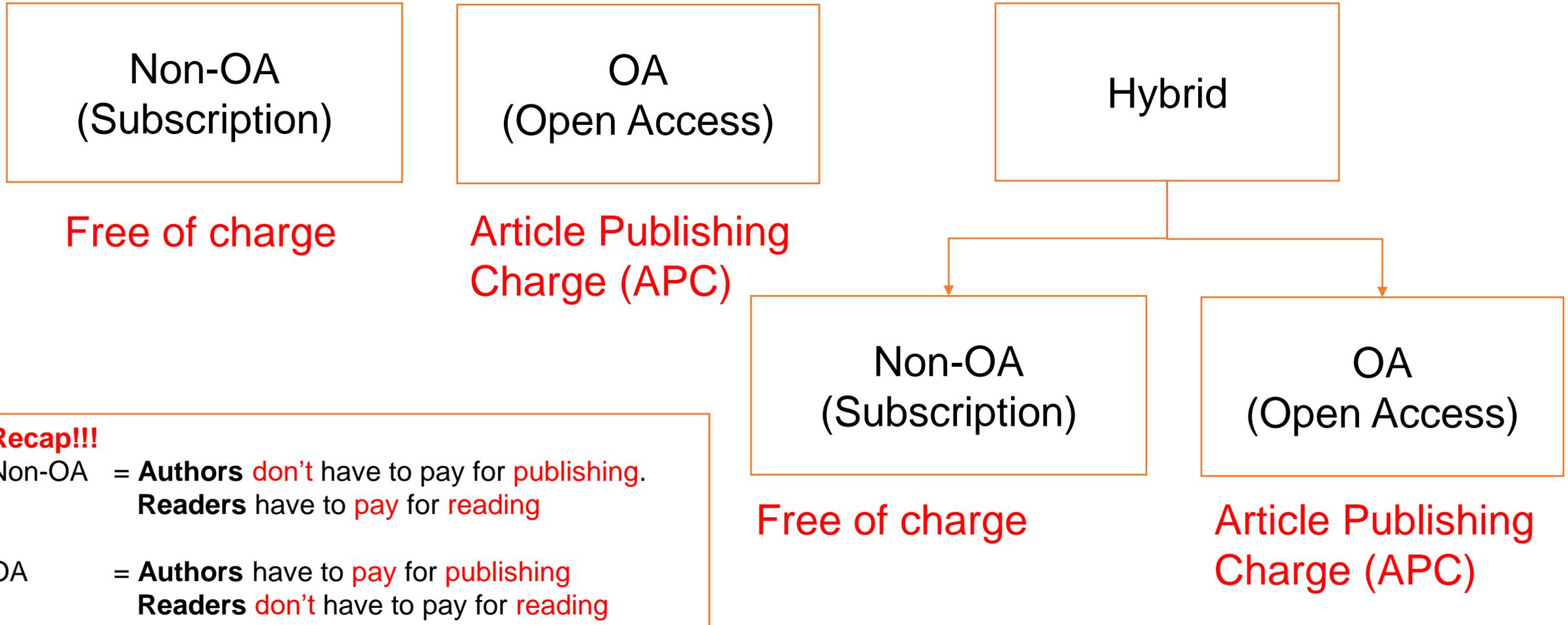
## Review Papers

- Critical synthesis of a specific research topic
- Typically 10+ pages, 5+ figures, 80 references
- Typically solicited by journal editors
- Good way to consolidate a scientific research career



# What are Types of content : OA vs Non-OA

\*OA= Open Access and \*Non-OA= Subscription



# Ready to write.... Yes and No



Watching  
netflix  
whole day



Writing  
manuscript  
for 10  
minutes

Be confused  
which journal  
are we going  
to select for  
publishing



# What should I look for in a journal?

- A journal that is read by colleagues that work in the same field. Is it reaching your community?
- A journal that has the highest impact for that particular field (not *necessarily* the highest IF or CiteScore!)
- A journal that has fast turnaround times (see journal metrics available on journal home pages)
- A journal that is easy to find on the web. Where is the journal indexed?



# Keywords

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# What are on Scopus?

## Navigating Scopus: Document Search



Start exploring

Discover the most reliable, relevant, up-to-date research. All in one place.

[Documents](#) [Authors](#) [Affiliations](#)

[Search tips](#)

Search within  
Article title, Abstract, Keywords



Search documents \*

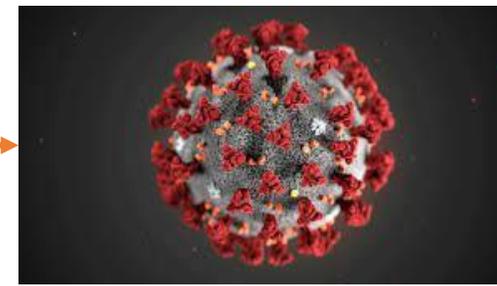
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Search

# Define Target Journals on Scopus



I want to find the target journal for my manuscript

390,762 document results

TITLE-ABS-KEY ( covid )

Edit Save Set alert

Search within results...

Documents Secondary documents Patents View Mendeley Data (35535)

Analyze search results Show all abstracts Sort on: Source Title (A-Z)

Open Access Year Author name Subject area Document type Source title

	Document title	Authors	Year	Source	Cited by
1	Classification Hoax News of Covid-19 on Instagram Using K-Nearest Neighbor	Indra Malik Akbar, I.M.A.F., Yaddarabullah, Y., Permana, S.D.H.	2021	10th IEEE International Conference on Communication, Networks and Satellite, Comnetsat 2021 - Proceedings pp. 157-161	0
2	Real-Time Examination System for New Students at Pandemic Time Covid 19 Using Fuzzy Logic	Silalahi, L.M., Budiyanto, S., Simanjuntak, I.U.V., (...), Rochendi, A.D., Karimah, W.A.	2021	10th IEEE International Conference on Communication, Networks and Satellite, Comnetsat 2021 - Proceedings pp. 219-224	0
3	Indicators on the Feasibility of Curfew on Pandemics Outbreaks in Metropolitan/Micropolitan Cities	Mahmood, B.	2021	10th IEEE International Conference on Communication, Networks and Satellite, Comnetsat 2021 - Proceedings pp. 179-183	1
4	Semantic Malayalam Dialogue System for Covid-19 Question Answering Using Word Embedding and Cosine Similarity	Liji, S.K., Muhamed Ilyas, P.	2021	10th International Conference on Advances in Computing and Communications, ICACC 2021	0
5	Comorbidity Based Risk Prediction System for ARDS in COVID-19 Patients	Rajesh, N., Poullose, V.T., Umesh, P.L., Daniel, R.M.	2021	10th International Conference on Advances in Computing and Communications, ICACC 2021	0
6	Attention Span Detection for Online Lectures	Karthikraj, V., Patil, V., Thanneermalai, S., Yadav, T.	2021	10th International Conference on Advances in Computing and Communications, ICACC 2021	1

Filter the target your own scope

Filter of the researcher field



Lists out the relevant journals

Click to read more information



Field of research or Subject area

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# Define Target Journals on Scopus



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Documents Authors Affiliations

Search within: Article title, Abstract, Keywords

Search documents

Search



### Sources

Subject area

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[View CiteScore methodology.](#)

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**

Journals

Book Series

Conference Proceedings

Trade Publications

Apply Clear filters

43,685 results

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View metrics for year: 2021

Source title	CiteScore	Highest percentile	Citations 2018-21	Documents 2018-21	% Cited
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Ca-A Cancer Journal for Clinicians <a href="#">Find It!</a> (opens in a new window)	716.2	99% 1/360 Oncology	76,632	107	91
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Nature Reviews Molecular Cell Biology <a href="#">Find It!</a> (opens in a new window)	140.9	99% 1/386 Molecular Biology	28,743	204	90
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 The Lancet <a href="#">Find It!</a> (opens in a new window)	115.3	99% 1/826 General Medicine	198,711	1,723	76
<input type="checkbox"/> 4 New England Journal of Medicine <a href="#">Find It!</a> (opens in a new window)	110.5	99% 2/826 General Medicine	261,485	2,367	85
<input type="checkbox"/> 5 Reviews of Modern Physics <a href="#">Find It!</a> (opens in a new window)	102.0	99% 1/240 General Physics and Astronomy	14,489	142	97
<input type="checkbox"/> 6 Chemical Reviews <a href="#">Find It!</a> (opens in a new window)	98.8	99% 1/409 General Chemistry	92,317	934	97
<input type="checkbox"/> 7 Nature Reviews Materials <a href="#">Find It!</a> (opens in a new window)	96.7	99% 1/298 Materials Chemistry	20,491	212	89

# Select Publisher and/or Research Area on Scopus

Sources

Select option from dropdown menu

Subject area



Enter subject area

Subject area

Title

Publisher

ISSN

Enter subject area

- Agricultural and Biological Sciences
- Arts and Humanities
- Biochemistry, Genetics and Molecular Biology
- Business, Management and Accounting
- Chemical Engineering
  - Bioengineering
  - Catalysis
  - Chemical Engineering (miscellaneous)
  - Chemical Health and Safety
  - Colloid and Surface Chemistry
  - Education and Consumer Sciences

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# Filter For The Quality on Scopus

Where will I have to present my work??



