

How to Choose a Proper Journal

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Impact Factor

What is It?

- An approximation of the average number of citations in a year, given to those papers in a journal that were published during the two preceding years.
- Be Careful!
- It is important to note that a citation is not necessarily an indication of research quality
- Impact Factors should be treated with **caution**

What About Us?

امتیاز	نوع مجله	ردیف
ایندکس 1	Pubmed ، Medline، (Index Medicus) ، ISI	1
ایندکس 2	Chemical Abstract ، Embase ، Biological Abstract Scopus ،	2
ایندکس 3	مقالات چاپ شده در مجلات ایندکس شده در سایر سایتهای تخصصی	3
ایندکس 4	مقالات چاپ شده در مجلات معتبر ایندکس نشده خارجی از نوع چاپی	4
ایندکس 5	مقالات چاپ شده در مجلات علمی پژوهشی ایندکس نشده داخلی از نوع چاپی و الکترونیک	5

تبصره 1: به امتیاز مقالات چاپ شده در مجلات علمی ایندکس شده در نمایه نامه بین المللی ISI دارای Impact factor دو برابر IF اضافه می شود.

تبصره 2: امتیاز مقالات Review article چاپ شده در ISI ، Pubmed و Medline در 1.4 ضرب می گردد.

General Tips

- Please **Read** and **Follow** the instructions for authors (Journal website)
- Adhere to scientific and writing ethics
- Be patient
- Write with vitality and write clearly

General Tips

- Write for readers and not to please peer reviews
- *readers read to learn; reviewers, to improve*
- Avoid self plagiarism
- Update the literature review
- Have a colleague read your draft

How to Find an Appropriate Journal

- Where to look for the journal:
 - Personal experience
 - Colleagues' experience
 - Library
 - Citations
 - Online
 - Biosemantics.org/Jane

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	AIDS and behavior	1.08644	Show articles
	PloS one Open access PubMed Central: after 0 months	1.92142	Show articles
	Eastern Mediterranean health journal = La revue de santé de la Méditerranée orientale = al-Majallah al- li-sharq al-mutawassi?		Show articles
	AIDS research and therapy Open access PubMed Central: after 0 months		Show articles
	Journal of urban health : bulletin of the New York Academy of Medicine PubMed Central: immediately	1.03564	Show articles
	Medical anthropology quarterly	0.45646	Show articles
	Culture, health & sexuality	0.4937	Show articles
	BMC public health Open access PubMed Central: after 0 months	0.80834	Show articles
	Sexual health	0.89926	Show articles
	Ethnicity & health	0.63601	Show articles
	Qualitative health research	0.52027	Show articles
	BMC health services research Open access PubMed Central: after 0 months	0.72815	Show articles
	Health and quality of life outcomes Open access PubMed Central: after 0 months	1.71502	Show articles
	The Journal of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care : JANAC	0.2675	Show articles
	Scandinavian journal of caring sciences	0.28346	Show articles

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Experiences of stigma in healthcare settings among adults living with HIV in the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Journal of the International AIDS Society. 2010

[Nattabi B, Li J, Thompson SC, Orach CG, Earnest J](#)

Between a rock and a hard place: stigma and the desire to have children among people living with HIV in northern Uganda.

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Appropriate Journal

- General versus Specialty
- International versus Local
- High versus Low impact
- Official or Unofficial IF
- Journal Citation Reports
- **LOOK AT THE JOURNAL!**
- **LOOK AT THE AUDIENCE!**

Be Realistic!!!

- This is your first manuscript or you have already a real track of publications on the topic ?
- Are the co-authors or the Institution were you are based recognized in the field ?
- Are you an Iranian author submitting to a national, a European or an American journal ?
- Reviews are mostly only by invitation but national journals can be quite open

Know Your Target Journal

- Impact factor and prestige
- Normal content of one of the journal issues
 - What kind of manuscripts are published ?
 - What are the preferred formats ?
- Style and recent trends in the journal
- Who is the **editor-in-chief** ? Can you **contact** him ?
- Who are the members of the editorial-board ? They are very aware of the journal's publication policy...you can try to contact some of them with questions
- Send **E-mails**!

Know Your Target Journal (cont.)

- Is the topic within the **scope** of the journal?
 - *Journal website: Aim and scope*
- Is the topic represented in the journal frequently, or only rarely?
- Would the journal offer the best match of audience and topic?
- What formats are acceptable to the journal?

Know Your Target Journal (cont.)

- Do look at a recent issue of the journal you plan to submit to
- Do read the **Instruction to authors** of the journal
 - (links to 3500 journals' instructions at: www.mco.edu/lib/instr/libinsta.html)
- Be aware of word/figure/table limits
- Use the appropriate **reference and citation styles**
- Help Editors and Referees (and yourself)

Timeliness and Friendliness of the Submission Process

- **Hot** topic?
- You can query about the average reviewing time (assistant of the editors)
- Is there an online submission process?
- Can you track your manuscript status online



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