How to Publish in Scopus: Facts and Tips

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Avoid desk rejection: Find the right journal

➢ Take into consideration the type of article you'd like to publish (full length, letter, review, microarticle)

➢ Check the references in your article, to give an indication of possible journals of interest

➢ Read the journal's aims and scope on the journal homepage

➢ Read or download the journal's Guide for Authors

Avoid desk rejection: Find the right journal

➢ Check if the journal is invitation-only; some journals only accept articles after inviting the author to submit or special issue

➢ Check the journal's performance for review and publication timelines

➢ If you need to publish open access, remember that most journals explain their open access options on the journal Homepage

➢ Submit your paper to only one journal at a time
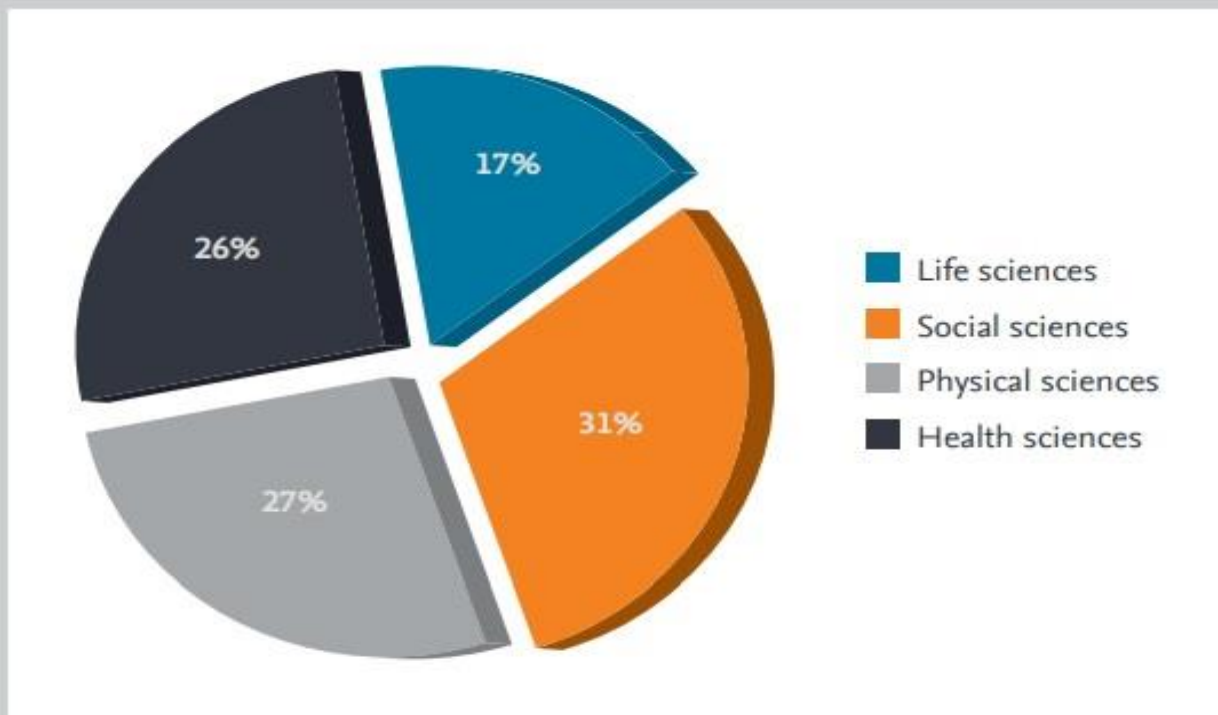
Avoid desk rejection: Title, introduction and abstract

➢ Writing the title takes just a fraction of the time, but it is very important one; it may influence the impact of your work and the number of readers that it will attract. So,

▪ Attention-getting title, e.g. introduce the subject in the form of a question

➢ In the introduction, highlight the importance of your research.

➢ In the abstract, highlight your findings and their contribution to the body of knowledge.

SCOPUS

➢ Scopus is the largest abstract and citation database of peer-reviewed literature – scientific journals, books and conferences.

➢ Its vast database contains abstracts and references from more than 22,800 titles, obtained from over 5,000 publishers worldwide (August 2017), comprehensive content)

➢ Its broad interdisciplinary coverage in the fields of science, technology, medicine, social sciences and the arts & humanities.

Scopus

Scopus publications per subject area

- Life sciences — 17%
- Social sciences — 31%
- Physical sciences — 27%
- Health sciences — 26%

Why SCOPUS

➢ Search for relevant topics or articles during the literature review phase.

➢ Decide where, and with whom, to publish – analyze the top journals and authors in your discipline.

➢ Discover who is citing you, see their h-index and output information.

Why SCOPUS

➢ Explore how many citations an article or author has received, and identify potential collaborators

➢ Manage your research output and monitor your reputation.

   ✓ Receive citation alerts to track when your work is cited in other articles;

   ✓ use the Scopus Author Profile page to view and analyze your output, including your h-index.

Why SCOPUS

➢ QS Arab region universities ranking evaluates our university based on our performance in Scopus (20% weight), see https://www.topuniversities.com/arab-region-rankings/methodology).

➢ Libraries find it very practical to provide faculty members, students and administrative staff with access to a rich plat form of peer-reviewed research studies.

Papers in Scopus should at least:

➢ Break a new ground/Original

➢ Have a big audience

➢ Have a sound methodology

➢ Language (well-written and well-organized)

Finding your paper/journal in Scopus

➤ SJR : Scientific Journal Rankings - Scimago Journal & Country Rank (http://www.scimagojr.com/journalrank.php)

➤ AAU website , follow the link https://www.scopus.com/home.uri

➤ **Note:**

▪ Scopus does not use an Arabic alphabet, they use a Latin alphabet.

