

# Ethics of Authorship & Deciding Where to Publish

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# Objectives

## **Ethical Authorship**

1. Understand what merits authorship
2. Describe an author's responsibilities

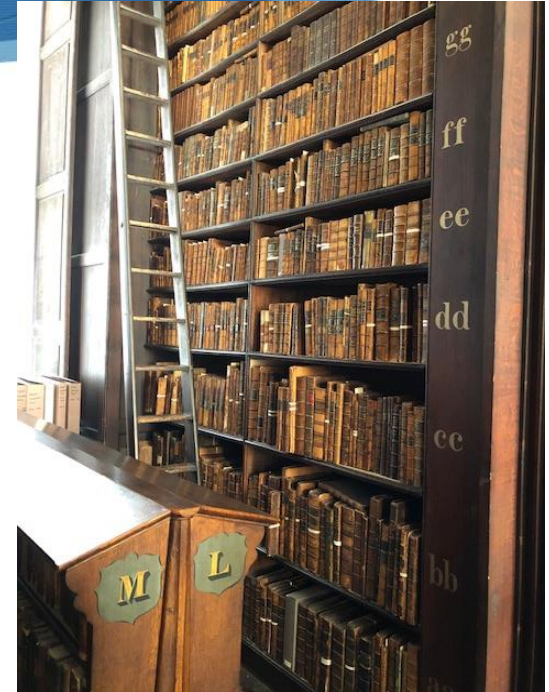
## **Academic Publishing**

3. Become familiar with resources to help identify appropriate publications for your scholarship
  - Sidebar: Citation metrics
  - Sidebar: Overview of open access publishing
4. Evaluate the quality of a publishing outlet using six criteria
5. Recognize warning signs of potentially fraudulent publishers



# We Publish to Share Knowledge

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



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# Why is authorship important in academia?

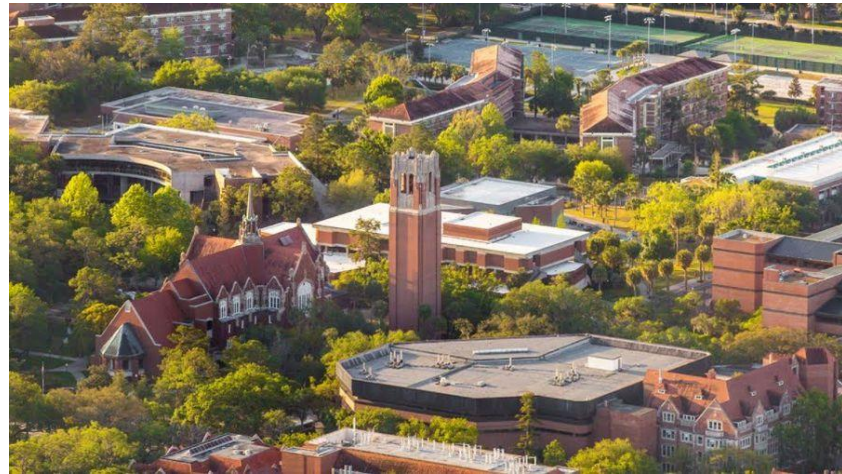


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# Why is authorship important in academia?

- A means to share your knowledge & contribute to the advancement of a field
- Allows others to credit the sources of new information or opinion
- Primary means to demonstrate expertise & research impact
- Professional development & career advancement; used in promotion(s) and awards/honors
- **“A different way of teaching”**

