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How to find a relevant journal?

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Who you learn with?

Alison Ferrett is a Research Intelligence Customer Success Manager, supporting customers on the responsible use of Elsevier's research intelligence solutions.

Prior to this, Alison spent 14 years at the University of Plymouth, working in the research environment. She worked for the last five years as a Research Information Officer responsible for systems implementation and management.

She was successful in rolling out and promoting systems including SciVal to support the University's research strategy. Alison also worked as a research assistant with a team of researchers working on women's health.



Agenda

- Why the right journal is important?
- How to find a relevant journal for my next article?
- What tools can support me in my publishing challenges?



Importance of choosing right journal



Selecting the right journal is important

- Quality
- Discoverability
- Visibility
- Impact
- Research assesment and evaluation

INVESTMENT

Selecting the right journal is important

The consequences of choosing a bad journal for good work:

- Monetary costs for the author/institution
- Reputational costs for the work and people involved
- Negative impact on rankings and research assessment
- Durability: no assurance of longevity of the paper
- Delisting of the journal by indexing services



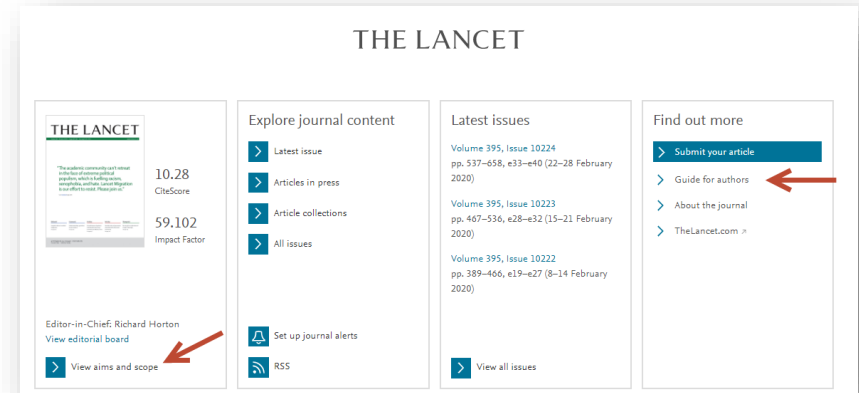
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Choose the right journal

Investigate all candidate journals to find out

- Aims and scope
- Accepted types of articles
- Readership
- Read the guide for Authors
- Current hot topics

Ask for help from your supervisor or colleagues



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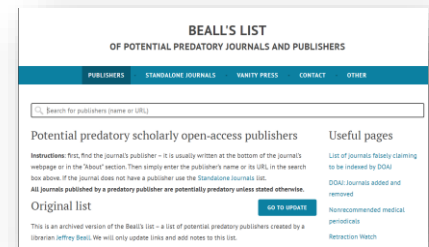
Select the best journal for submission

Look at your references – these should help you narrow your choices.

Review recent publications in each “candidate journal”.

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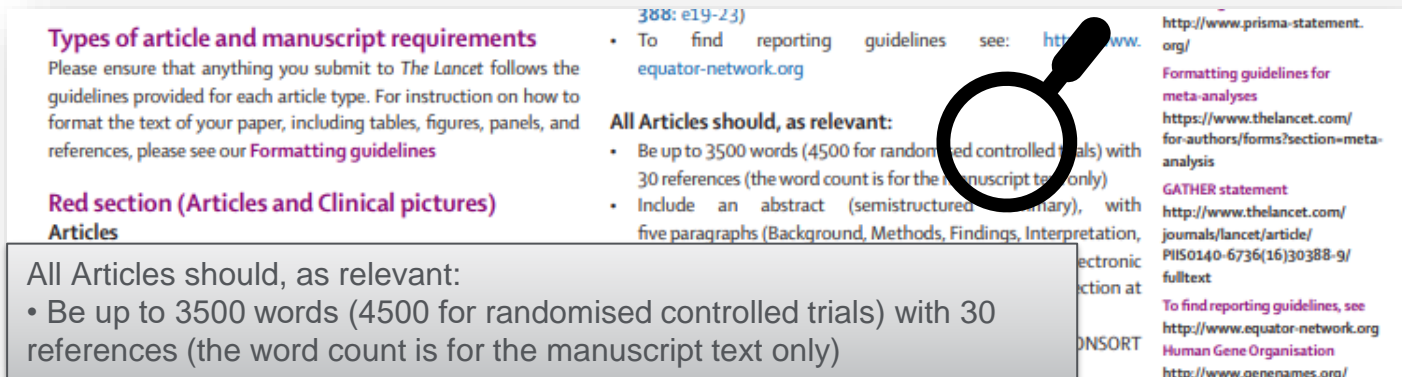
- ✓ Who is this journal’s audience?
- ✓ How fast does it make a decision or publish your paper?
- ✓ What are the various Impact metrics for the journal?
- ✓ Do you want/need to publish Open Access?
- ✓ Does it really exist or is dubious? (check for example archived version of Beall’s List of Predatory Open Access Publishers)



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Read the “Guide for Authors”

- Find it on the journal homepage of the publisher, e.g. Elsevier.com
- Keep to the Guide for Authors in your manuscript
- Editors do not like wasting time on poorly prepared manuscripts



Types of article and manuscript requirements
Please ensure that anything you submit to *The Lancet* follows the guidelines provided for each article type. For instruction on how to format the text of your paper, including tables, figures, panels, and references, please see our [Formatting guidelines](#)

Red section (Articles and Clinical pictures) Articles

All Articles should, as relevant:

- Be up to 3500 words (4500 for randomised controlled trials) with 30 references (the word count is for the manuscript text only)
- Include an abstract (semistructured summary), with five paragraphs (Background, Methods, Findings, Interpretation, and Conclusions)

To find reporting guidelines see: <http://www.equator-network.org>

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Checklist for journal selection

- ✓ Does the subject of your article match the journal's **subject focus**?
- ✓ Does the journal accept the **article type** you intend to submit?
- ✓ Is the journal read by your **target audience**?
- ✓ Is the journal **included** in bibliographic and subject-specific databases?
- ✓ Does the journal have an **online edition**?
- ✓ Is the journal's impact factor / CiteScore in line with your **requirements**?
- ✓ Is the journal regarded as **prestigious** one in its field by colleagues and peers?
- ✓ What is the **turnaround time** for articles submitted to the journal?
- ✓ How many times in a year is the journal **published**?
- ✓ What are the **publication charges**? (Only applicable for Open Access)
- ✓ Is the length and structure of your manuscript **acceptable** to the journal?