Define you target journal

- I want to publish my manuscript in a **journal**
- The journal should be indexed in **Scopus** in **quartile 1 or 2**

**Publisher**  Enter publisher name

**Subject:** Agricultural And Biological Sciences x Environmental Science x Social Sciences x

**Publisher:** Elsevier x

**Selected subject area and publisher**

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**Make sure you select the correct year/lastest year**

**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**  
 Journals  
 Book Series  
 Conference Proceedings  
 Trade Publications  
**Apply** Clear filters

**727 results** [Download Scopus Source List](#) [Learn more about Scopus Source List](#)

All   View metrics for year: 2021

	Source title ↓	CiteScore ↓	Highest percentile ↓	Citations 2018-21 ↓	Documents 2018-21 ↓	% Cited ↓
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	Applied Catalysis B: Environmental ICate: <b>BIBSYS</b>	34.0	99% 1/228 General Environmental Science	145,603	4,283	95
<input type="checkbox"/> 2	Chem ICate: <b>BIBSYS</b>	29.6	99% 1/61 Biochemistry (medical)	24,421	825	82
<input type="checkbox"/> 3	International Journal of Information Management ICate: <b>BIBSYS</b>	28.8	99% 1/359 Computer Networks and Communications	18,463	642	94
<input type="checkbox"/> 4	Trends in Plant Science ICate: <b>BIBSYS</b>	28.4	99% 2/482 Plant Science	9,474	334	95
<input type="checkbox"/> 5	Trends in Ecology and Evolution ICate: <b>BIBSYS</b>	24.7	99% 3/687 Ecology, Evolution, Behavior and Systematics	8,054	326	92
<input type="checkbox"/> 6	Physics of Life Reviews ICate: <b>BIBSYS</b>	23.3	99% 1/211 General Agricultural	1,260	54	94

**See all journal level metrics (JLMs) and other information**

# Explore the result Offline (How to download the

Filter refine list

Apply Clear filters

Display options ^

Display only Open Access journals

Counts for 4-year timeframe

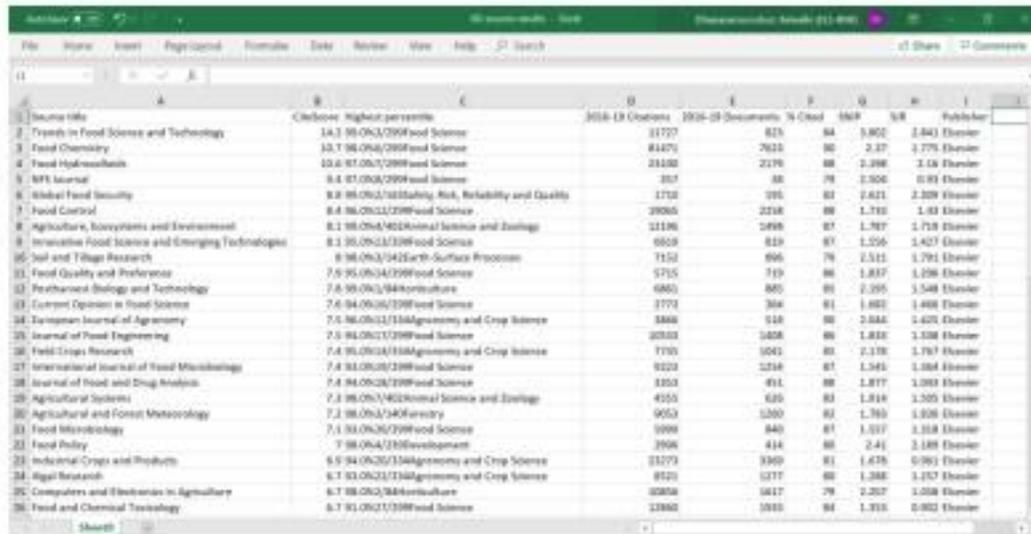
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All Export to Excel Save to source list

View metrics for year: 2019

Source title	CiteScore	Highest percentile	Citations 2016-19	Documents 2016-19	% Cited
1 Ca-A Cancer Journal for Clinicians	435.4	99% 1/331 Oncology	47,455	109	94



Source title	CiteScore	Highest percentile	Citations	Documents	% Cited
1 Trends in Food Science and Technology	11727		825	84	1.801
2 Food Chemistry	81475		2622	80	2.27
3 Food Hydrocolloids	21180		2176	88	2.288
4 IFN Journal	207		88	78	2.306
5 Global Food Security	1720		195	83	2.621
6 Food Control	29065		2218	88	1.710
7 Agriculture, Ecosystems and Environment	12186		2498	87	1.787
8 Innovative Food Science and Emerging Technologies	6829		829	87	1.256
9 Soil and Tillage Research	7120		896	76	2.311
10 Food Quality and Preference	5725		719	86	1.837
11 Postharvest Biology and Technology	6860		840	80	2.255
12 Current Opinion in Food Science	3773		384	81	1.488
13 European Journal of Agronomy	3888		518	80	2.884
14 Journal of Food Engineering	20320		1408	80	1.838
15 Field Crops Research	7700		1041	80	2.178
16 International Journal of Food Microbiology	9220		1214	87	1.345
17 Journal of Food and Drug Analysis	8253		491	88	1.877
18 Agricultural Systems	4255		625	83	1.814
19 Agricultural and Forest Meteorology	9652		1280	83	1.760
20 Food Microbiology	9999		840	87	1.937
21 Food Policy	3998		414	80	2.41
22 Industrial Crops and Products	13273		1380	81	1.478
23 Agri Research	8720		1277	80	1.388
24 Computers and Electronics in Agriculture	10858		1417	79	2.257
25 Food and Chemical Technology	12880		1080	84	1.933

# Explore the result online



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## Sources

Subject area



Enter subject area

Subject: Agricultural And Biological Sciences (Miscellaneous) x

Enter subject area

- Agricultural and Biological Sciences
  - Agricultural and Biological Sciences (miscellaneous)
  - Agronomy and Crop Science
  - Animal Science and Zoology
  - Aquatic Science
  - Ecology, Evolution, Behavior and Systematics
  - Food Science
  - Forestry
  - General Agricultural and Biological Sciences
  - Horticulture
  - Insect Science
  - Plant Science

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**Journal – Level Metrics (JLMs)**

- CiteScore
- SNIP
- SJR

- Percentile
- Rank
- Research area

### Filter refine list

Apply Clear filters

### Display options

Display only Open Access journals

**Journal Title:**  
 • Click for more details

Minimum citations

Minimum documents

Citescore highest quartile

Show only titles in top 10 percent

152 results

All

View metrics for year: 2021

	Source title ↓	CiteScore ↓	Highest percentile ↓	Citations 2018-21 ↓	Documents 2018-21 ↓	% Cited ↓	SNIP ↓	SJR ↓
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	Studies in Mycology <i>Open Access</i> Entitled Full Text	33.4	99% 1/119 Agricultural and Biological Sciences (miscellaneous)	1,837	55	93	7.229	5.257
<input type="checkbox"/> 2	Ecosystem Services Entitled Full Text	11.7	98% 2/119 Agricultural and Biological Sciences (miscellaneous)	7,696	659	89	1.807	1.749

# Journal-level metrics in ScienceDirect/Scopus

## Check quality of journals and books

Each metric may offer a different emphasis based on its underlying data source, method of calculation, or context of use. For this reason, Elsevier promotes the responsible use of research metrics encapsulated in two “golden rules”.

