

Plan de calidad para revistas científicas 2018

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Presentación

Este documento es una continuación del Plan de Calidad iniciado en 2012 y que compilaba los criterios de calidad que las principales agencias y bases de datos estatales que evalúan revistas científicas han hecho públicos. Concretamente, vacía los criterios de:

- Comisión Nacional Evaluadora de la Actividad Investigadora (CNEAI),
- Agencia Nacional de Evaluación de la Calidad y Acreditación (ANECA)
- Agència per a la Qualitat del Sistema Universitari de Catalunya (AQU)
- la Fundación Española para la Ciencia y la Tecnología (FECYT/ANEP)
- Sistema Regional de Información para Revistas Científicas (LATINDEX)

El objetivo del Plan de Calidad es ofrecer indicaciones concretas y documentadas que permitan mejorar la calidad formal, y la calidad de los procesos académicos y editoriales, de las revistas científicas.

De manera más específica, este plan describe:

- a) Los criterios de calidad establecidos por las agencias e instituciones oficiales que evalúan revistas científicas.
- b) La indicación si el criterio se considera aplicable a las revistas científicas de la UOC y la justificación en caso de que no sea así.
- c) Una descripción del objetivo del criterio y en su caso se ofrece una propuesta de texto tipo como punto de partida para que cada revista pueda elaborar una nueva versión o bien reproducir la que se propone.
- d) El estado de cumplimiento de criterios por parte de cada revista científica de la UOC.

Fuentes

El Plan de Calidad II que se propone en este documento tiene la finalidad de vaciar los criterios de calidad editoriales que han publicado las bases de datos y agencias de calidad universitarias de ámbito internacional. Concretamente se lleva a cabo el vaciado de:

- Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)
- Scopus (Elsevier)
- Web of Science (WoS): <u>http://wokinfo.com/essays/journal-selection-process/</u>
- COPE/OASPA: Principles of Transparency and Best Practice in Scholarly
 Publishing



- Boston College of University Libraries (<u>Assessing Journal Quality Open Access</u> <u>Journals Quality Indicators</u>)
- SPARC How open is it? <u>http://sparcopen.org/our-work/howopenisit/</u>
- Think>Check>Submit: http://thinkchecksubmit.org/check/
- ERIH
 <u>https://dbh.nsd.uib.no/publiseringskanaler/erihplus/about/criteria_for_inclusion</u>

Beneficios

Los beneficios de trabajar por la calidad de las revistas científicas son:

- Contribuir a los valores de marca.
- Compromiso con la excelencia.
- Adecuación al sistema internacional de transferencia de investigación.
- Atraer oportunidades de coedición.
- Oportunidad de posicionarse como modelo de gestión de la calidad y excelencia en las publicaciones científicas en el ámbito universitario estatal.
- Contribuir al plan de internacionalización, indexación y posicionamiento.

Con este segundo Plan de Calidad se genera un ciclo de gestión de la calidad para revistas científicas:



Fig. 1. Flujo de la calidad de las revistas científicas

Calidad y revistas científicas

El paso del tiempo obliga a actualizar la relevancia de los criterios de calidad detectados en los planes de calidad 2012 y 2017. Por lo tanto, se ofrece a continuación una lista actualizada y clasificada según el ámbito de impacto en la gestión y actividad de una revista científica.



Criterios de calidad para las revistas científicas de la UOC

A. En cuanto a la organización

- 1. Existencia de dirección y secretaría de redacción.
- 2. Mención del director de la publicación.
- 3. Existencia de un consejo de redacción y un comité científico.
- 4. Mención de los miembros del equipo editorial y su filiación institucional.
- 5. Existencia de un consejo asesor.
- 6. Al menos un tercio del consejo de redacción pertenece a instituciones diferentes del organismo editor.
- 7. Al menos un tercio del consejo asesor o científico pertenece a instituciones diferentes del organismo editor.
- 8. Al menos un tercio del consejo asesor o científico deberá ser compuesto por miembros de instituciones extranjeras.
- 9. Al menos un tercio de los autores no son miembros del consejo de redacción o del comité científico.
- 10. Declaración de las funciones del equipo editorial.