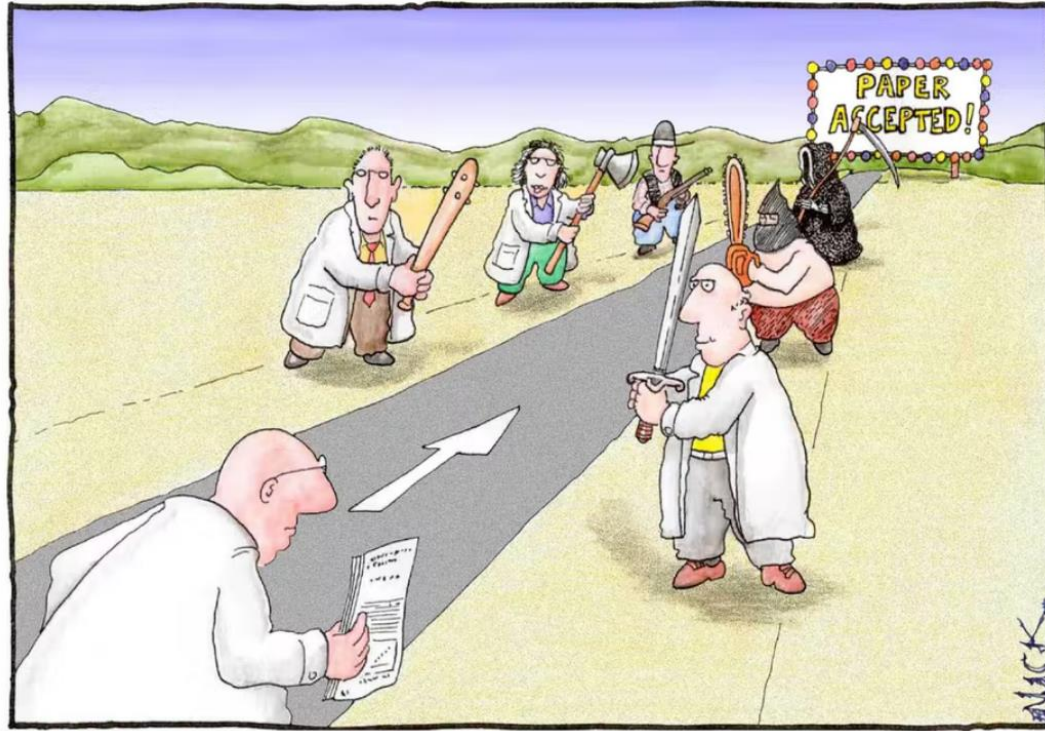
Your Journals list for this manuscript

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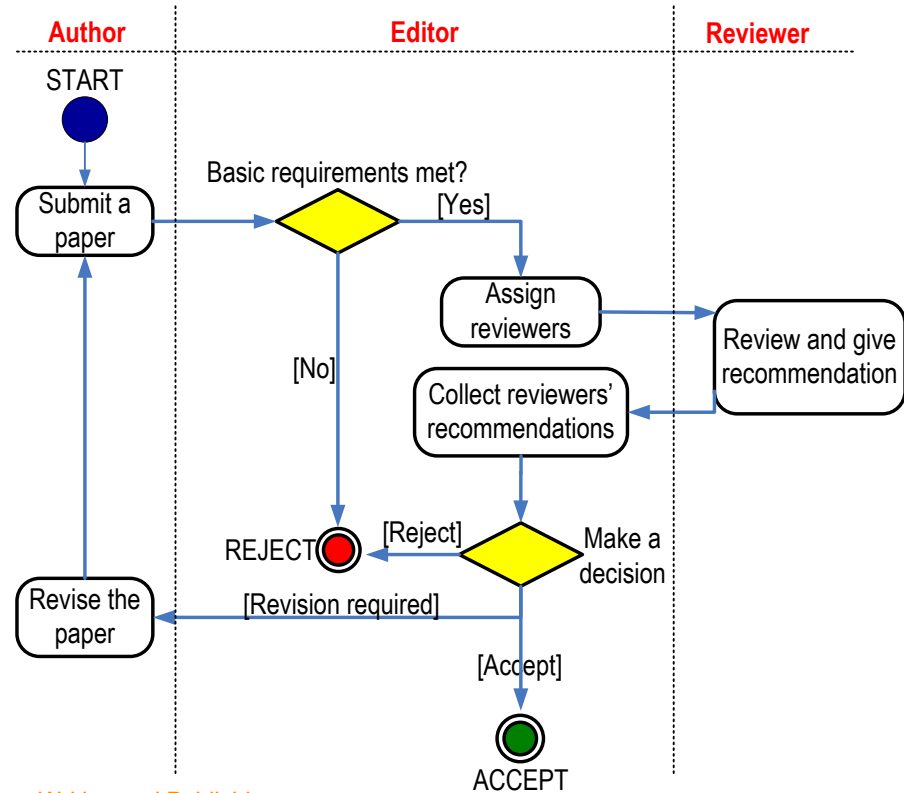
- ✓ All authors of the submission agree to this list of journals
- ✓ Write your draft as if you are going to submit to the first journal on your list. Use its Guide for Authors - these differ per journal
- ✗ **DO NOT gamble by submitting your manuscript to more than one journal at a time.**

International ethics standards prohibit multiple/simultaneous submissions, and editors DO find out! (Trust us, they DO!)

The peer review process



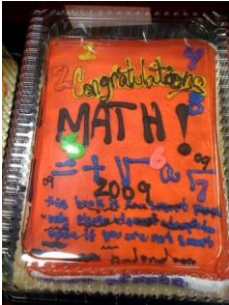
The Peer Review Process is not a black hole!