Those are:

- Always use both *qualitative* and *quantitative* input for decisions (i.e. expert opinion alongside metrics),
- Always use more than one research metric as the quantitative input.

Focus on CiteScore for percentile calculations



*Citations in a year to documents published in 4 years*  
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*# of documents in 4 years*



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*# of documents in 4 years*

### CiteScore

- CiteScore itself is an **average** of the sum of the citations received in a given year to publications published **in 4 years** divided by the sum of publications in the same 4 years.
- Takes **4 years** (including current year) into account.



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*Journal's citation count per paper*  
-----  
*Citation potential in its subject field*

### SNIP

- SNIP = Sourced Normalized Impact per Paper
- SNIP accounts for **field-specific differences** in citation practices.
- measures contextual citation impact and enables direct comparison of journals in different subject fields
- Outlier scores are closer to average
- Takes **3 years** into account.



*Average # of weighted citations received in a year*  
-----  
*# of documents published in previous 3 years*

### SJR

- SJR = SCImago Journal Rank
- SJR is a measure of the scientific influence of scholarly journals that accounts for both **the number of citations received** by a journal and the importance or **prestige of the journals where the citations come from**.
- SJR weights each incoming citation to a journal by the SJR of the citing journal, with a citation from a high-SJR source counting for more than a citation from a low-SJR source.
- Takes **3 years** into account.

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# Read the Metrics on Source Detail Page

Journal Detail (After choosing)

## Source details

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

### Ecosystem Services

Scopus coverage years: from 2012 to Present

Publisher: Elsevier

ISSN: 2212-0416

Subject area: [Agricultural and Biological Sciences: Agricultural and Biological Sciences \(miscellaneous\)](#) [Social Sciences: Geography, Planning and Development](#)

[Environmental Science: Nature and Landscape Conservation](#) [Environmental Science: Ecology](#) [View all v](#)

Source type: Journal

[View all documents >](#)

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Citations received by articles in Ecosystem Services is **1.807 times better** than citation expected to be received by the journal in the same subject field.

An article in Ecosystem Services got **cited 11.7** times as an average in 2020.

Citation weighting depends on subject field and prestige of Economics is **1.749 times better** than other journals.

CiteScore 2021  
**11.7**



SJR 2021  
**1.749**



SNIP 2021  
**1.807**



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# It is not (only) the CiteScore or Impact Factor, it is (mainly) the right audience!

Better to consult the Journal homepage to learn:

- Aims and scope
- Accepted *types* of articles
- Readership
- Current hot topics, (perhaps from Special Issues etc.)

Go through the abstracts of recent publications

Articles in ***your*** references will likely lead you to the right journal.

**DO NOT gamble by submitting your manuscript to more than one journal at a time. You will almost certainly be found out and this would lead to an immediate rejection.**

# More on CiteScore

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CiteScore 2021  
**11.7**

SJR 2021  
**1.749**

SNIP 2021  
**1.807**

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

CiteScore 2021 ▼

**11.7** =  $\frac{7,696 \text{ Citations 2018 - 2021}}{659 \text{ Documents 2018 - 2021}}$

Calculated on 05 May, 2022

CiteScoreTracker 2022 ⓘ

**11.0** =  $\frac{6,144 \text{ Citations to date}}{558 \text{ Documents to date}}$

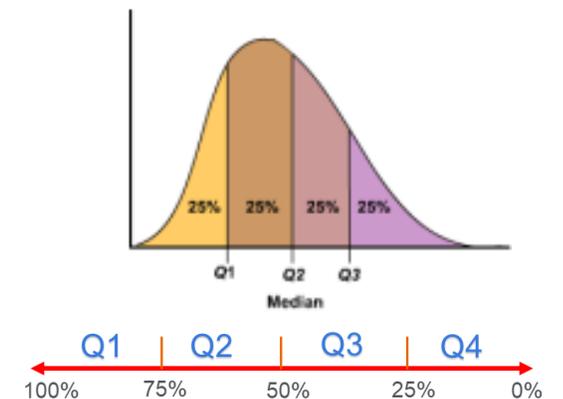
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Read CiteScore of selected year or current year. Also see how it is calculated.

CiteScore rank 2021 ⓘ

Category	Rank	Percentile
Agricultural and Biological Sciences	#2/119	98th
Agricultural and Biological Sciences (miscellaneous)		
Social Sciences	#11/747	98th
Geography, Planning and Development		

Ecosystem Services is in Agricultural and Biological Sciences and also Social Sciences.  
• Can you read its rank, percentile and quartile?



# More on CiteScore

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Source type: Journal

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CiteScore 2021  
**11.7**

SJR 2021  
**1.749**

SNIP 2021  
**1.807**

Select research area to see the rank of this journal comparing with others in the list.

See 5 years trends of this journal

CiteScore CiteScore rank & trend Scopus content coverage

CiteScore rank 2021 In category: Agricultural and Biological Sci...

#2	Ecosystem Services	11.7	98th percentile
119			

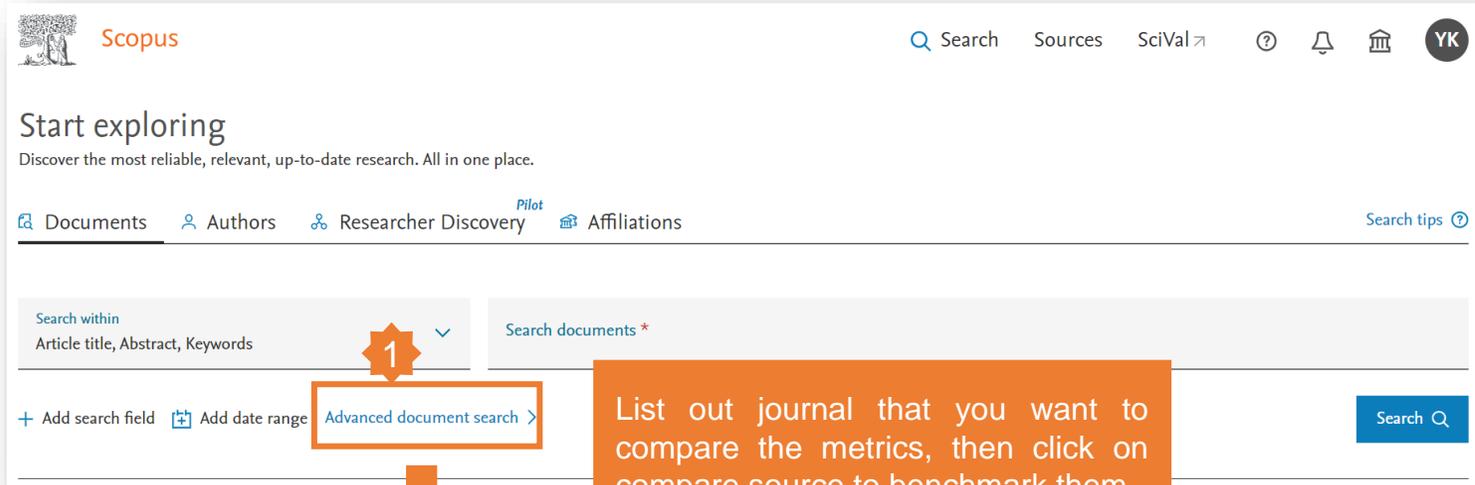
Rank	Source title	CiteScore 2021	Percentile
#1	Studies in Mycology	33.4	99th percentile
#2	Ecosystem Services	11.7	98th percentile
#3	IMA Fungus	8.3	97th percentile
#4	Astrobiology	8.2	97th percentile
#5	Mammal Review	8.2	96th percentile



Out of all 119 journals in **Agricultural and Biological Sciences**, Ecosystem Services is **2<sup>nd</sup> rank**. Therefore, it has **percentile at 98<sup>th</sup>** as Q1 Journal.

# But what if I still have so many options?

- Which Journal Should I go?
- How is it difference?