B. En cuanto a las políticas editoriales

- 11. Mención del objetivo, cobertura temática y / o público al que va dirigida.
- 12. Mención de exigencia de originalidad.
- 13. Inclusión de instrucciones de autores detalladas.
- 14. Mención de las normas de presentación de las referencias bibliográficas contenidas en los artículos.
- 15. Se efectúa una revisión editorial de todos los manuscritos.
- 16. Se comunica la decisión editorial de manera motivada.

C. En cuanto a los envíos

- 17. Confirmación de recepción de los manuscritos recibidos.
- El número de trabajos recibidos en la redacción cada año no será inferior a 20.
- 19. La tasa de aceptación de trabajos deberá ser igual o menor al 60%.
- 20. El contenido científico de los documentos deben ser artículos originales, artículos técnicos, comunicaciones, cartas al director y artículos de revisión (con unos umbrales mínimos de entre el 50% y el 75% en función de la agencia de la evaluación).



- 21. El porcentaje de trabajos financiados por organismos públicos o privados de investigación será mayor del 40%.
- 22. Al menos el 75% de los trabajos publicados deben provenir de autores externos a la entidad editora.
- 23. Más del 15% de los autores serán extranjeros.

D. En cuanto al proceso de revisión

- 24. Uso de arbitraje científico.
- 25. Mención e información del proceso de evaluación y selección de manuscritos utilizado para la revista.
- 26. Se dispone de una política de revisión que tiene en cuenta los siguientes puntos:
 - a) El tipo de revisión que se hace: doble anonimato, simple, abierto.
 - b) El circuito de la revisión: cuántos revisores juzgan cada manuscrito y cómo se gestiona la discrepancia.
 - c) El tipo de revisores que se utilizan y sus responsabilidades: revisores metodológicos (expertos en el ámbito temático que hay que evaluar que revisan que el proceso de investigación sea correcto); mención de instrucciones para los evaluadores externos; formularios de evaluación de los manuscritos.
 - d) Cómo se gestiona la comunidad de revisores: si se permite a los autores sugerir nombres de revisores o no, si se utiliza Publons u otras bases de datos externas de revisores o bien si se dispone de un banco de datos propio, si se emiten certificados de revisión.
- 27. Se controla la calidad de los informes de evaluación.
- 28. Mención de los evaluadores externos / revisores en el sistema de arbitraje. Publicación anual de la lista de revisores.

E. En cuanto a la calidad editorial

- 29. Inclusión de resúmenes, sumario, títulos de los artículos, palabras clave para cada uno de los artículos en la lengua original y en inglés (si el original no lo es).
- 30. Sumario o tablas de contenido.
- 31. Cabecera bibliográfica menos en la página inicial de cada artículo.
- 32. Se utilizan correctores de estilo y revisores de textos en inglés.
- 33. Se permite la corrección de pruebas por parte de los autores.

F. En cuanto a la calidad formal



- 34. Se menciona la editorial y la organización patrocinadora.
- 35. Mención del lugar de edición, año de edición y entidad editora de la revista.
- 36. Mención de la dirección postal y electrónica de la administración de la revista.
- 37. Mención del ISSN en un lugar visible.
- 38. Mención de la URL de la revista (en forma de DOI).
- 39. Datos de identificación de la revista en las páginas de crédito.
- 40. Identificación de los autores y presentación uniforme de su nombre.
- 41. Mención de la filiación profesional completa de los autores.
- 42. Mención de las fechas de recepción.
- 43. Mención de las fechas de revisión.
- 44. Mención de las fechas de aceptación.
- 45. Mención de las fechas de publicación.
- 46. Mínimo de tres años de antigüedad y acceso histórico al contenido.

G. En cuanto a periodicidad

- 47. Declara y cumple la periodicidad.
- 48. Se publica al inicio del intervalo del tiempo fijado para la periodicidad.
- 49. Intervalo de publicación de artículos (diferentes límites de tiempo según el nivel de calidad de la revista).