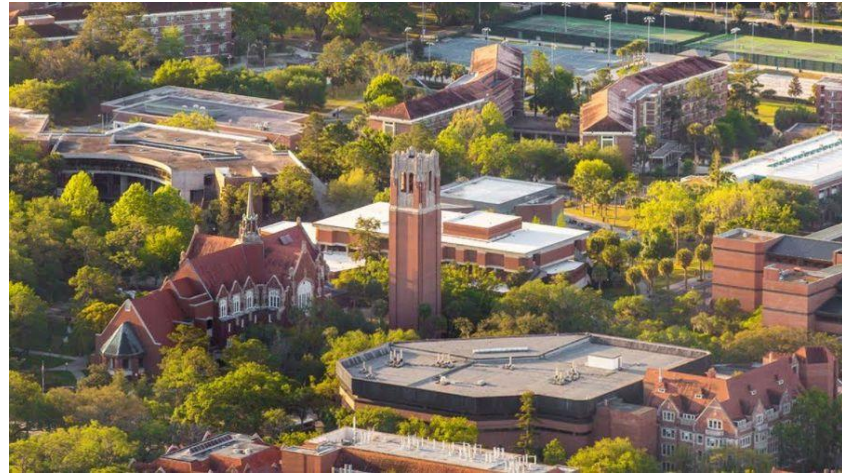


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# How to Avoid Plagiarism



## 28 Guidelines at a Glance on Avoiding Plagiarism

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The following guidelines are taken from "Avoiding plagiarism, self-plagiarism, and other questionable writing practices: A guide to ethical writing" by Miguel Roig. Guideline 1: An ethical writer ALWAYS acknowledges the contributions of others to his/her work.

**Guideline 1:** An ethical writer ALWAYS acknowledges the contributions of others to his/her work.

**Guideline 2:** Any verbatim text taken from another source must be enclosed in quotation marks and be accompanied by a citation to indicate its origin.

**Guideline 3:** When we summarize others' work, we use our own words to condense and convey others' contributions in a shorter version of the original.

**Guideline 4:** When paraphrasing others' work, not only must we use our own words, but we must also use our own syntactical structure.

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# Authorship



**Does Author = Writer?**

# What Research Contributions Merit Authorship?

Which of the people below should be listed as authors?

- Writer(s)
- Person who had idea for work
- Funder or person who secured funds for research
- Data collector
- Data analyzer
- Correspondent with publisher
- Revisions writer
- Editor
- Lab manager
- Facility host





# Who is an Author?

ICMJE recommends authorship be based on 4 criteria:

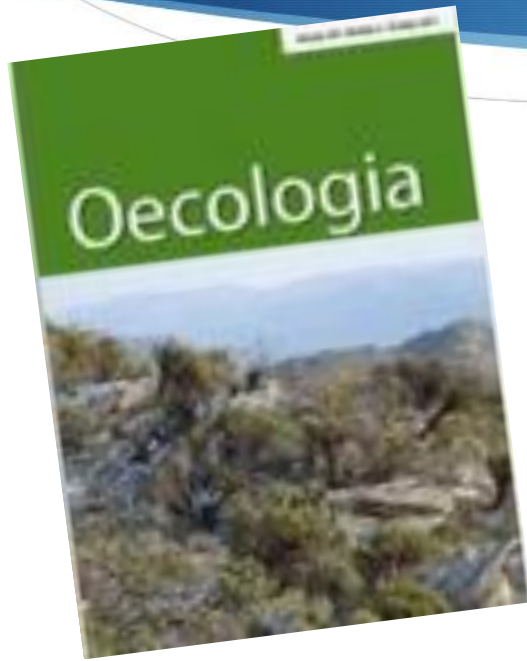
- Substantial contributions to the conception or design of the work; or the acquisition, analysis, or interpretation of data for the work; AND
- Drafting the work or revising it critically for important intellectual content; AND
- Final approval of the version to be published; AND
- Agreement to be accountable 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.

ICMJE = International Committee of Medical Journal Editors

# NIH General Guidelines for Authorship Contributions

Contributions		Authorship? ( <input type="checkbox"/> yes; <input type="checkbox"/> no )	Comments
<b>Design &amp; Interpretation of results</b>	original idea, planning & input	<input type="checkbox"/>	An idea alone may not warrant authorship, unless highly original & unique
	other intellectual contribution	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, but assuming active involvement
<b>Supervisory role</b>	supervision of the project	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, but assuming active involvement
	training, education	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	mentoring of 1st author	<input type="checkbox"/>	No, unless substantive contribution made to study
<b>Administrative &amp; technical support</b>	resources: \$	<input type="checkbox"/>	Acknowledgements yes, authorship no
	resources: animals, reagents	<input type="checkbox"/>	No if already published; yes if novel
	resources: patients	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maybe, depending on circumstances
<b>Data acquisition</b>	original experimental work	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	technical experimental work	<input type="checkbox"/>	No if routine; yes if novel methods added, or specific role, e.g., statistics, imaging etc.
	data analysis (assays)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, unless only very basic
	data analysis (statistics)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, unless only very basic (t-tests e.g.)
<b>Writing &amp; other</b>	drafting of manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/>	Warrants first authorship
	reading/ commenting on manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substantial feedback can be acknowledged
	none	<input type="checkbox"/>	Includes honorary authorship for lab chiefs, celebrities etc.