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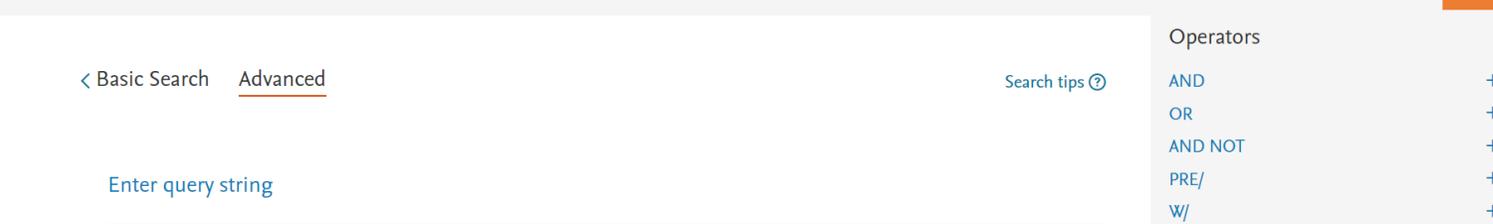
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Search

**1**

List out journal that you want to compare the metrics, then click on compare source to benchmark them

## Advanced search



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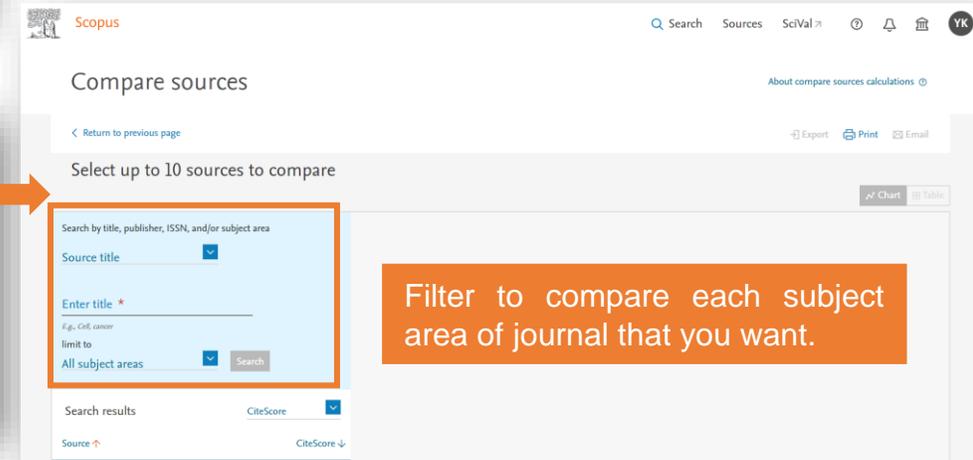
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**2**

Compare sources



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Compare sources

< Return to previous page

Select up to 10 sources to compare

Search by title, publisher, ISSN, and/or subject area

Source title

Enter title \*

limit to

All subject areas

Search

Search results

Source

CiteScore

**Filter to compare each subject area of journal that you want.**

# Using Compare Sources to benchmark selected journals

## Compare sources

Which journal is the best for me?

- Compare them using different metrics
- Select options of metrics you want to read

[Return to previous page](#)

Select up to 10 sources to compare

Selected journal for comparing

Selected sources:  Poverty & Public Policy  Journal of Poverty and Social Justice  Journal of Poverty  Journal of Children and Poverty  Infectious Diseases of Poverty

Chart Table

Search by title, publisher, ISSN, and/or subject area

2

Source title

Choose the source title type

1

Enter title  
Poverty

Put the word that you are interested.

E.g., Cell, cancer

limit to

All subject areas

3

Choose subject area, which field do you want to compare with?

5 Search results

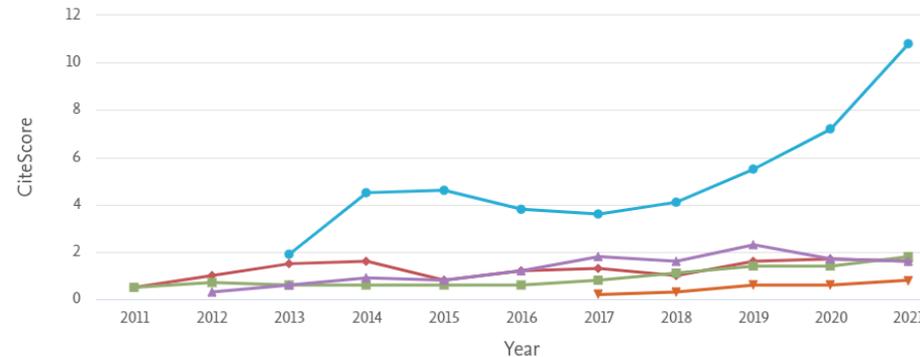
CiteScore

Source ↑

CiteScore ↓

Source	CiteScore
<input type="checkbox"/> Infectious Diseases of Poverty	10.8
<input type="checkbox"/> Journal of Children and Poverty	1.6
<input type="checkbox"/> Journal of Poverty	1.8
<input type="checkbox"/> Journal of Poverty and Social Justice	1.6
<input type="checkbox"/> Poverty & Public Policy	0.8

CiteScore publication by year



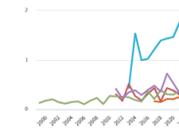
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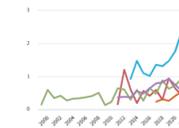
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Selected journal for comparing with the JLMs

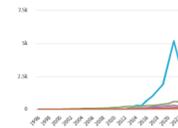
SJR by year



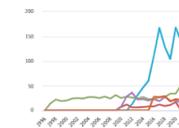
SNIP by year



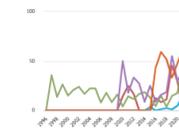
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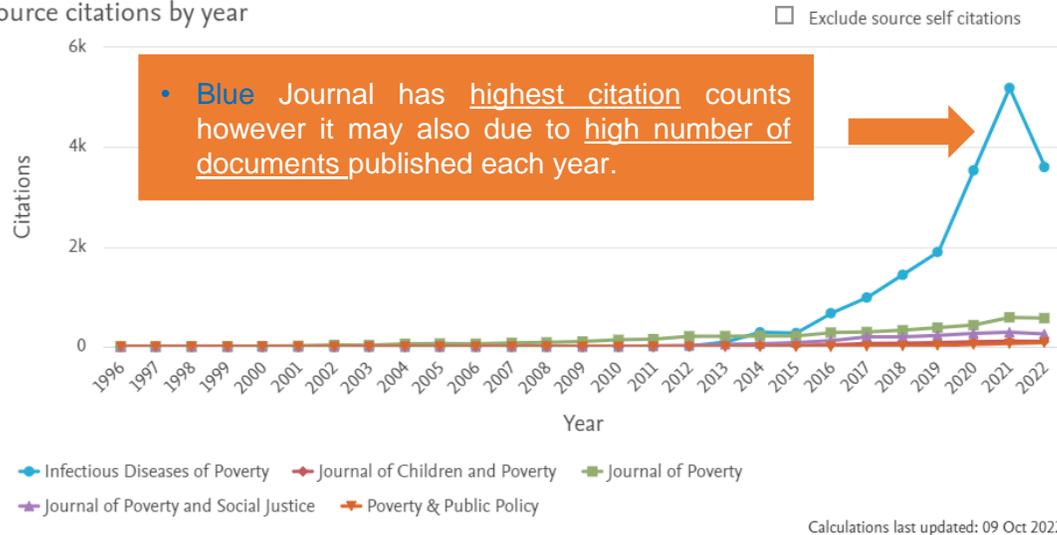
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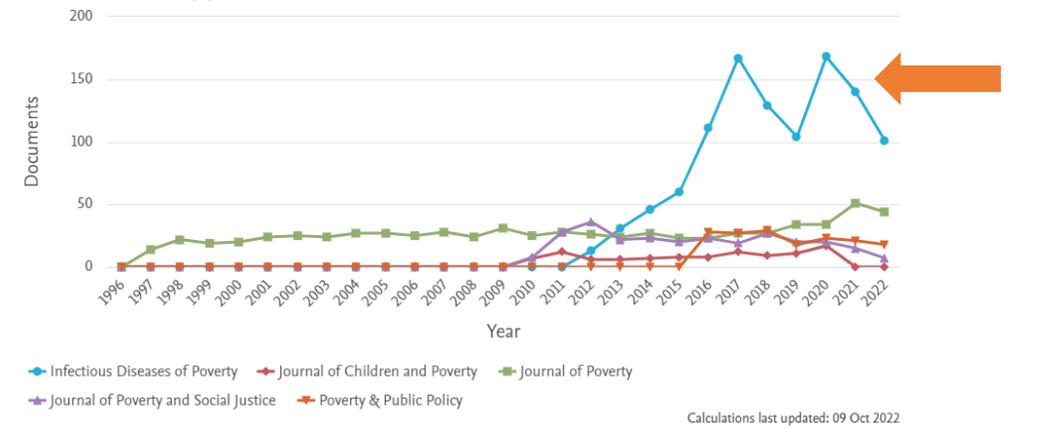
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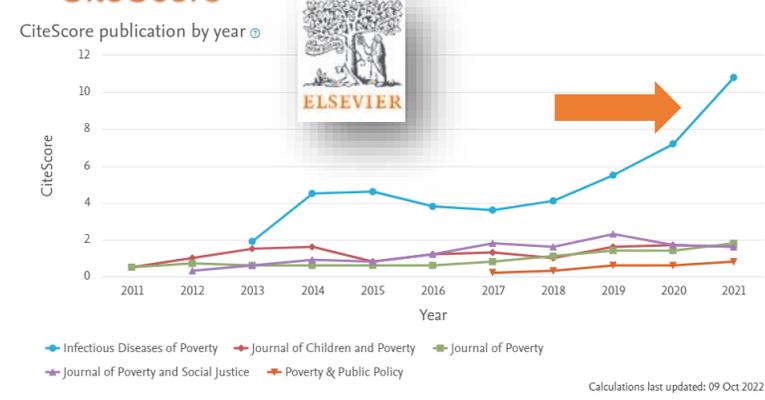