First Decision: “Accepted” or “Rejected”

Accepted

- Very rare, but it happens



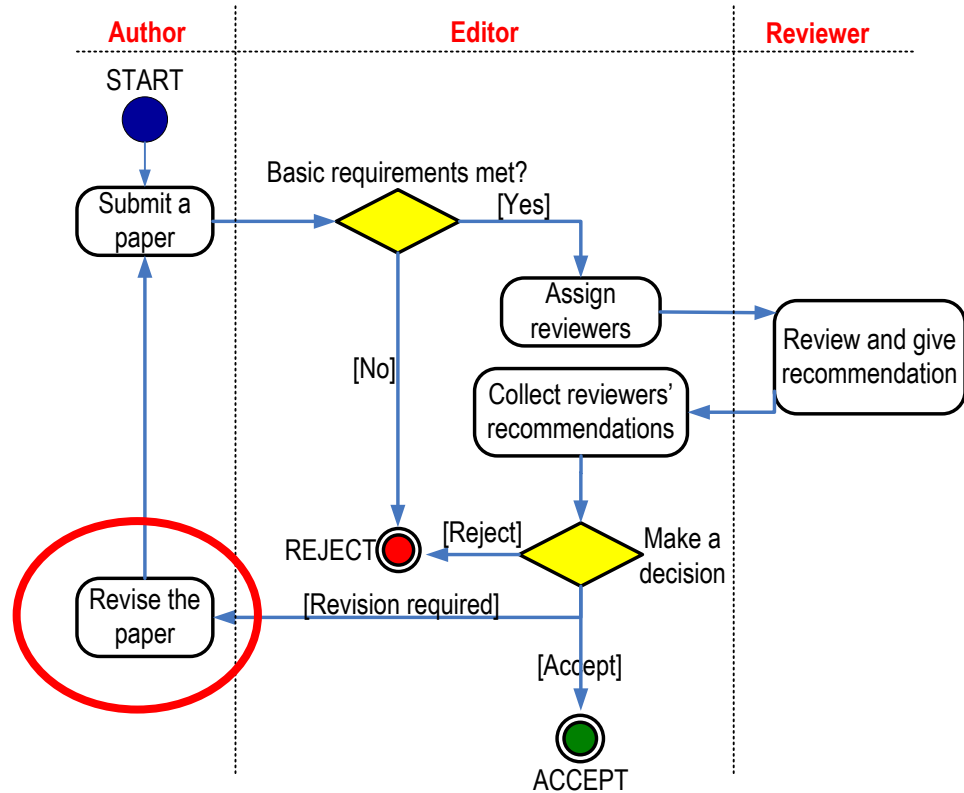
- Congratulations!
 - Cake for the department
 - Now wait for page proofs and then for your article to be online and in print

Rejected

- Probability 40-90% ...
- Do not despair
 - It happens to everybody
- Try to understand WHY
 - 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 and revise accordingly
 - They may review your manuscript for the next journal too!
 - Read the Guide for Authors of the new journal, again and again.



The Peer Review Process – revisions



Manuscript Revision

Prepare a detailed Response Letter

- ✓ **Copy-paste each reviewer comment**, and type your response below it
- ✓ **State specifically** which changes you have made to the manuscript
 - ✓ Include page/line numbers

- ✓ Provide a **scientific response** to comments to accept,
- ✓ or a **convincing, solid and polite** rebuttal when you feel the reviewer was wrong.
- ✓ Write in such a manner, that your response can be forwarded to the reviewer without prior editing

.....Why then run the risk of avoidable rejection by not taking manuscript revision seriously?

Increasing the likelihood of acceptance

All these various steps are not difficult.

- ✓ You have to be consistent.
- ✓ You have to check and recheck before submitting.
- ✓ Make sure you tell a logical, clear, story about your findings.
- ✓ Especially, take note of referees' comments. They improve your paper.

This should increase the likelihood of your paper being accepted, and being in the 30% (accepted) not the 70% (rejected) group!

Why do reviewers review?

- Value from mentoring young researchers
- Enjoyment in reviewing
- General interest in the area
- Awareness of new research and developments before their peers
- Career development
- Help with own research or new ideas
- Association with journals and Editors
- Keep updated with latest developments

What leads to acceptance ?

- ✓ **A**ttention to details
- ✓ **C**heck and double check your work
- ✓ **C**onsider the reviewers' comments
- ✓ **E**nglish must be as good as possible
- ✓ **P**resentation is important
- ✓ **T**ake your time with revision
- ✓ **A**cknowledge those who have helped you
- ✓ **N**ew, original and previously unpublished
- ✓ **C**ritically evaluate your own manuscript
- ✓ **E**thical rules must be obeyed

– Nigel John Cook
Editor-in-Chief, *Ore Geology Reviews*

The Cover letter

Cover Letter

Professor H. D. Schmidt
School of Science and Engineering
Northeast State University
College Park, MI 10000
USA

Dear Professor Schmidt,

Enclosed with this letter you will find an electronic submission of a manuscript entitled "Mechano-sorptive creep under compressive loading – a micromechanical model" by John Smith and myself. This is an original paper which has neither previously nor simultaneously in whole or in part been submitted anywhere else. Both authors have read and approved the final version submitted.

Mechano-sorptive is sometimes denoted as accelerated creep. It has been experimentally observed that the creep of paper accelerates if it is subjected to a cyclic moisture content. This is of large practical importance for the paper industry. The present manuscript describes a micromechanical model on the fibre network level that is able to capture the experimentally observed behaviour. In particular, the difference between mechano-sorptive creep in tension and compression is studied. John Smith is a PhD-student who within a year will present his doctoral thesis. The present paper will be a part of that thesis.

Three potential independent reviewers who have excellent expertise in this paper are:

Dr. Fernandez, Tennessee Tech, email1@university.com
Dr. Chen, University of Maine, email2@university.com
Dr. Singh, Colorado School of Mines, email3@university.com

I would very much appreciate if you would consider the manuscript for publication in the *International Journal of Science*.

Sincerely yours,

A. Professor

Final approval from all authors


Explanation of importance of research

Suggested reviewers

Only the handling Editor will see your cover letter


Suggestions

- ✓ Address the letter to the Editor formally and correctly by name, with the journal name.
- ✓ Check that the journal has not changed its Aims and Scope recently
- ✗ Do not exaggerate or inflate the claims you are making
- ✗ Not too long: One side of a sheet of paper max using normal 12-point Times or Ariel font.
- ✗ Avoid humour



How to choose the right journal?