H. En cuanto a la indexación

- 50. Inclusión en algún servicio de indexación, resúmenes o bases de datos selectivas.
- 51. La revista figurará en los catálogos de las bibliotecas universitarias españolas de la especialidad.
- 52. Debe estar indexada en las bases de datos de ISI, en las principales bases de datos internacionales de la especialidad y en la base de datos española del CSIC que le corresponda y ERIH.

I. En cuanto al acceso abierto

- 53. Las cuotas de publicación (tanto si tiene com si no) deben explicar claramente en la web de la revista.
- 54. Los artículos tienen DOI (Digital Object Identifiers).
- 55. La revista explica claramente los derechos de uso y reutilización de los artículos (por ejemplo, las licencias Creative Commons).
- 56. La revista explica la política de acceso abierto por la que opta la revista: ruta verde, dorada o híbrida.



57. La entidad que publica la revista es miembro de la Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association o adopta su código de conducta.

J. En cuanto a la tecnología

- 58. Se dispone de página web.
- 59. Navegación y funcionalidad (máximo 3 clics para acceder a sumarios y artículos).
- 60. Inclusión de un motor de búsqueda.
- 61. Inclusión de metaetiquetas en la página de presentación de la revista (código fuente).
- 62. Se cuenta con la gestión electrónica integral de los manuscritos: tan del proceso editorial como del *peer review*.
- 63. Hay sección de correspondencia.
- 64. Oferta de servicios de valor añadido (alertas, enlaces hipertextuales, foros, guías).

K. En cuanto a la transparencia*

OASPA's Principles of Transparency

- 65. **Peer review process**: All of a journal's content, apart from any editorial material that is clearly marked as such, shall be subjected to peer review. Peer review is defined as obtaining advice on individual manuscripts from reviewers expert in the field who are not part of the journal's editorial staff. This process, as well as any policies related to the journal's peer review procedures, shall be clearly described on the journal's Web site.
- 66. **Governing Body**: Journals shall have editorial boards or other governing bodies whose members are recognized experts in the subject areas included within the journal's scope. The full names and affiliations of the journal's editors shall be provided on the journal's Web site.
- 67. **Editorial team/contact information**: Journals shall provide the full names and affiliations of the journal's editors on the journal's Web site as well as contact information for the editorial office.
- 68. **Author fees**: Any fees or charges that are required for manuscript processing and/or publishing materials in the journal shall be clearly stated in a place that is easy for potential authors to find prior to submitting their manuscripts for review or explained to authors before they begin preparing their manuscript for submission.



- 69. **Copyright**: Copyright and licensing information shall be clearly described on the journal's Web site, and licensing terms shall be indicated on all published articles, both HTML and PDFs.
- 70. Identification of and dealing with allegations of research misconduct: Publishers and editors shall take reasonable steps to identify and prevent the publication of papers where research misconduct has occurred, including plagiarism, citation manipulation, and data falsification/fabrication, among others. In no case shall a journal or its editors encourage such misconduct, or knowingly allow such misconduct to take place. In the event that a journal's publisher or editors are made aware of any allegation of research misconduct relating to a published article in their journal – the publisher or editor shall follow COPE's guidelines (or equivalent) in dealing with allegations.
- 71. **Ownership and management**: Information about the ownership and/or management of a journal shall be clearly indicated on the journal's Web site. Publishers shall not use organizational names that would mislead potential authors and editors about the nature of the journal's owner.
- 72. **Web site**: A journal's Web site, including the text that it contains, shall demonstrate that care has been taken to ensure high ethical and professional standards.
- 73. **Name of journal**: The Journal name shall be unique and not be one that is easily confused with another journal or that might mislead potential authors and readers about the Journal's origin or association with other journals.
- 74. **Conflicts of interest**: A journal shall have clear policies on handling potential conflicts of interest of editors, authors, and reviewers and the policies should be clearly stated.
- 75. **Access**: The way(s) in which the journal and individual articles are available to readers and whether there are associated subscription or pay per view fees shall be stated.
- 76. **Revenue sources**: Business models or revenue sources (eg, author fees, subscriptions, advertising, reprints, institutional support, and organizational support) shall be clearly stated or otherwise evident on the journal's Web site.