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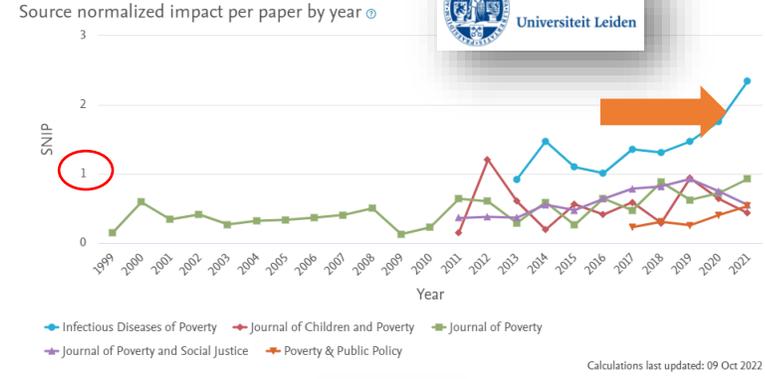
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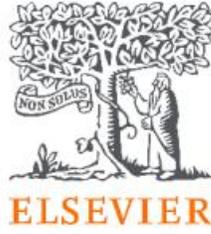
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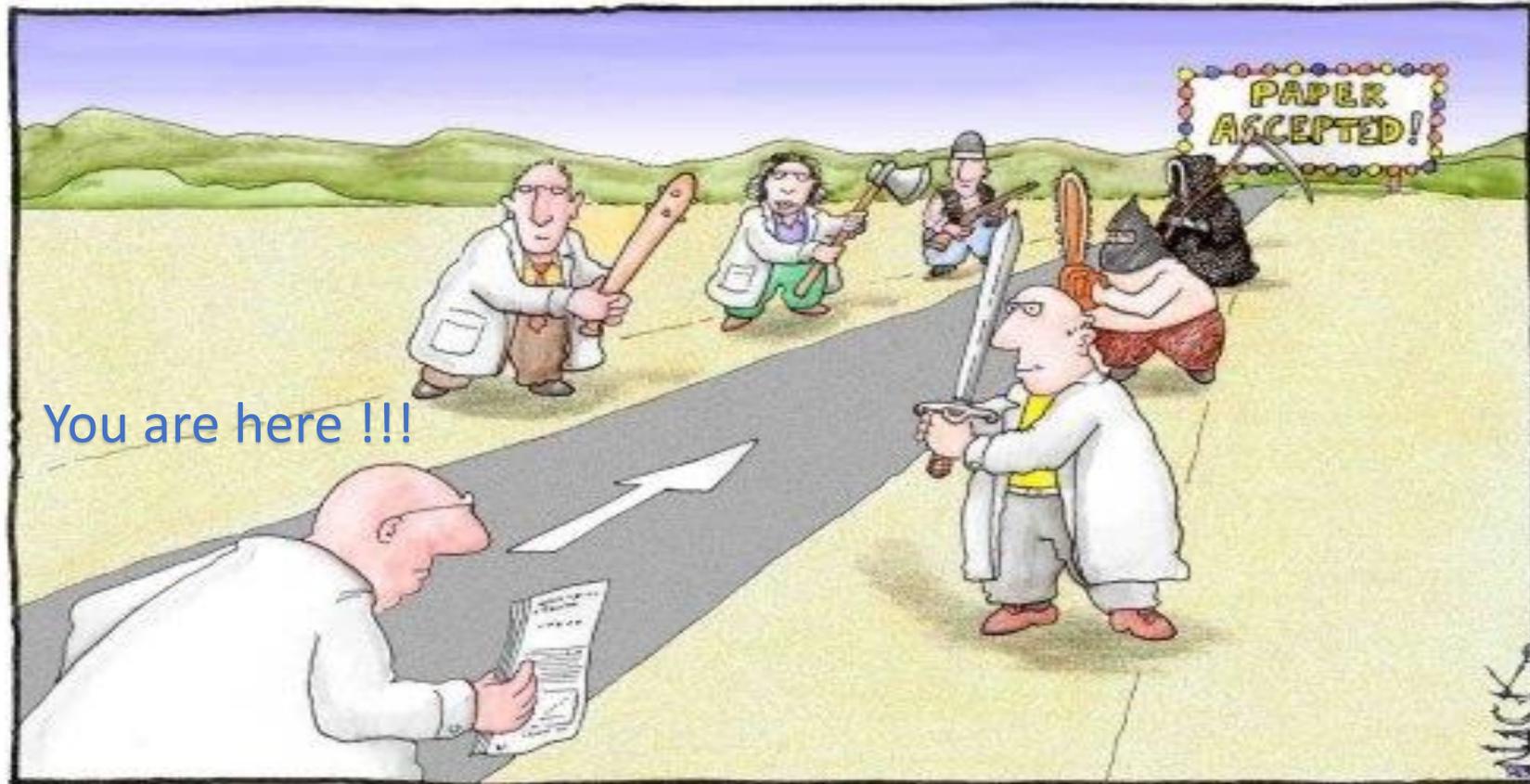