# Publishers May Require an Author Contribution Statement



Structural resilience and high interaction dissimilarity of plant–pollinator interaction networks in fire-prone grasslands

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Example: *Oecologia* (2022) <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00442-021-05071-x>

# Standardized “Contributorship”

**How can we ensure visibility and diversity in research contributions? How the Contributor Role Taxonomy (CRediT) is helping the shift from authorship to contributorship**

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L. Allen



A. O'Connell




V. Kiermer

14 Contributor Roles:  
Conceptualization  
Methodology  
Software  
Validation  
Formal analysis  
Investigation  
Resources  
Data curation  
Writing – original  
Writing – review/editing  
Visualization  
Supervision  
Project administration  
Funding acquisition

# Minimum Requirements for Authorship by Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE)

1. Substantial intellectual contribution to the work
2. Accountable for the work and its published form



“If you want to take credit,  
first learn to take responsibility”

Tim Cook, Apple CEO  
Commencement Address, Stanford University, 2019

# Authorship Responsibilities

- Confirm that the publication is accurate
- Understand and be able to explain the research
- Legally responsible for content (including adherence to copyright law & license agreements)
- Available for future communication about the publication

# Acknowledgement in Lieu of Authorship

- funding sources
- advising about the statistical analysis
- collecting or entering the data
- modifying or structuring a computer program
- conducting routine observations or diagnoses for use in studies
- reviewing manuscript drafts



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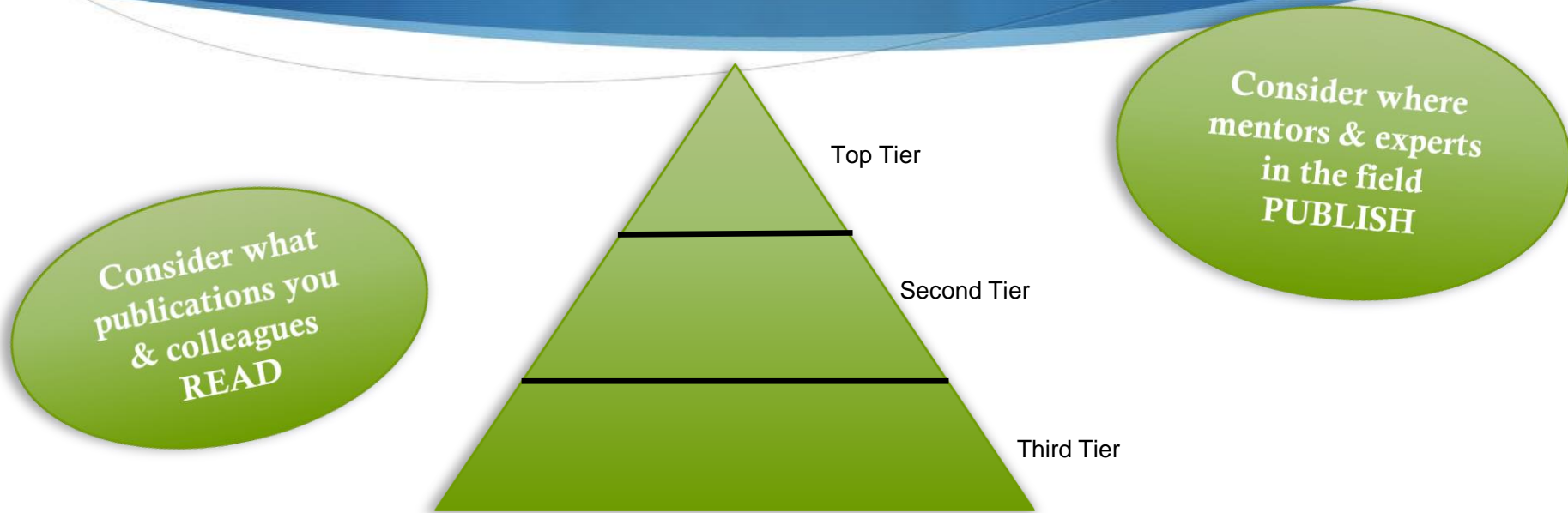
# Best practices for ethical authorship