Practical ways and how to use Elsevier tools
to help make a wise decision

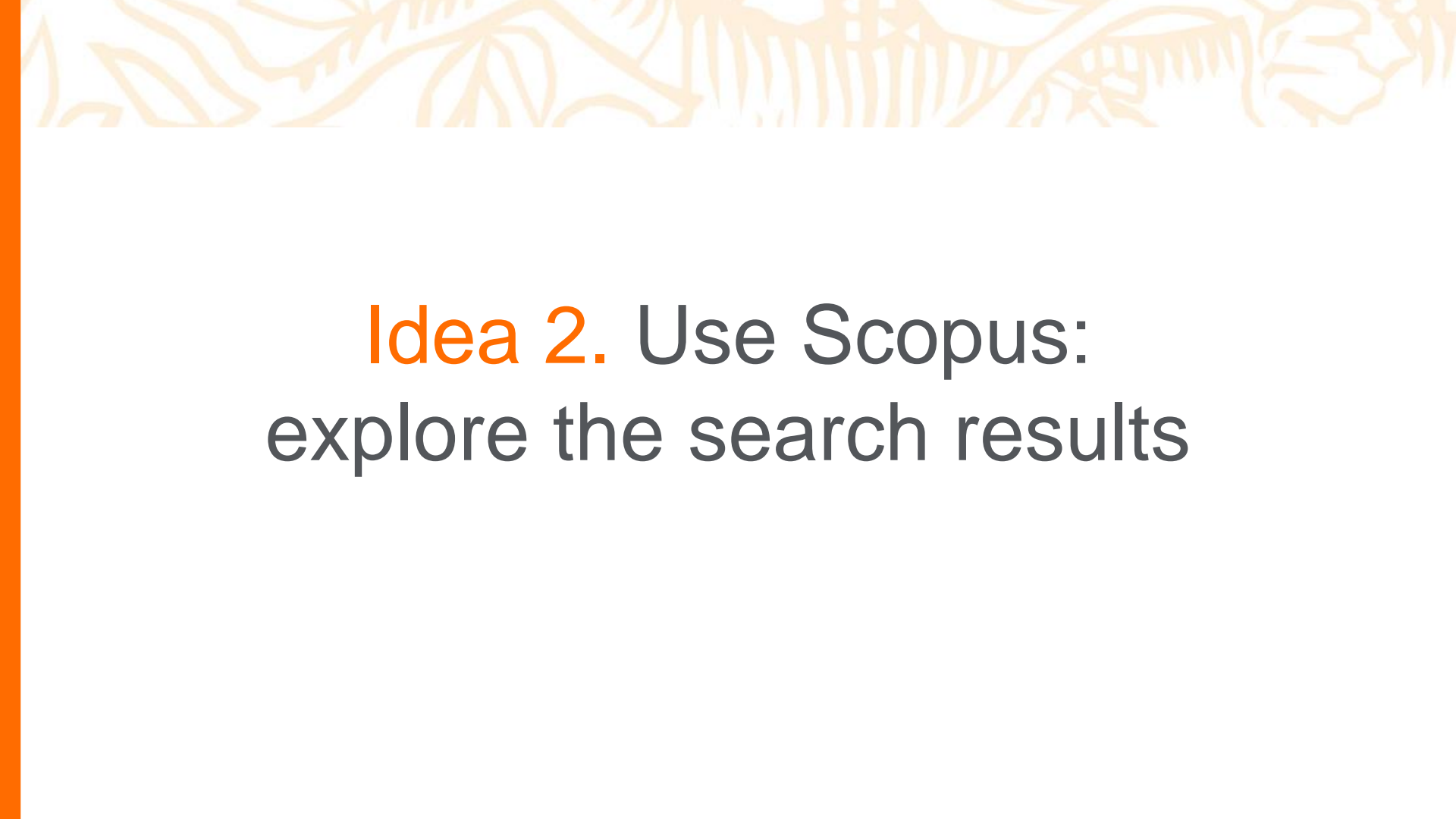




Idea 1: use your bibliography

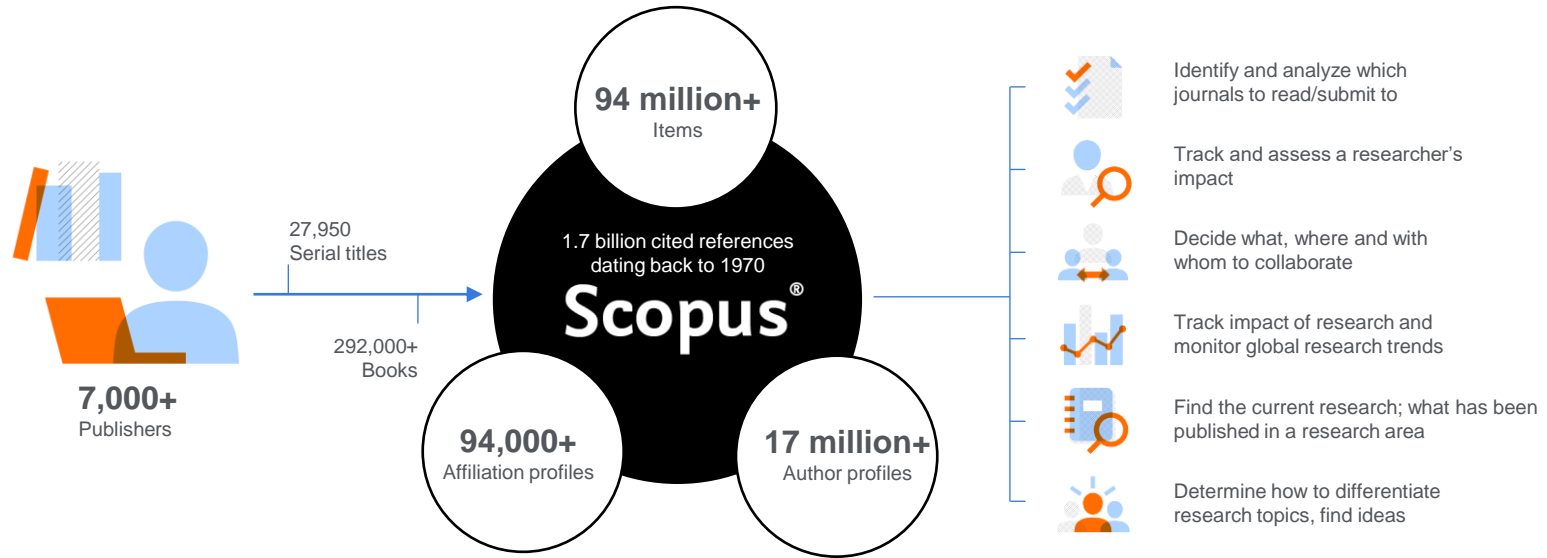
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- Physics and Astronomy (900) >
- Medicine (719) >

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- Journal Of Coastal Research (660) >
- Ocean And Coastal Management (569) >
- Marine Pollution Bulletin (526) >
- Estuarine Coastal And Shelf Science (377) >
- Remote Sensing (291) >
- Journal Of Coastal Conservation (181) >
- Frontiers In Marine Science (157) >
- Journal Of Geophysical Research Oceans (157) >
- Marine Geology (139) >
- Natural Hazards (134) >

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explore the sources

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- The **CSAB** is an independent board of subject experts from all over the world.
- Comprised of 17 Subject Chairs.
- Board members are chosen for their expertise in specific subject areas; many have (journal) Editor experience.
- Year round, the board members are responsible for reviewing all titles that are suggested to Scopus.