- 77. **Advertising**: Journals shall state their advertising policy if relevant, including what types of ads will be considered, who makes decisions regarding accepting ads and whether they are linked to content or reader behavior (online only) or are displayed at random.
- 78. **Publishing schedule**: The periodicity at which a journal publishes shall be clearly indicated.
- 79. **Archiving**: A journal's plan for electronic backup and preservation of access to the journal content (for example, access to main articles via CLOCKSS or PubMedCentral) in the event a journal is no longer published shall be clearly indicated.
- 80. **Direct marketing**: Any direct marketing activities, including solicitation of manuscripts that are conducted on behalf of the journal, shall be appropriate, well targeted, and unobtrusive.
- Publicación anual de datos estadísticos vinculadas al proceso editorial (número de trabajos aceptados, número medio de revisores por artículo y demoras de publicación...).

*Menos el criterio 81, que proviene del compendio de la UOC, el resto provienen del OASPA. Ver original en:

http://oaspa.org/principles-of-transparency-and-best-practice-in-scholarly-publishing/



Recopilación de criterios de calidad internacionales

DOAJ

DOAJ is a community-curated online directory that indexes and provides access to high quality, open access, peer-reviewed journals.

The Directory of Open Access Journals was launched in 2003 at Lund University, Sweden, with 300 open access journals and today contains ca. 9000 open access journals covering all areas of science, technology, medicine, social science and humanities.

Aims & Scope

The aim of the DOAJ is to increase the visibility and ease of use of open access scientific and scholarly journals, thereby promoting their increased usage and impact. The DOAJ aims to be comprehensive and cover all open access scientific and scholarly journals that use a quality control system to guarantee the content. In short, the DOAJ aims to be the one-stop shop for users of open access journals.

Constitution

DOAJ is a not-for-profit organisation managed by <u>Infrastructure Services for Open</u> <u>Access C.I.C.</u> (Community Interest Company) based in the United Kingdom. DOAJ relies entirely on the voluntary donations of its members and on sponsorship monies received. In March 2016, DOAJ received <u>a grant from the IDRC</u> for a specific timed project tackling the improvement of open access journals in the Global South. Neither DOAJ or IS4OA receives grants or funding from any other source.

DOAJ has <u>an Advisory Board</u>, the members of which carry out their duties voluntarily. DOAJ uses the services of approximately 100 voluntary editorial staff who review applications. Volunteers are bound by a Code of Conduct and an Agreement that they must sign and return to DOAJ before they can carry out their duties. At least two references are requested from everyone who volunteers and all volunteers are bound by the Code of Conduct to declare any conflicts of interest to the Managing Editors. <u>https://doaj.org/</u>

ID	Criteria
1	Types of resource: scientific and scholarly periodicals that publish research or review papers in full text.
2	Acceptable sources: academic, government, commercial, non-profit and private sources are all acceptable.