- Establish clear expectations for authorship at the beginning of a project
- Give credit where credit is due
  - Obtain permission to re-use any published images or figures
  - Properly cite previously published work
- Disclose funding sources or any conflict of interests
- Contributions can be dynamic, so re-visit authorship during the project
- ALL eligible authors agree to final manuscript version prior to submission

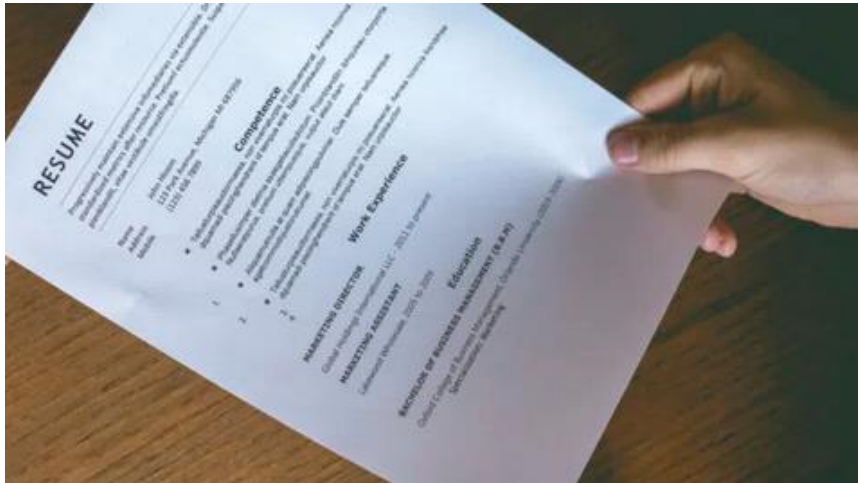
# Publishing Options Abound



# Journal or Publisher Selection Personal Hierarchy of Preference



# Where are Your Mentors Publishing?



## Master Bibliography UF/IFAS 2020 Annual List of Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

- Aadland, K., & Kolaczowski, B. (2020). Alignment-integrated reconstruction of ancestral sequences improves accuracy. *Genome Biology and Evolution*, 12(9), 1549-1565.
- Abd-Elrahman, A., Guan, Z., Dalid, C., Whitaker, V., Britt, K., Wilkinson, B., & Gonzalez, A. (2020). Automated canopy delineation and size metrics extraction for strawberry dry weight modeling using raster analysis of high-resolution imagery. *Remote Sensing*, 12(21), #3632.
- Abdi, D. E., Owen, J. S., Brindley, J. C., Birnbaum, A. C., Wilson, P. C., Hinz, F. O., Reguera, G., Lee, J. Y., Clegg, B. M., Kort, D. R., & Fernandez, R. T. (2020). Nutrient and pesticide remediation using a two-stage bioreactor-adsorptive system under two hydraulic retention times. *Water Research*, 170, #116351.
- Abdollahi-Arpanahi, R., Gianola, D., & Peñagaricano, F. (2020). Deep learning versus parametric and ensemble methods for genomic prediction of complex phenotypes. *Genetics Selection Evolution*, 52, #12.
- Abdulridha, J., Ampatzidis, Y., Kakarla, S. C., & Roberts, P. (2020). Detection of target spot and bacterial spot diseases in tomato using UAV-based and benchtop-based hyperspectral imaging techniques. *Precision Agriculture*, 21(5), 955-978.