Transparent Scopus selection criteria for serial content

1) All titles should meet all technical criteria in order to be considered for Scopus review:

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English title,
abstract, keywords

At least 2 years and
regular publication

Publication ethics
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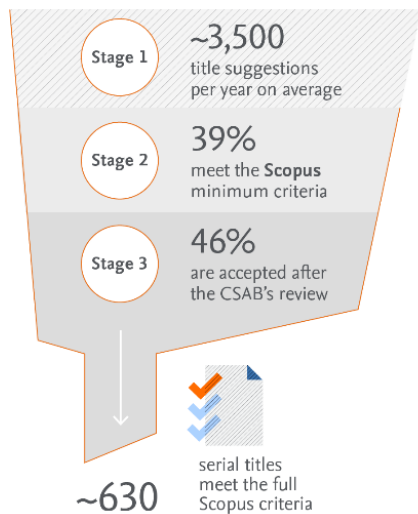
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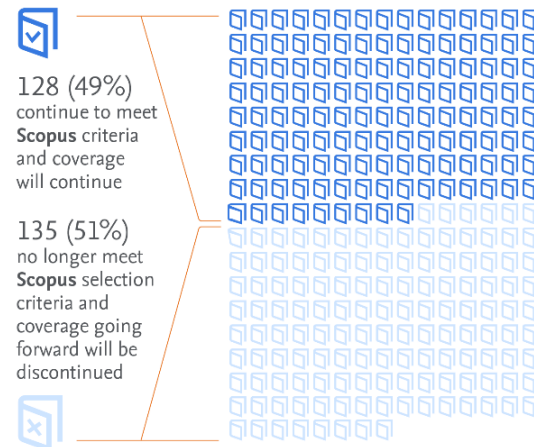
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Idea 3: check the list our indexed journals



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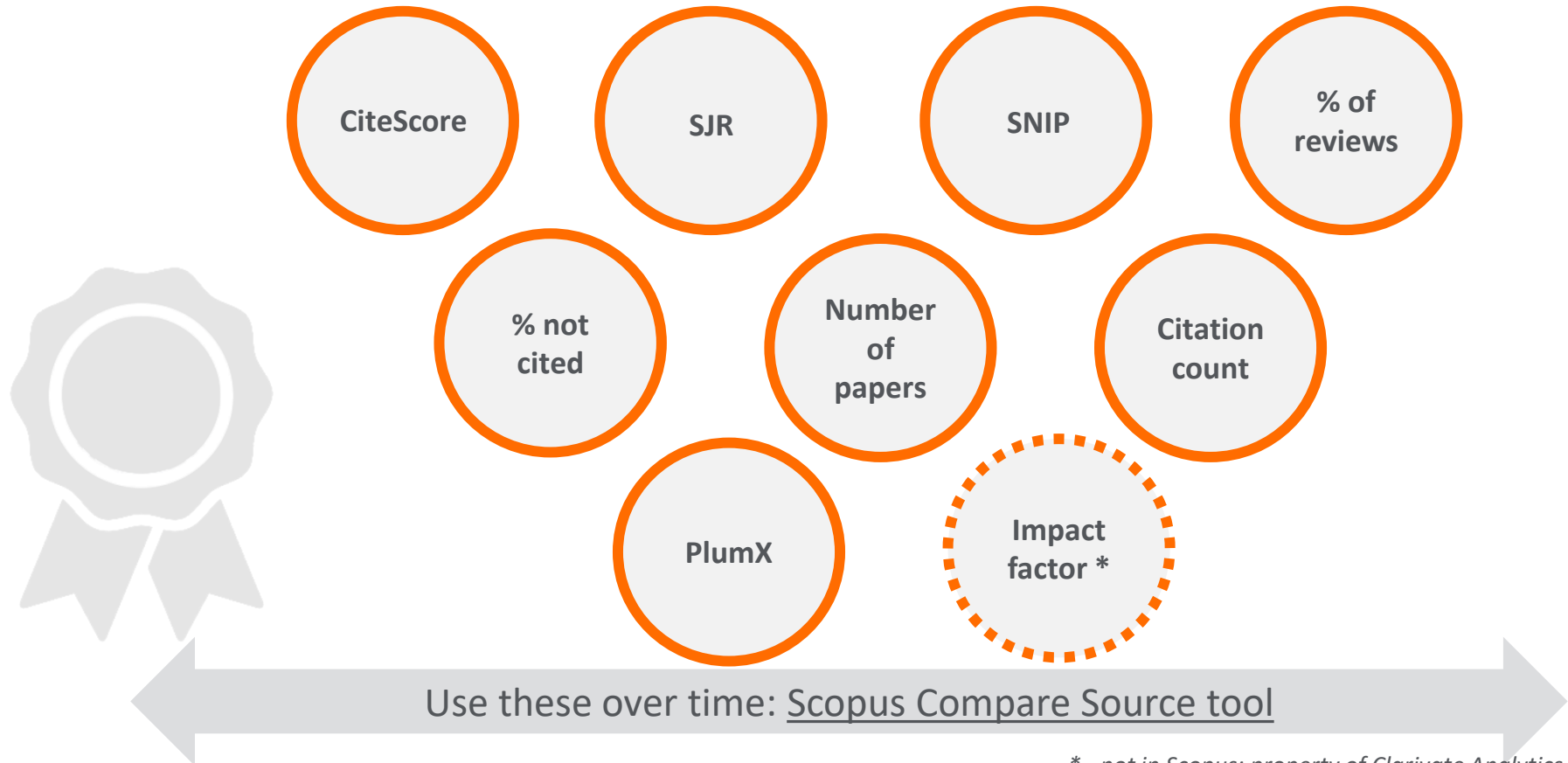
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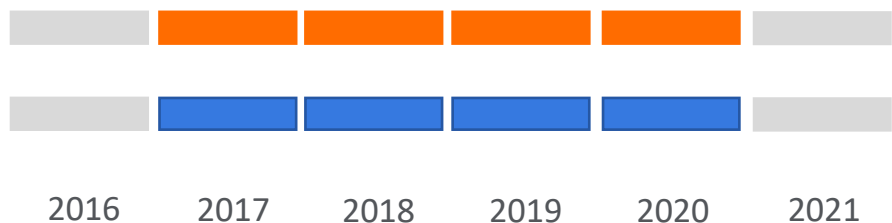


Idea 4. Use Scopus:
check the journal metrics

Bibliometric indicators: a basket of metrics



CiteScore



$$\text{CiteScore 2020} = \frac{\text{Citations between 2017 and 2020}}{\text{Documents published between 2017 and 2020}}$$

- This metric counts the citations received in past 4 years to **articles, reviews, conference papers, book chapters and data papers** published in the same timeframe, and divides this by the number of publications published in these 4 years.
- **The same documents** are included in the **nominator and denominator**.
- **The value depends on the discipline.**
- More than 24k journals and more than 700 book series have CiteScore.