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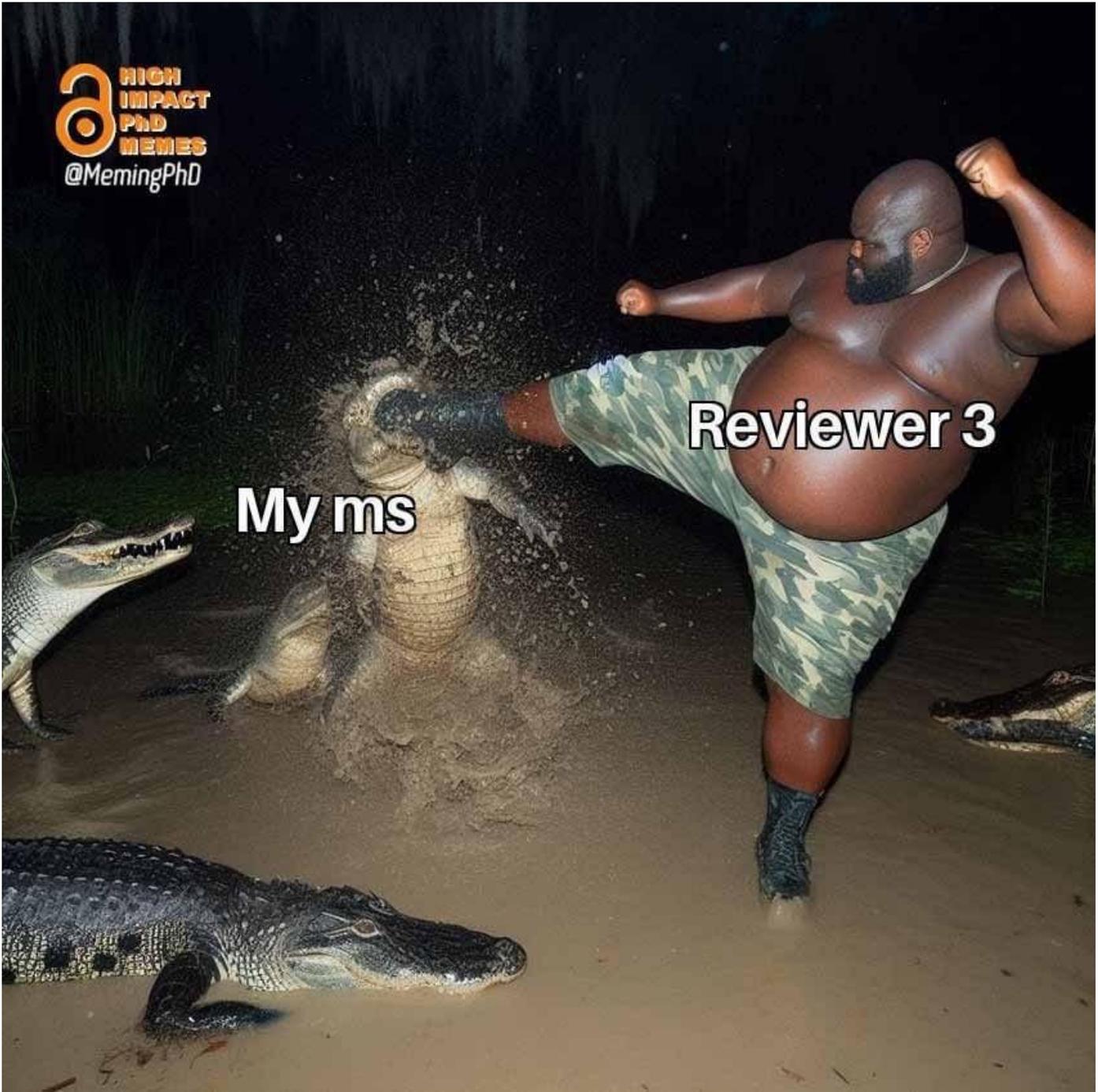
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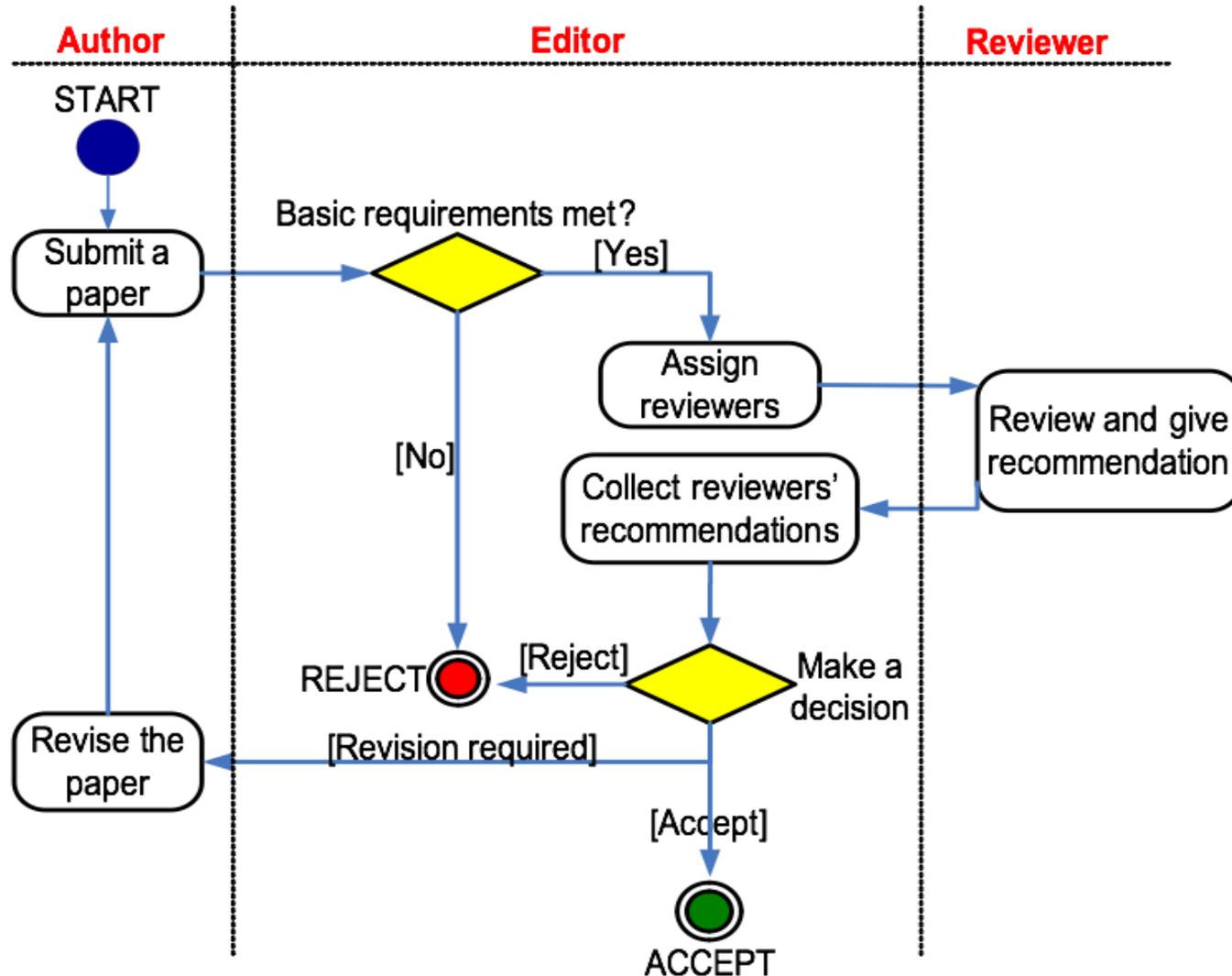
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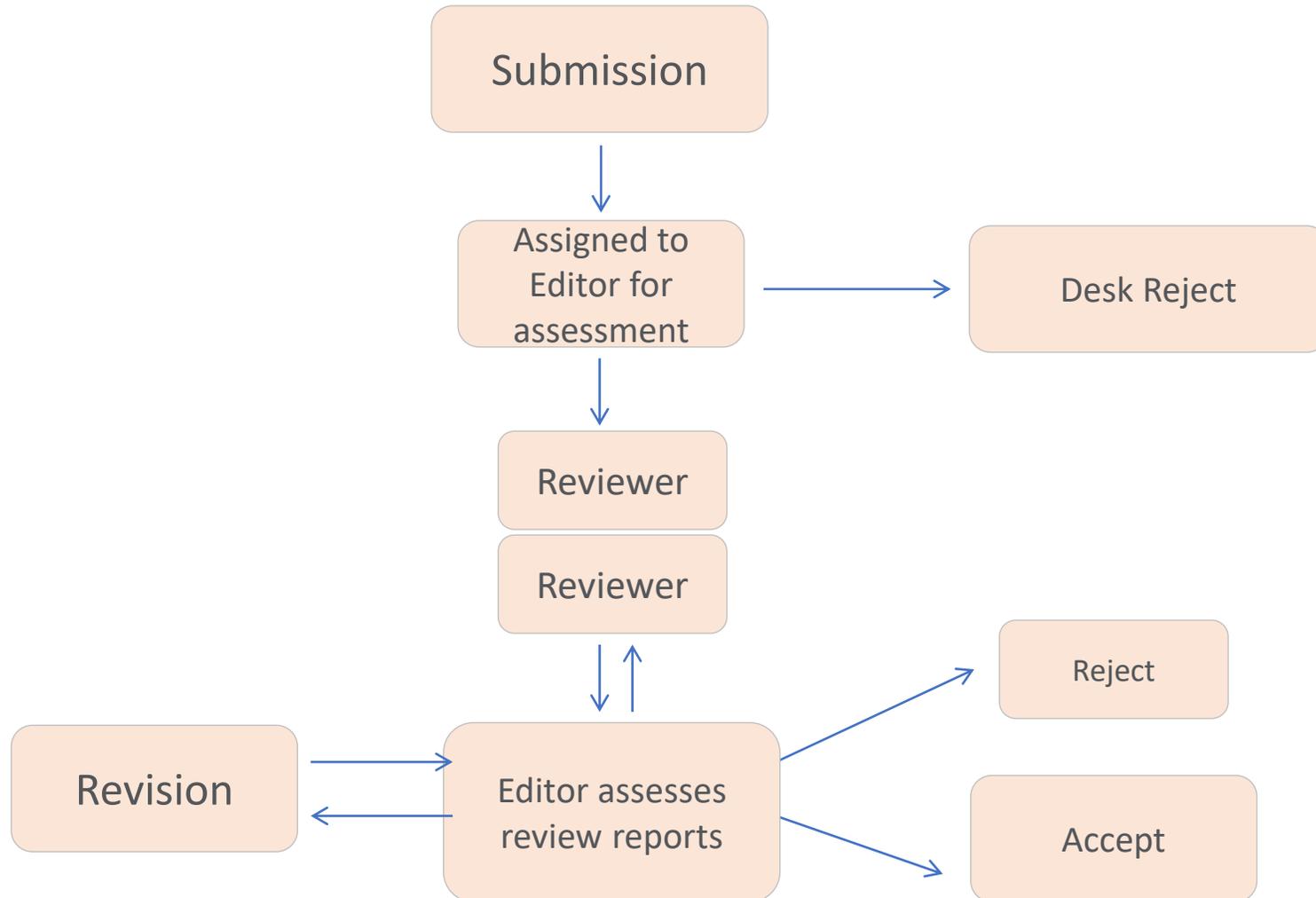
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## The 4 possible outcomes