<https://ufdc.ufl.edu/IR00008243/00013/citation>

C.V. or Lists of Research Publications

# Tools to Search by Author for their Publications



<https://research.ufl.edu/orcid.html>

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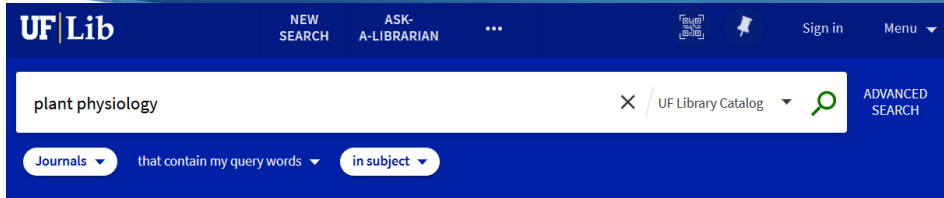
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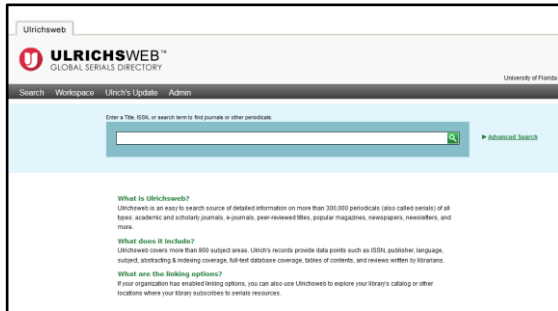
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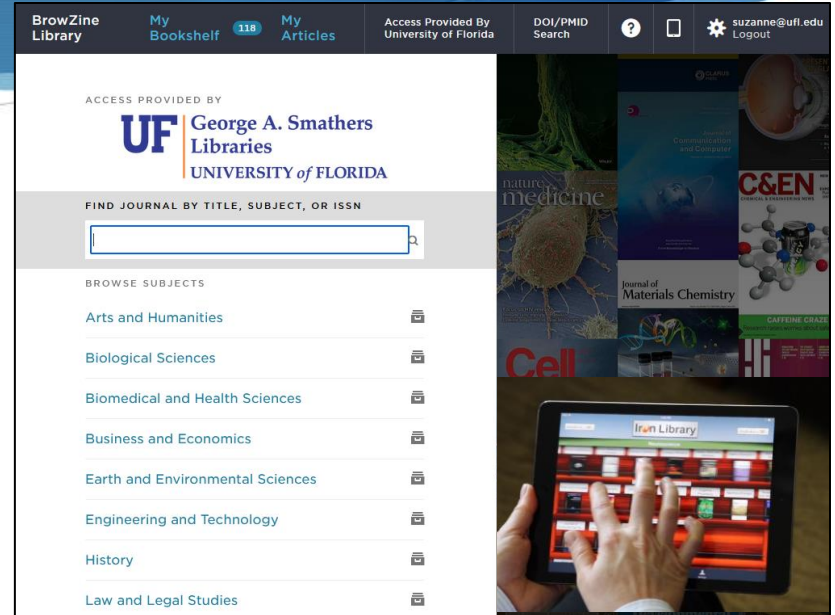
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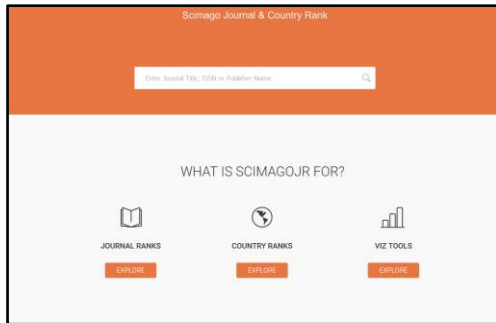


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Example: EndNote Manuscript Matcher



# Evaluating Publishing Venues

Is this a good  
publication  
for my work?

## Criteria

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.
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# Appropriate Scope

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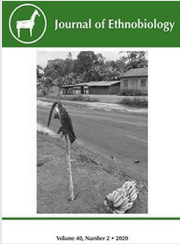
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**Journal of Ethnobiology**

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## Scope

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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.

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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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**Aims & Scope**

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# Quality of Published Content

In addition to Editorial Board composition and Peer Review, what other factors indicate that a publication is credible to you?

Can you suggest other indicators of quality content?