3	Level : the primary target group should be researchers. If the journal is run by a student body, the journal must have an advisory board of which at least two members have a PhD or equivalent.
4	Content : at least a third of the content should consist of <u>original research and/or review</u> <u>papers</u> . All content should be available in <u>full text on the site without embargo</u> . See our <u>policy</u> <u>for journals that publish case reports</u> .
5	All languages are accepted.
6	The full text of ALL content must be <u>available for free and be Open Access without delay (i.e. no</u> <u>embargo period</u>). This is a basic requirement for entry into DOAJ.
7	 One URL per site. One dedicated page to the journal. When a journal gets indexed it will have its own record in the Directory. To make our service comprehensible and user-friendly, the link to a journal from the Directory must go straight to a homepage for the journal and not to a collection of journals or any other service. Whether the URL is a dedicated domain or a sub-domain does not matter; but the journal must have an online space dedicated to it only. For example: www.thisisajournal.com or www.publishersite.com/journals/thisisajournal or www.mycollege.org/thisisajournal are all acceptable. www.largesearchengine.com that includes journal content is not accepted. This is a basic requirement for entry into DOAJ.
8	All the necessary journal business information pages (by 'business information pages', we mean the journal's aims and scope, the editorial board, the instructions for authors, the description of the quality control system, the Open Access statement, the plagiarism policy, and the licensing terms) must be hosted on this same site and not be held centrally on another web site, or must be prominently linked to from the journal's homepage. This is a basic requirement for entry into DOAJ. This applies particularly to multi-journal publishers who may prefer to hold generic information on a corporate website rather than locally on each journal
9	DOAJ also requests that a journal has its own dedicated website. No other service or product should be present under that URL. All the journal content that the publisher is including in the application must be in one place and not spread over various locations. This includes archive material. This is a basic requirement for entry into DOAJ.
10	One unique URL per article. One HTML entry or PDF per article.Your content should be available article by article, one URL for each article, and not one URLper issue. This enables direct linking to the articles from DOAJ and 3rd party databases thatlink to DOAJ, promoting findability and increasing usage of your content. When articlemetadata is uploaded to DOAJ, every article must have a unique URL otherwise the upload willnot work.
11	ISSN number(s)A journal must have at least one ISSN (International Standard Serial Number) registered at issn.org. This is a basic requirement for entry into DOAJ.DOAJ will use the data registered at issn.org to verify the title, country and alternative titles that you enter in your application. They must match. If we find a discrepancy, we will change the application to match what is registered at issn.org. Applications for journals where the ISSN is not recognised, or has not yet been confirmed, will be automatically rejected without further notification. In general, if the journal exists in print and online, it will have both an ISSN for the print version and an ISSN for the electronic version.

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	Archiving and Preservation
	We strongly recommend that your content is preserved in <u>a dedicated</u> , <u>digital archiving and</u>
	preservation service, sometimes referred to as Long Term Preservation and Archiving (LTPA).
	You can find a list some of these services here. We prefer that journals belong to one of these
12	services, although it is not a requirement for entry into DOAJ. We check all preservation
	statuses in <u>the Keepers' Registry</u> and at PubMed Central. If your journal is hosted on the Open
	Journal Systems (OJS) software and you have selcted to be part of the PKP Private LOCKSS
	network, we must first see that content has actually been deposited in CLOCKSS for this to be
	listed as a valid archive of your journal.
	Organisation of content
	Please pay attention to the fact that having a clear structure when organizing your published
	material makes it easier for users to navigate between articles, for your content to be indexed
	in search engines and to be found online.
4.0	All articles must have a Publication Date. Also, DOAJ encourages the use of <u>unique article</u>
13	identifiers, such as the DOI.
	Preferably articles will be gathered in volumes and issues, with a start and end page number.
	Some publishers have moved away from this traditional volume/issue/page structure for their
	content. A publication year is still required.
	Articles should be arranged in to Tables of Contents and there should be Search/Browse
	features to allow users to search and browse for articles.
	Homepage quality, commercials and ads
	A journal's homepage should be clear, concise and easy to navigate. It must contain visible
	links to the journal information pages. It must 'demonstrate that care has been taken to ensure
	high ethical and professional standards.' (From the Principles of Transparency and Best
	Practice in Scholarly Publishing.) It must contain clear navigation with links to a Current Issue,
14	the Archive or Past Issues, Search, Browse, the About page, the Editorial Board and Contact Us.
14	This is a basic requirement for entry into DOAJ.
	If the journal web site carries advertising, ensure that the ads are not in any way offensive,
	irrelevant and that they don't include information that could decrease the credibility of the
	journal. Blinking and/or moving objects will distract a reader and will make your web site
	difficult to use and inaccessible to users who access the Internet using non-traditional
	methods . These types of ads are strongly discouraged.
	Impact Factors
	DOAJ does not believe in the value of impact factors, does not condone their use on journal
	web sites, does not recognise partial impact factors, and advocates any official, alternative
	measure of use, such as article level metrics.
15	There is only one official, universally recognised impact factor that is generated by Thomson
	Reuters; it is a proprietary measure run by a profit-making organisation. This runs against the
	ethics and principles of open access and DOAJ is impact-factor agnostic. DOAJ does not collect
	metadata on impact factors. Displaying impact factors on a home page is strongly discouraged
	and DOAJ perceives this as an attempt to lure authors in a dishonest way.
	Editor(s) and editorial boards
	A journal must have <u>an editor and an editorial board</u> . (Only for <u>Arts and Humanities journals</u>
	will we accept a form of editorial review using only two editors and no editorial board.) DOAJ
	believes that displaying clear and up-to-date information about the journal's editors and
	editorial board increases the trustworthiness and credibility of the journal. A site user must be
16	able to find and contact the editor or members of the editorial board if they need to. A link to
	the Editorial Board must be displayed prominently on the journal's home page. The following
	information must be made available on the Editorial Board page: the name, affiliation and
	email address of the editor(s); the names of the editorial board members. The page must be
	up-to-date. These are basic requirements for entry into DOAJ.
	Quality control and author guidelines
17	It is very important to show that open access journals have the same, rigorous quality control
1/	systems in place as traditional printed or subscription-based journals. All articles must go
	systems in place as it autitional printed of subscription-based journals. All al ticles must go