- Accept as it is
- Accept with minor or moderate revision, usually not back to referees
- Major revision, revised manuscript usually goes back to referees
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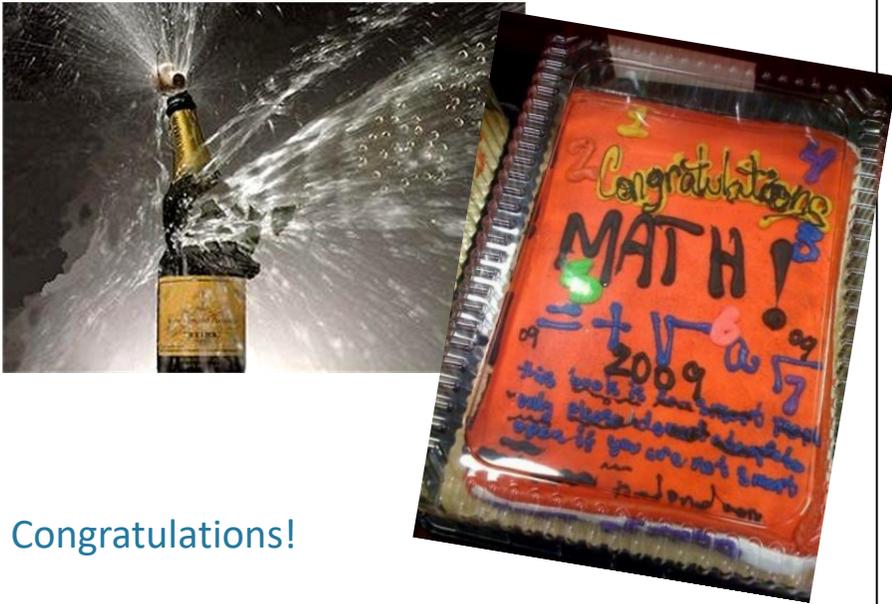
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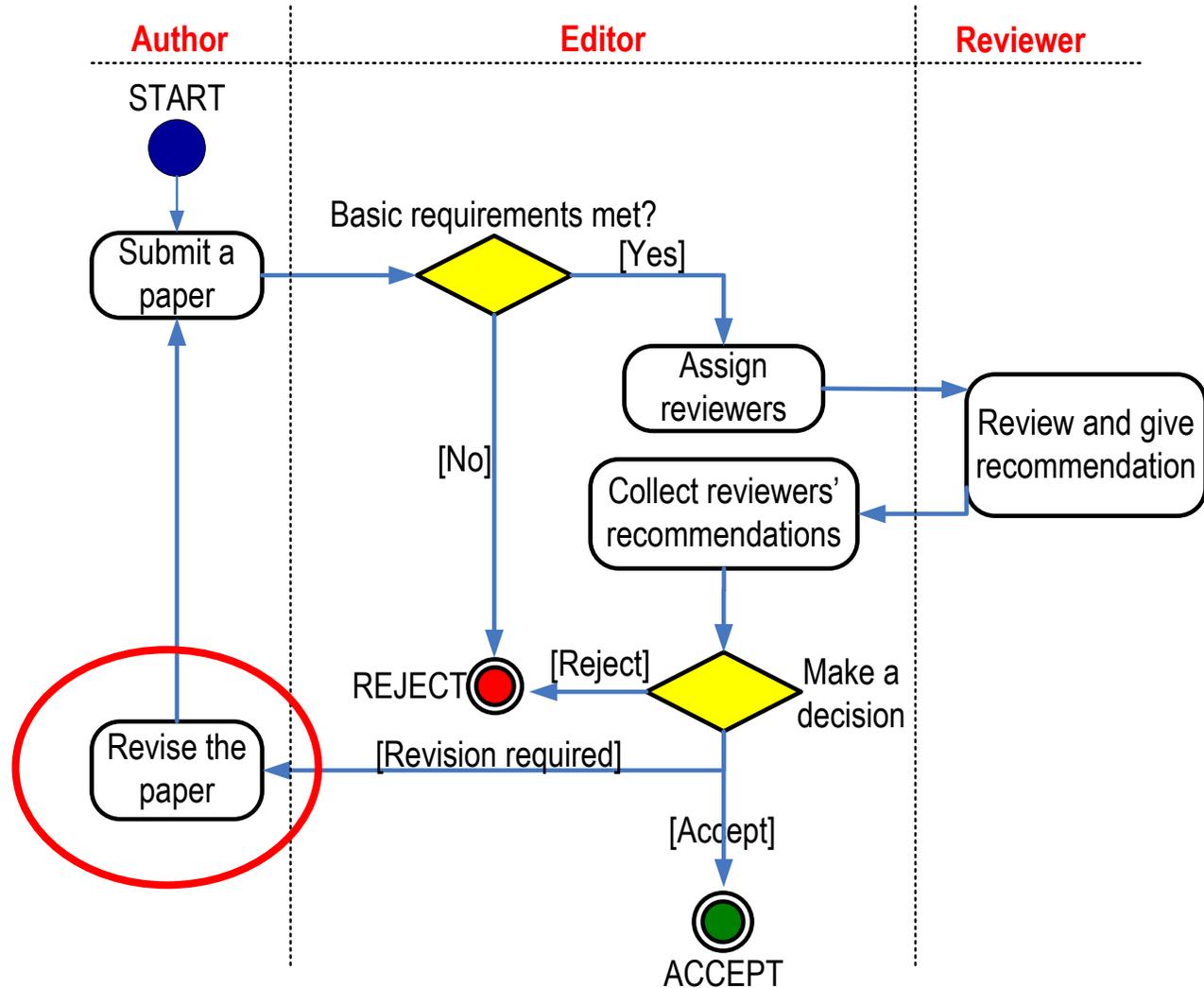
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## Rejected