# Are these indicators of quality content?

- I know the editor
- Content by reputable authors
- High citation counts
- It looks good (Professional design & layout)
- Large readership or number of subscriptions
- Authorship ethics policy
- Favorite publication of my colleagues
- Violations not mentioned in COPE or Retraction Watch



# Publisher

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

# Publisher Examples



Society publisher

The image shows a navigation bar for the MIT Press website. It includes a logo on the left, followed by links for 'Books', 'Journals', 'Open Access', 'Resources', 'Give', 'About', and 'Contact'. Below the navigation bar is a text box with the following content:

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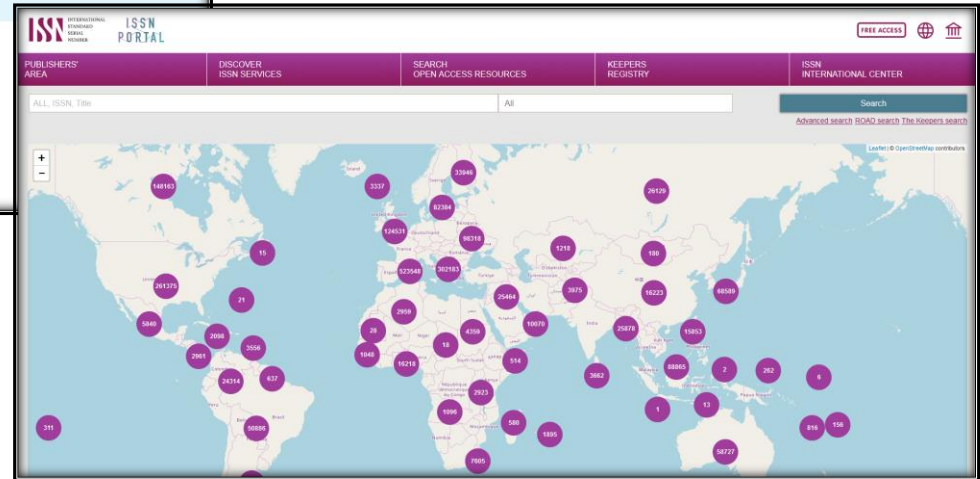


Commercial publisher

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# Scholarly Impact

- Readership: Who reads this publication? Is this your target audience? Who can read current and archived issues? Is the publication Open Access?
- Indexing: Do reputable subject databases include content from this publication?
- Citation metrics



# What is Open Access Publishing?

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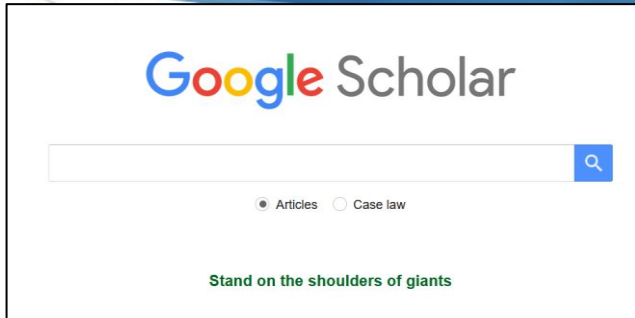


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# Scholarly Impact

- Readership: Who reads this publication? Is this your target audience? Who can read current and archived issues? Is the publication Open Access?
- Indexing: Do reputable subject databases include content from this publication?
- Citation metrics

# Search Engines



A screenshot of the Google Scholar website, specifically the "Inclusion Guidelines for Webmasters" page. The page has a blue header with the Google Scholar logo and navigation links: "About", "Search", "Profiles", "Inclusion", "Metrics", "Publishers", "Libraries", and a "Search Scholar" button. A left sidebar contains links for "Overview", "Content", "Crawl", "Indexing", "Troubleshooting", and "Questions". The main content area is titled "Inclusion Guidelines for Webmasters" and contains the following text:

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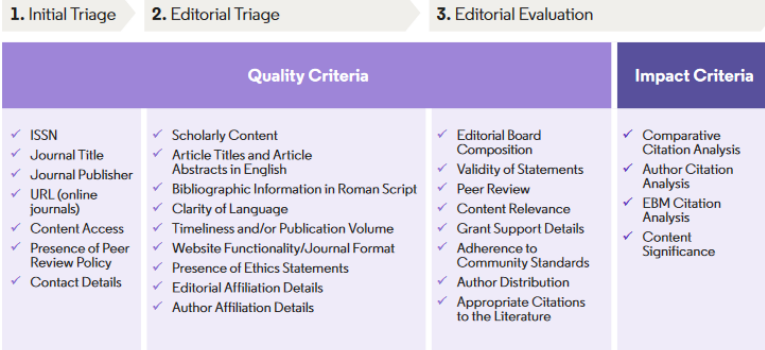
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### Journal Selection Criteria