	through <u>a quality control system (editorial or peer review)</u> before publication and the exact type of review must be stated clearly on the web site. This is a basic requirement for entry into
	DOAJ.
18	Quality control and author guidelinesHaving detailed and comprehensive guidelines for authors (Instructions for Authors) is a goodway of helping potential contributors. A link to these guidelines must be clearly presented onthe journal's homepage. This is a basic requirement for entry into DOAJ.We recommend that author guidelines include the following information:• A detailed style guide;• A description of the quality control processes;• Information about copyright (please note the importance of informing authors about whether the journal will be the copyright holder after publication of an article or if the copyright remains with the author(s). We strongly believe that authors should be informed about your copyright/licensing conditions before they submit their work);• the plagiarism policy;• description of how to submit an article;
	a contact email address. Charges, Article processing charges
19	Every journal must display clearly on its web site information about any charges for an author to process or publish a paper. This includes <u>article processing charges (APCs)</u> , <u>submission charges</u> , page charges, colour charges or any instance where money is required to complete the publication process. If a journal does not levy any charges then this too must be clearly stated. These are basic requirements for entry into DOAJ.
20	 Open Access statement The journal's <u>Open Access policy must be clearly stated</u> on the journal's web site (not the publisher's own site). It should also be clearly linked to from the home page. The full text of the articles of the journal should be freely available without embargo. These are basic requirements for entry into DOAJ. Here is an example of an Open Access statement, fitting our criteria, that could be published on your website: This is an open access journal which means that all content is freely available without charge to the user or his/her institution. Users are allowed to read, download, copy, distribute, print, search, or link to the full texts of the articles, or use them for any other lawful purpose, without asking prior permission from the publisher or the author. This is in accordance with the BOAI definition of open access. Copyright, Licensing, Publishing Rights Licensing your material with a CC license: An optimum way of showing exactly how a journal is Open Access is by licensing the content with a Greative Commons (CC) license. DOAJ considers the application of a <u>CC license</u>, or its equivalent, as best practice. Such licensing is very beneficial for authors since it shows, for example, if there are any limits in creating derivative works. Read more about applying licenses and copyright on our <u>Copyright and Licensing Help page</u>. In all instances the journal web site must state clearly and precisely the terms of use and reuse that readers and authors have when they submit an article or use the published content, particularly if you are not using a Creative Commons license. This is a way of showing that you are sharing your published material to support a greater global exchange of knowledge. It is also a way of protecting your material from illegal use (for example if you are stating that you prohibit reproduction or commercial use of your articles).
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	specifying what other usage terms apply. This is Question 48 in the form, which is revealed if you have selected 'Other' in Question 47. 'Other' might be a contract, publishing agreement, publisher-specific license and these terms must be equivalent to the terms of the Creative Commons licenses that are listed in order to be accepted into DOAJ. When writing their own license, we strongly advise publishers to get legal advice before adopting a standard text or constructing their own. You must make sure that you use the correct legal language. (The information provided here does not constitute legal advice.)
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3	Journal Standing Citedness of journal articles in Scopus Editor standing
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Metric	Benchmark not met when	Explanation
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Total citation rate	\leq 50% compared to the average in its subject fields	The journal received half the number of citations, when compared to peer journals in its subject field.
Impact Per Publication (IPP)	\leq 50% compared to the average in its subject fields	The journal has an IPP score half or less than the average IPP score, when compared to peer journals in its subject field.
Number of articles	\leq 50% compared to the average in its subject fields	The journal produced half, or less, the number of articles, when compared to peer journals in its subject field.
Number of full-text clicks on Scopus.com	\leq 50% compared to the average in its subject fields	The journal's abstract are used half as much, or less, when compared to peer journals in its subject field.
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Publication Ethics and Publication Malpractice Statements