- Probability 40-90% ...
- Do not despair
  - It happens to everybody
- Try to understand **WHY**
  - Straight out rejection without peer review
  - Consider reviewers' advice
  - Be self-critical
- If you submit to another journal, begin as if it were a new manuscript
  - Take advantage of the reviewers' comments. **They may review your (resubmitted) manuscript again!**
  - Read the Guide for Authors of the new journal, again and again.



# The Peer Review Process – revisions



## First Decision: “Major” or “Minor” Revision

- Major revision
  - The manuscript may finally be published in the journal
  - Significant deficiencies must be corrected before acceptance
  - Usually involves (significant) textual modifications and/or additional experiments
- Minor revision
  - Basically, the manuscript is worth being published
  - Some elements in the manuscript must be clarified, restructured, shortened (often) or expanded (rarely)
  - Textual adaptations
  - “Minor revision” does NOT guarantee manuscript acceptance after revision, but often it is accepted if all points are addressed!

## Responding to Reviewers

- Do not take it personally, Reviewers do this as community service in order to improve your paper, be polite.
- Take editor/reviewer's advice seriously
- Don't use harsh language or sweeping statements
- With resubmission, provide a detailed point-by-point response to reviewers' comments.
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# Plagiarism is serious but easily avoidable

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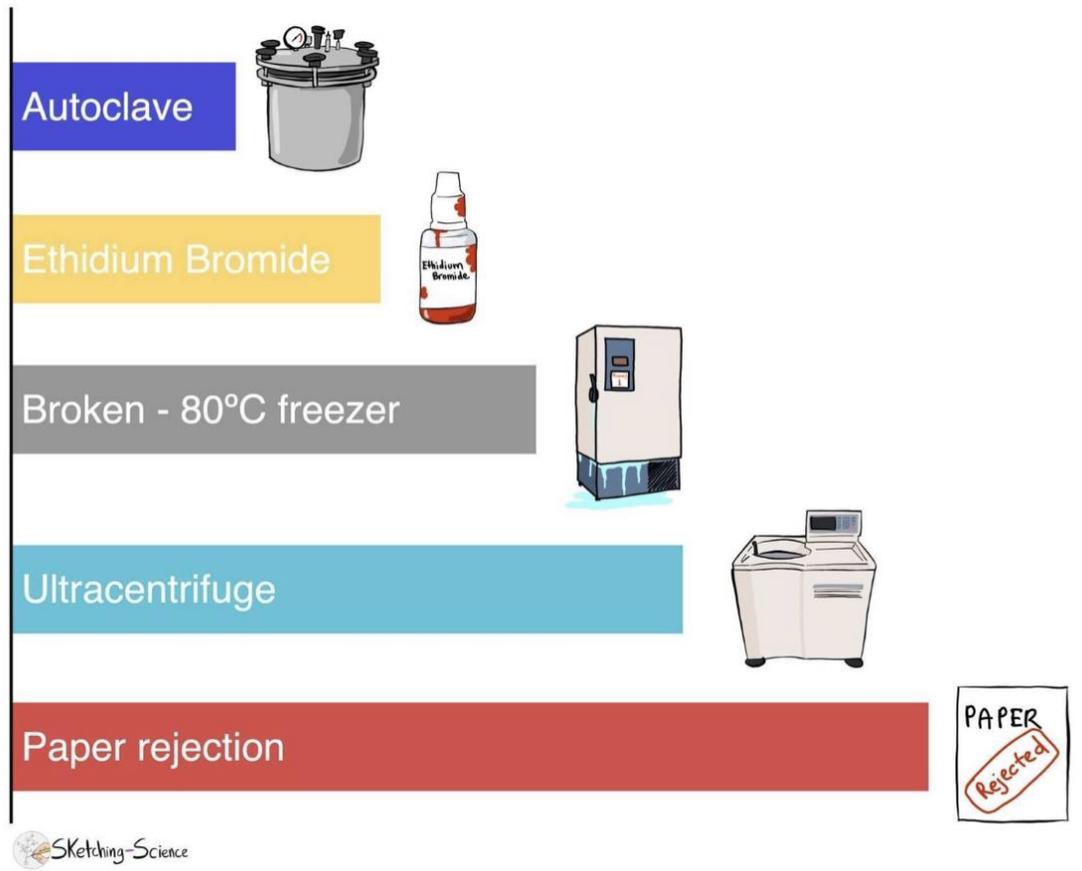
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## The Scariest Things in Science



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- Poor research quality
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- Poor English language and grammar
- Not the right journal chosen
- Journal has recently published similar work
- Nothing new in the work presented



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- Presentation is important
- Take your time with revision
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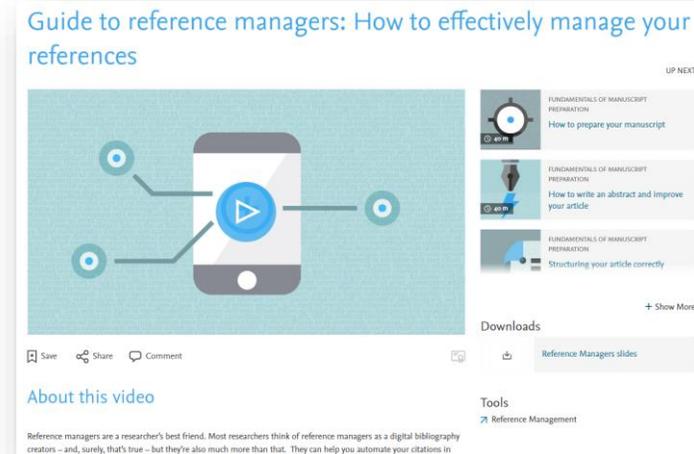
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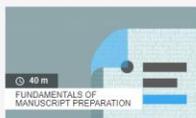
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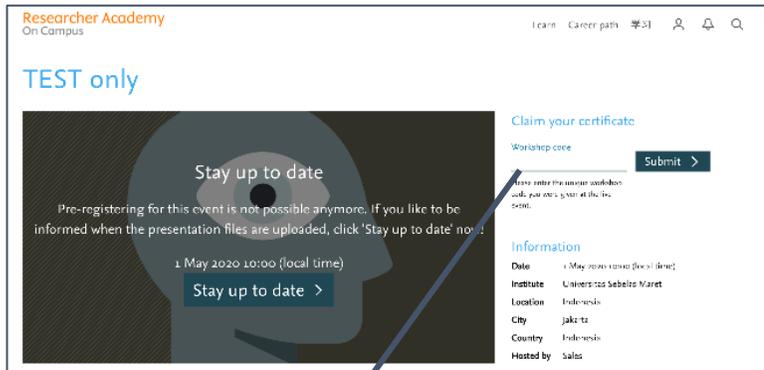




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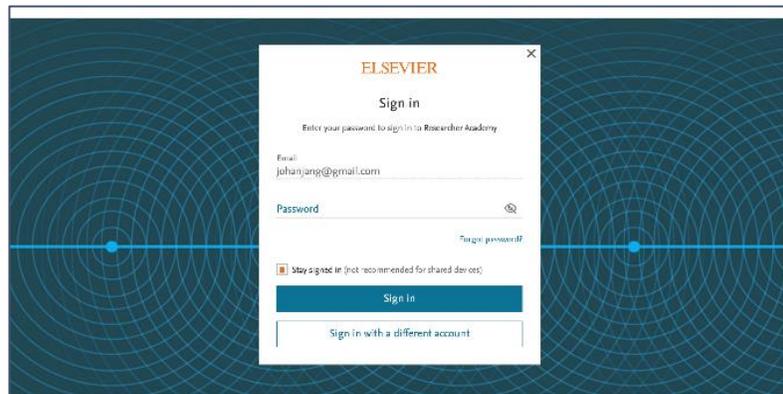
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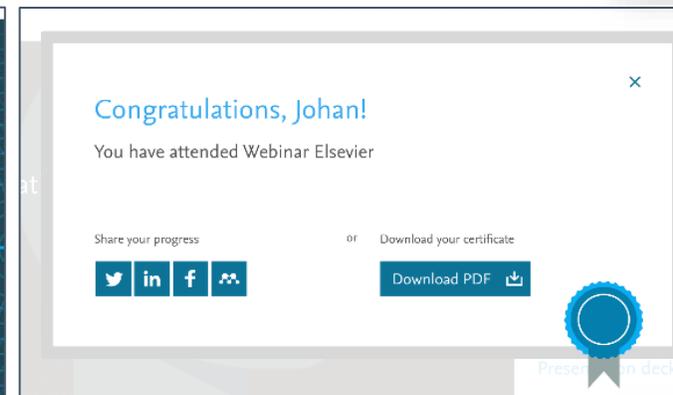
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