▪ An example is 'Dirasat' which is the journal published by The University of Jordan. Members of staff only need to write the name of the journal in the Latin alphabet.

Tips to publish in SCOPUS- Evaluating journals

➢ CiteScore, SJR and other journal metrics freely available.

➢ Avoid Beall's list of predatory journals and publishers.

➢ Excellent publisher, e.g. Wiley Online Library, Elsevier, Sage, Taylor & Francis among others.

➢ **Inderscience** publisher is a good example where you can suggest reviewers.

Tips to publish in SCOPUS (Low SJR)

	SNIP	IPP	SJR	Impact Factor	Eigenfactgor
Full name	Source-Normalized Impact per Paper	Impact per Publication	SCImago Journal Rank	–	–
Measures	Citations relative to average for discipline; SNIP > 1 means journal is cited more than average for field	Average citations per article, review and conference paper. This is the numerator of SNIP	Average prestige per publication, depending on the SJR of the citing journal	Average citations per publication	Importance of a journal within its network
Accounts for varying journal size?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Accounts for varying behaviour between disciplines?	Y	N	Y	N	Y
Availability	Free of charge from Elsevier at journalmetrics.com Free of charge via individual journal homepages: Journal Insights			Thomson Reuters Free of charge via individual journal homepages: Journal Insights.	Free of charge at eigenfactor.org Free of charge via individual journal homepages: Journal Insights

Forthcoming/Early view

◈ Check the early view/forthcoming to get an indication about a journal's performance

◈ Examples

1. Inderscience

2. Wiley

AiP

◈ Cambridge University Press

◈ • Elsevier

◈ • Springer

◈ • Karger Medical and Scientific Publishers

◈ • Nature Publishing Group (NPG)

◈ • The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)

◈ • BioMed Central (BMC)

◈ • Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins (LWW)

AiP

- ⬦ • Thieme
- ⬦ • American Association for the Advancement of Science (Science)
- ⬦ • BMJ Publishing Group
- ⬦ • World Scientific
- ⬦ • Wiley Blackwell
- ⬦ • American Psychological Association (APA)
- ⬦ • Taylor & Francis
- ⬦ • Primary Care Respiratory Society UK (PCRJ)

Avoid Web of Science (ISI) at the beginning -

➢ Arts & Humanities Citation Index - Clarivate Analytics

➢ Social Sciences Citation Index - Clarivate Analytics

➢ Current Contents/Arts & Humanities - Clarivate Analytics

➢ Current Contents/Social and Behavioral Sciences - Clarivate Analytics

➢ Journal Citation Reports/Social Sciences Edition - Clarivate Analytics

➢ Clarivate Analytics (check the link https://clarivate.com/products/web-of-science/)

Titles indexed in Scopus: Check before you publish

➢ Check the title list; please visit Sources on Scopus.com to check the title list.

➢ Search in Scopus. Use a Scopus search for the name of the journal or conference and check if any current content is available to see if the title is indeed indexed.

➢ Ask! When in doubt, send an email to the Scopus Helpdesk.

➢ Check the discontinued list (see https://www.elsevier.com/solutions/scopus/how-scopus-works/content).

Avoiding Discontinued list

➤ **Metrics and benchmarks**: Very low SJR, CiteScore, etc. for several years

➤ **Radar:** Rapid and unexplainable changes to number of articles published or unexplainable changes in geographical diversity of authors or affiliations. Journals flagged by the Radar tool will be added to the Re-evaluation process

Note: Content covered in Scopus prior to the re-evaluation completion will remain in Scopus.

➤ **Publication concerns:** No peer review or more than 70% from the intuition hosting the journal

Hijacked Journals/Beall's list of predatory journals and publishers

◈ Check Beall's list of predatory publishers & journals, https://beallslist.weebly.com/

◈ For example: *ARCTIC Journal*

➢ Hijacked Journal (http://arcticjournal.org/index.html)

➢ Authentic Journal (https://arctic.ucalgary.ca/about-arctic-journal)

Scopus/Source option

Journal Indexation Update

➢ Journal of Social Sciences Research (Both Inactive)

❖ https://www.scopus.com/sourceid/21100870214

➢ https://arpgweb.com/journal/journal/7/inde

➢ Journal of the Social Sciences (Scopus-Active (It should be inactive), Journal Homepage Inactive).

◈ https://www.scopus.com/sourceid/60824#tabs=3

◈ https://www.scopus.com/source/eval.uri

➢ Qudus International Journal of Islamic Studies (Scopus-Active, Journal Homepage-Inactive).

◈ https://www.scopus.com/sourceid/21100889414

◈ http://journal.stainkudus.ac.id/index.php/QIJIS/pages/view/Indexing

Having your own Journal

◈ Get your own journal indexed in Scopus

◈ Help other institutions with close ties to get their journals indexed in Scopus. Examples:

- **Dirassat: Human and Social Sciences** / University of Jordan

- **Jordan Journal of Modern Languages and Literatures / Yarmouk University**

Conclusion

➢ Publishing in Scopus is easy, you need to collaborate with other scholars:

- Collaborating together to publish original research
- Conducting internal reviews
- Choosing the right journal
- Looking at the reference list to avoid desck rejection
- Having your own journal

➢ Publishing is for You; getting a better job, getting to know other people and keeping up-to-date with the new knowledge.

➢ Finally, do not give up on your research even if it got rejected 10 times.

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