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 - Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE)
 - World Association of Medical Editors (WAME)
 - International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE)
 - Consolidated Standards of Reporting Trials (CONSORT)
- Guidelines for what a Publication Ethics and Malpractice Statement should adhere to (<u>PEMS</u>)

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ID Publishing Standards

Peer Review

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Timeliness

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Timeliness of publication is a basic criterion in the evaluation process. As noted above, it is of primary and fundamental importance. A journal must be publishing according to its stated frequency to be considered for inclusion in SCIE, SSCI or AHCI. The ability to publish on time implies a healthy backlog of manuscripts essential for ongoing viability. It is not acceptable for a journal to appear chronically late, weeks or months after its cover date. To measure timeliness we need to see three consecutive current issues, one after another, as soon as they are published online or in print.

However, when a journal publishes articles online one at a time rather than collecting articles for release as an 'issue' we take a different approach. In these cases, the editor looks for a steady flow of articles over a nine-month period. The appropriate number of articles for the journal will be determined by the norms for its particular Web of Science category.

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We also determine if the journal follows international editorial conventions, which are intended to optimize retrievability of source articles. These conventions include informative journal titles, fully descriptive article titles and author abstracts, complete bibliographic information for all cited references, and full address information for every author.

Full Text English

English is the universal language of science. For this reason our focus is on journals that publish full text in English or, at the very least, bibliographic information in English. There are many journals covered in Web of Science Core Collection that publish articles with bibliographic information in English and full text in another language. However, it is clear that the journals most important to the international research community are publishing full text in English. This is especially true in the natural sciences. There are notable exceptions to this rule in the arts & humanities and in social sciences topics. This is discussed further below. Nonetheless, full text English is highly desirable, especially if the journal intends to serve an international community of researchers. In addition, all journals must have cited references in the Roman alphabet.



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Principles of Transparency and Best Practice in Scholarly Publishing (COPE/OASPA)

The Committee on Publication Ethics, the Directory of Open Access Journals, the Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association, and the World Association of Medical Editors are scholarly organizations that have seen an increase in the number of membership applications from both legitimate and non-legitimate publishers and journals. Our organizations have collaborated in an effort to identify principles of transparency and best practice that set apart legitimate journals and publishers from non-legitimate ones and to clarify that these principles form part of the criteria on which membership applications will be evaluated.

These criteria are largely derived from those developed by the Directory of Open Access Journals. Note that additional membership criteria may also be used by each of the scholarly organizations. The organizations intend to share information in order to develop lists of legitimate journals and publishers. We do not intend to develop or publish a list of publishers or journals that failed to demonstrate they met the criteria for transparency and best practice.