Initial eligibility of journals will be evaluated on adherence to the following minimum criteria:

Valid, Registered ISSN	Peer-review	English Abstracts	Regular Publication 2-year Publication History Regular Publishing Output	Publication Ethics Statement (COPE) Publishing Ethics Resource Kit (PERK) Digital Preservation Policy (PORTICO) The CLOCKSS Archive
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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
Diversity and geographic distribution of editors	Quality and conformity with stated aims & scope			English-language journal home page
Diversity and geographic distribution of authors	Readability of articles			Quality of home page Digital object Identifier

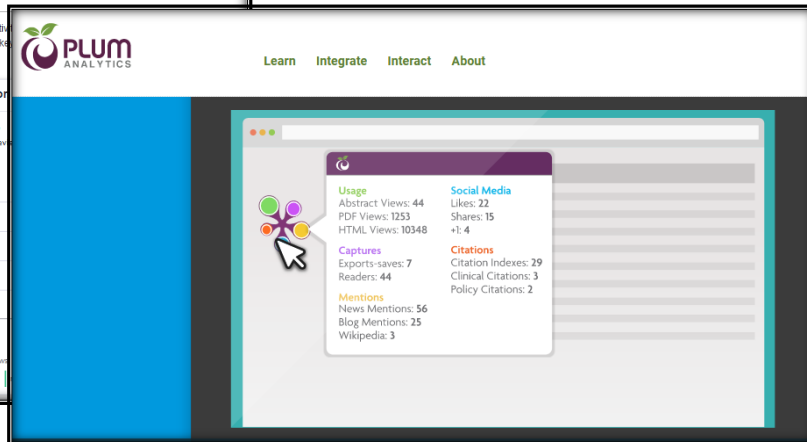
Inclusion criteria by Elsevier's Compendex



# Scholarly Impact

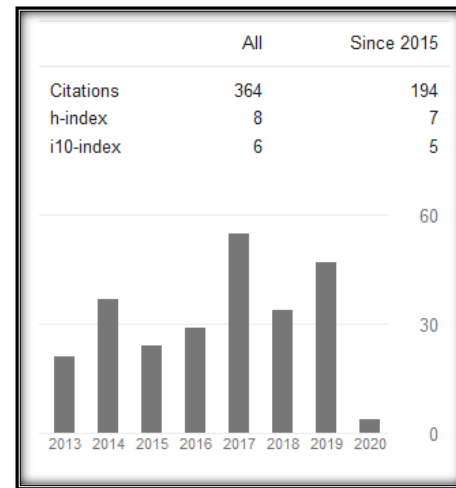
- Readership: Who reads this publication? Is this your target audience? Who can read current and archived issues? Is the publication Open Access?
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# Research Metrics Examples



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

# Authors' 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?



# Copyright on Campus: Author Rights

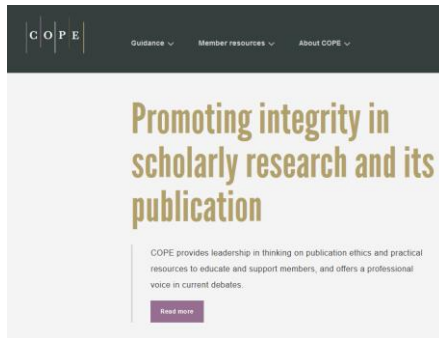


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# Professional Ethics



<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

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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

# Predatory Publishers: The Case of OMICS Group

The New York Times

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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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Larsen & von Ins, 2010  
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1. Understand what authors contribute and are responsible for
2. Use resources to aid in appropriate publication selection
3. Evaluate the quality of a potential publishing venue using six criteria
4. Recognize warning signs of potentially fraudulent publishers
5. Appreciate citation metrics
6. Understand open access publishing options



# Selected Relevant Resources

## Search for Journals

- Library catalog for Journal Title [https://ufl-flvc.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/search?vid=01FALSC\\_UFL:UFL&tab=LibraryCatalog&search\\_scope=MyInstitution](https://ufl-flvc.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/search?vid=01FALSC_UFL:UFL&tab=LibraryCatalog&search_scope=MyInstitution)
- 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)

## 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>



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