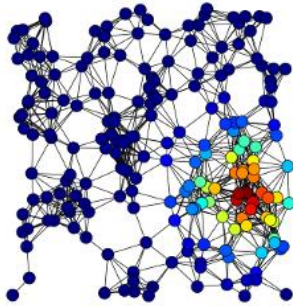
SNIP – Source Normalized Impact per Paper



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- Developed by CWTS, **University of Leiden** in The Netherlands.
 - Measures **contextual citation impact** by weighting citations based on the **total number of citations in a subject field**.
 - The **impact** of a single **citation** is given **higher value** in subject **areas** where citations are **less likely**, and vice versa.
 - It's a **normalized parameter**, thus it allows to compare journals **across disciplines**.
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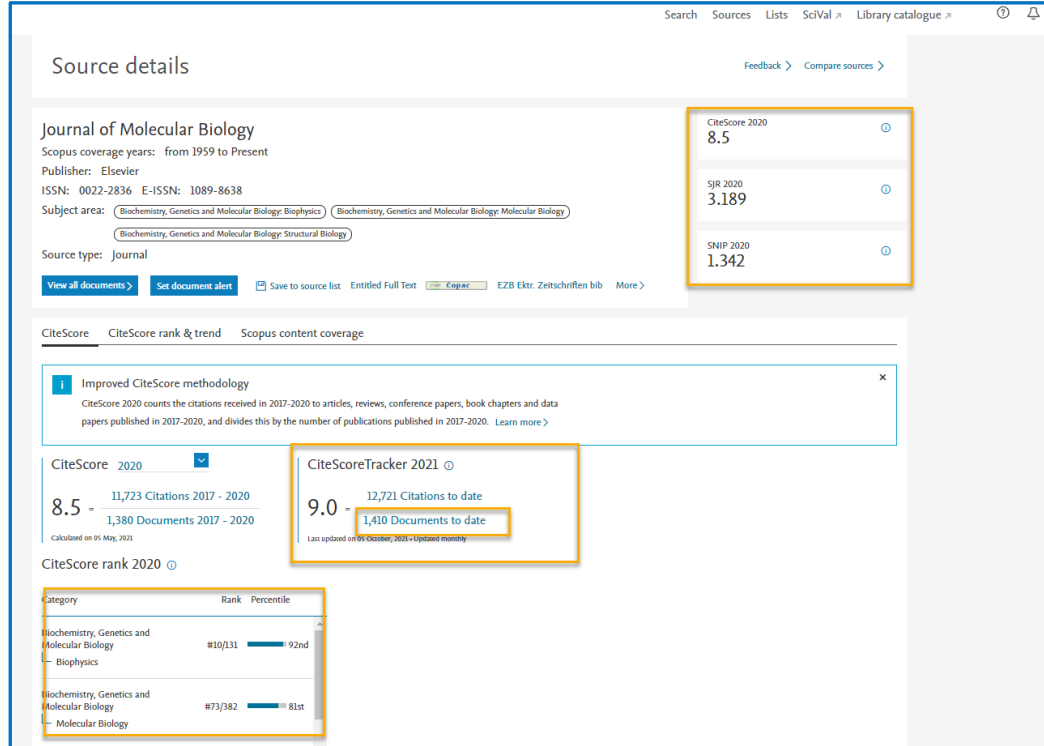
SJR – SCImago Journal Rank



SCIMAGO
L A B

- Developed by SCImago, Spain.
- A **prestige metric** that can be applied to journals, book series and conference proceedings.
- It bases on the **eigenvector network theory** – nodes may have different „value” or „weight”.
- With SJR, the **subject field, quality and reputation** of the journal have a **direct effect** on the **value of a citation**.

How the journal is performing? - CiteScore, SJR and SNIP



The screenshot shows the Scopus Source details page for the Journal of Molecular Biology. The page is divided into several sections:

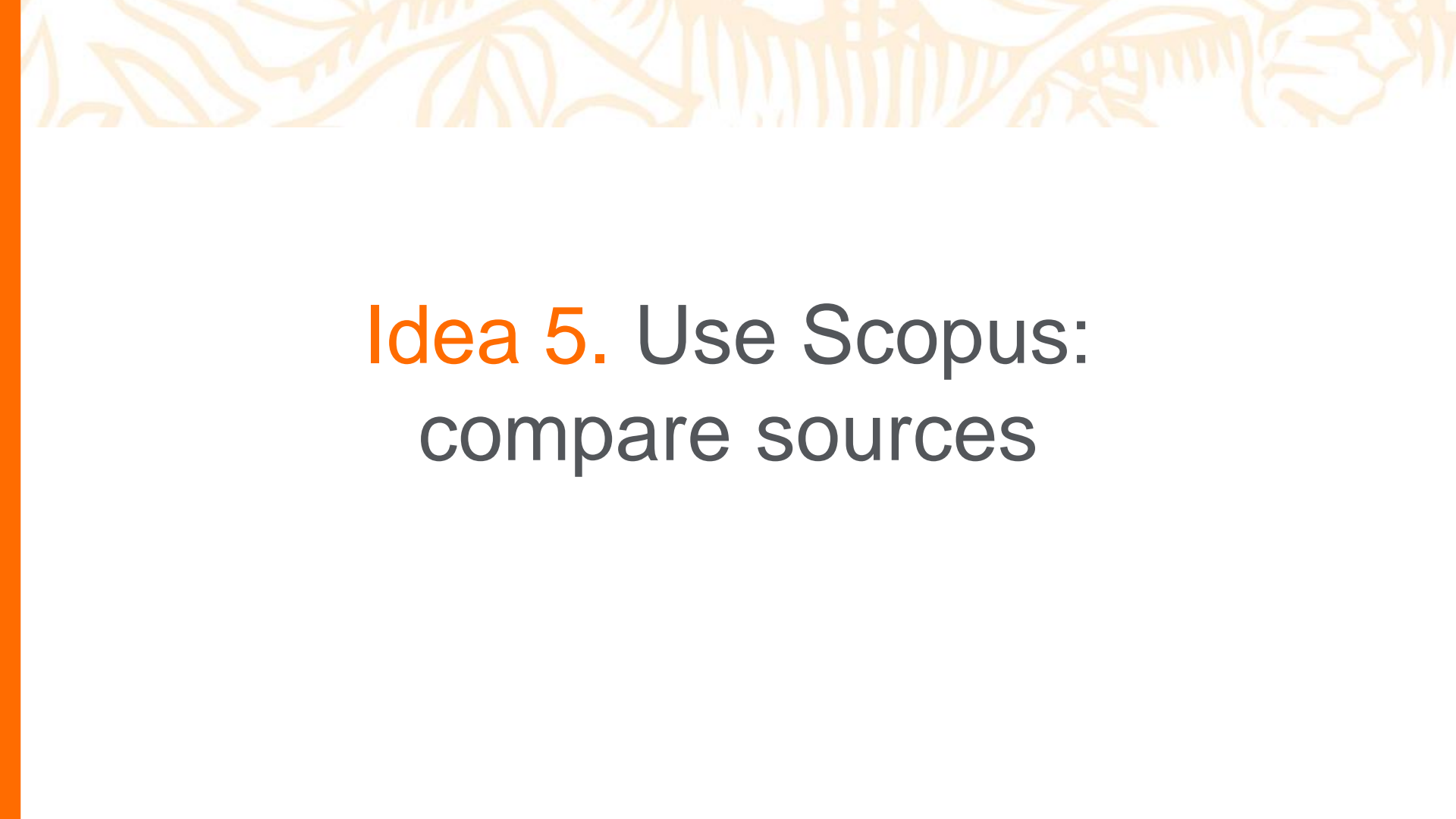
- Source details:** Journal of Molecular Biology, Scopus coverage years: from 1959 to Present, Publisher: Elsevier, ISSN: 0022-2836, E-ISSN: 1089-8638. Subject areas include Biochemistry, Genetics and Molecular Biology: Biophysics and Biochemistry, Genetics and Molecular Biology: Molecular Biology.
- Metrics:** CiteScore 2020: 8.5, SJR 2020: 3.189, SNIP 2020: 1.342.
- CiteScore Tracker 2021:** 9.0 (12,721 Citations to date, 1,410 Documents to date).
- CiteScore 2020:** 8.5 (11,723 Citations 2017 - 2020, 1,380 Documents 2017 - 2020).
- CiteScore rank 2020:** Rank #10/131 (92nd Percentile) for Biochemistry, Genetics and Molecular Biology - Biophysics; Rank #73/382 (81st Percentile) for Biochemistry, Genetics and Molecular Biology - Molecular Biology.

Step 1: From Scopus Sources, search for journal

Step 2: Check the annual journal metrics **CiteScore**, **SJR** and **SNIP**

Step 3: Check the **CiteScore Tracker**

In which category does the journal rank the highest?



Idea 5. Use Scopus:
compare sources

Compare up to 10 journals

Compare sources

About compare sources calculations ⓘ

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i Begin comparing sources

To start your comparison, search for sources and select which ones you want to compare.

Select up to 10 sources to compare

Selected sources: Biosensors and Bioelectronics x Journal of Molecular Biology x Annual Review of Biophysics x Biomaterials x Soft Robotics x

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

Source title

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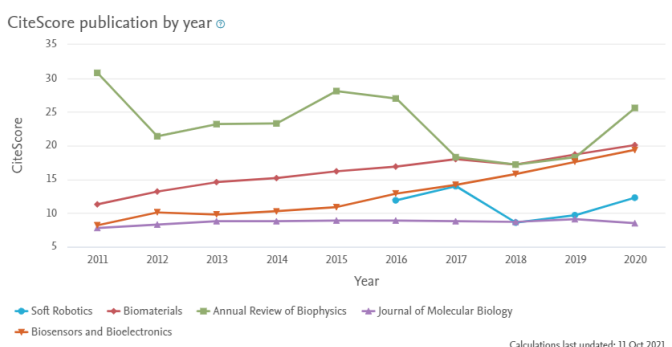
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2 Search results CiteScore

Source CiteScore

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biosensors and Bioelectronics	19.4
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CiteScore publication by year ⓘ



Year	Soft Robotics	Biomaterials	Annual Review of Biophysics	Journal of Molecular Biology	Biosensors and Bioelectronics
2011	8	11	31	8	8
2012	8	13	21	8	10
2013	8	14	23	8	10
2014	8	15	23	8	10
2015	8	16	28	8	11
2016	12	17	27	8	14
2017	14	18	18	8	14
2018	8	18	17	8	17
2019	9	19	18	8	18
2020	12	20	25	8	19

Calculations last updated: 11 Oct 2021

With the **Compare sources** option in Scopus, you can benchmark and understand the performance of chosen journals using the **CiteScore** annual value or other metrics.



Idea 6: use the **Elsevier
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Idea 7: enjoy an automated Journal Finder