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2	Governing Body : Journals shall have editorial boards or other governing bodies whose members are recognized experts in the subject areas included within the journal's scope. The full names and affiliations of the journal's editors shall be provided on the journal's Web site.
3	Editorial team/contact information : Journals shall provide the full names and affiliations of the journal's editors on the journal's Web site as well as contact information for the editorial office.



4	Author fees : Any fees or charges that are required for manuscript processing and/or publishing materials in the journal shall be clearly stated in a place that is easy for potential authors to find prior to submitting their manuscripts for review or explained to authors before they begin preparing their manuscript for submission.	
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8	Web site : A journal's Web site, including the text that it contains, shall demonstrate that care has been taken to ensure high ethical and professional standards.	
9	Name of journal: The Journal name shall be unique and not be one that is easily confused with another journal or that might mislead potential authors and readers about the Journal's origin or association with other journals.	
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11	Access: The way(s) in which the journal and individual articles are available to readers and whether there are associated subscription or pay per view fees shall be stated.	
12	Revenue sources : Business models or revenue sources (eg, author fees, subscriptions, advertising, reprints, institutional support, and organizational support) shall be clearly stated or otherwise evident on the journal's Web site.	
13	Advertising : Journals shall state their advertising policy if relevant, including what types of ads will be considered, who makes decisions regarding accepting ads and whether they are linked to content or reader behavior (online only) or are displayed at random.	
14	Publishing schedule : The periodicity at which a journal publishes shall be clearly indicated.	
15	Archiving : A journal's plan for electronic backup and preservation of access to the journal content (for example, access to main articles via CLOCKSS or PubMedCentral) in the event a journal is no longer published shall be clearly indicated.	
16	Direct marketing : Any direct marketing activities, including solicitation of manuscripts that are conducted on behalf of the journal, shall be appropriate, well targeted, and unobtrusive.	



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ID	Positive Indicators
1	Scope of the journal is well-defined and clearly stated
2	Journal's primary audience is researchers/practitioners
3	Editor, editorial board are recognized experts in the field
4	Journal is affiliated with an established scholarly or academic institution
5	Articles are within the scope of the journal and meet disciplinary standards
6	Any publishing fees are clearly explained on the website
7	Articles have DOIs (Digital Object Identifiers)
8	Journal clearly indicates rights for use and re-use of articles at the article level (for instance, Creative Commons license)
9	Journal has ISSN (International Standard Serial Number, such as 1234-5678)
10	Publisher is a member of Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association or conforms to their code of conduct
11	Journal is registered at UlrichsWeb Global Serials Directory
12	Journal is registered in the Directory of Open Access Journals
13	Journal is included in subject databases or indexes



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1	Journal website is difficult to locate or identify
2	Publisher "About" information is absent on the journal's website
3	A single editor is listed and editorial board information is absent
4	Publisher direct marketing (spamming) or advertising is obtrusive
5	Instructions for authors are not available
6	Information on peer review and copyright is absent or unclear
7	Journal scope statement is absent or extremely vague
8	The journal does not provide information about the publisher or clearly indicate a mission to disseminate research content
9	Repeat lead authors in the same issue
10	Publisher has a negative reputation (documented examples in The Chronicle of Higher Education or list-servs)

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Created by SPARC in conjunction with <u>PLOS</u> and the Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association (<u>OASPA</u>), the HowOpenIsIt? Open Access Guide standardizes Open Access terminology in an easily understandable, comprehensive resource.

This guide provides a means to identify the core components of OA and how they are implemented across the spectrum between "Open Access" and "Closed Access". Journals have built policies that vary widely across the six fundamental aspects of OA – reader rights, reuse rights, copyrights, author posting rights, automatic posting, and machine readability. This, in turn, has caused confusion among authors seeking to make informed publishing decisions, funders seeking to formulate and enforce their access policies, and other stakeholders within the research ecosystem. The HowOpenIsIt? Open Access Guide consolidates the key elements of journal policies into a single, easy-to-follow resource that interested parties can use to move the conversation beyond the deceptively simple question of, "Is It Open Access?" toward a more productive evaluation of "How Open Is It?".

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