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Time to publication

4 weeks

Journal of Economic Psychology

DA S ISSN: 0167-4870



Text match score



CiteScore

3.4

Impact Factor

1.718

Acceptance rate

12%

Time to 1st decision

7 weeks

Time to publication

24 weeks

Technology in Society

DA S ISSN: 0160-791X



Text match score



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Impact Factor

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Time to publication

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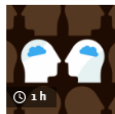
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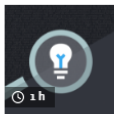
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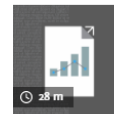
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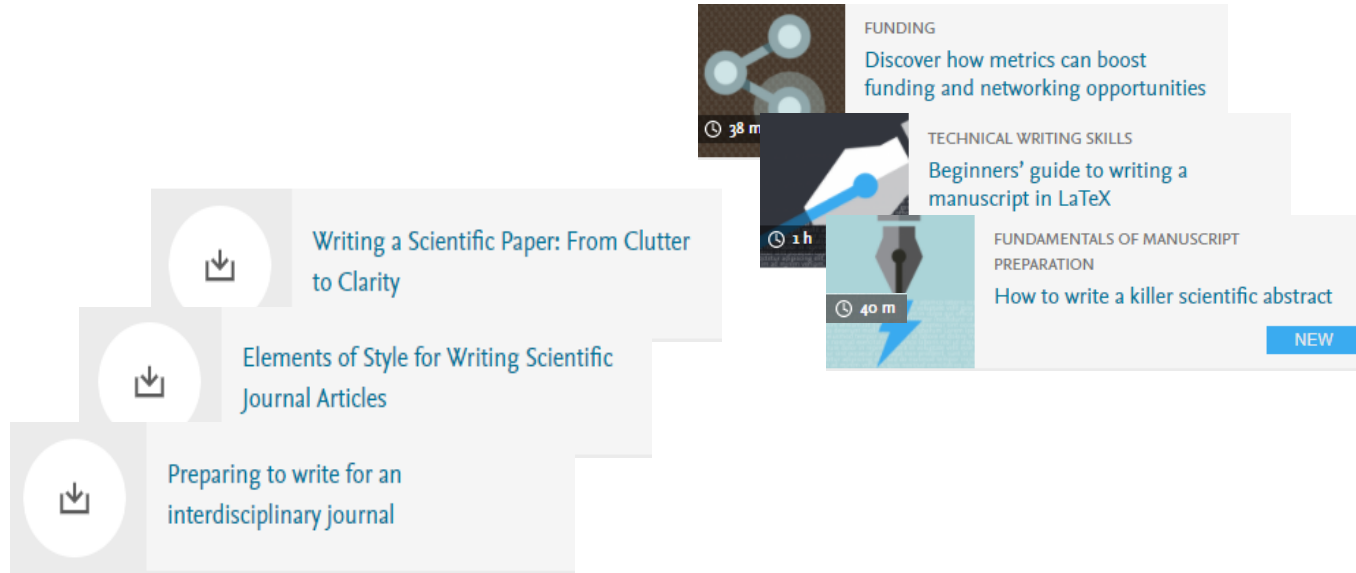
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Title	Topic	Date	Hour (CEST)
How to publish an eBook? »	Publishing; eBooks	14/09/2021	12:00
How to use Scopus and SciVal to support Open Science? » Learn about functionalities that you can use to analyse the impact of open Science at the level of researcher, institution or country.	Scopus; SciVal; Open Science	28/09/2021	10:00
How Scopus ensures it covers high-quality content? » Join us to learn about new functionalities in Scopus and how it constantly monitors the quality of indexed sources	Scopus	05/10/2021	10:00
Updating your Scopus Author Profile - step by step instruction » Learn how Scopus Author Profiles are created and curated, and how you can request corrections if needed.	Scopus	07/10/2021	10:00
ScienceDirect: tips and tricks »	ScienceDirect	07/10/2021	12:00

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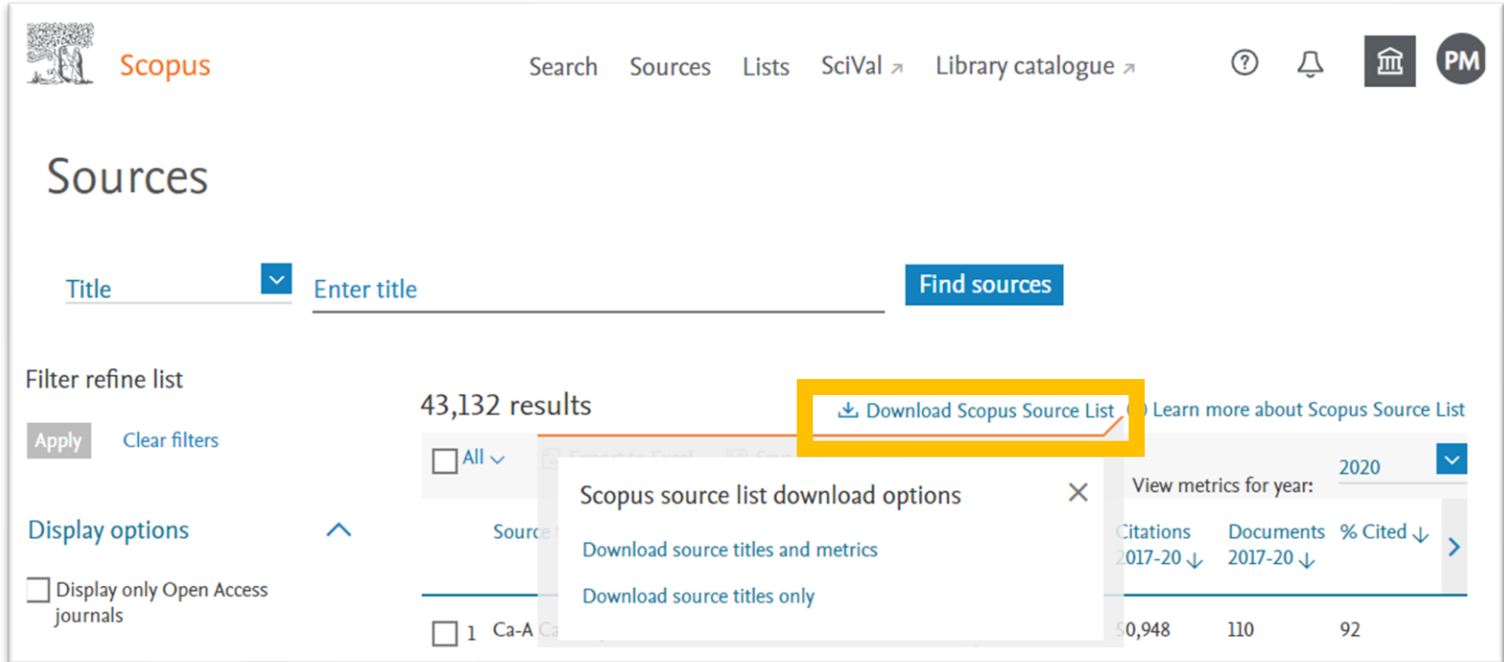
Accepted titles June 2021

Discontinued titles June 2021

Simply click to download the Excel file, and then select the second tab called “Discontinued Titles”.

Where to find information about indexed titles?

2. Monthly list can be found on the [Scopus Sources page](#).



The screenshot displays the Scopus Sources page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Scopus logo, search options, and user profile icons. The main heading is "Sources". Below this, there is a search bar with a dropdown menu set to "Title" and a "Find sources" button. The search results section shows "43,132 results" and a "Download Scopus Source List" link highlighted with a yellow box. A modal window titled "Scopus source list download options" is open, showing two options: "Download source titles and metrics" and "Download source titles only". The modal also includes a table with columns for Citations, Documents, and % Cited, and a "View metrics for year:" dropdown set to "2020".

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