



BUILDING YOUR JOURNAL SUBMISSION PLAN



You've conducted your research and now it's time to write your manuscript but finding the right journal can be time-consuming.

Use this worksheet to streamline the process. Prioritize the criteria that are most important to you when submitting your paper.

Rank these journal criteria from 1-10, 1 being the most important to you and 10 being the least:

- A high impact factor
- A high acceptance rate
- A short time to first decision
- My preferred indexing service available
- A fully Open Access or subscription model
- The target audience I'm looking for
- Research on topics relevant to my work
- A word or figure limit that my paper falls within
- Comply with my funder's mandate
- Personal criteria - (Ex: Suggested by a colleague)

Tools to Help Your Journal Selection:

The **Springer Journal Suggester** allows you to enter your manuscript details and receive a list of journal recommendations from over 2,500 Springer and BMC journals. You can refine your personal recommendations by prioritizing what matters most to you.

AuthorMapper is an easy-to-use tool that shows you journals, articles, and authors in your field based upon geographical location.

The Transfer Desk: Editors-in-Chief have the option of suggesting a transfer to help you find the most suitable journal for your manuscript.

Your Journal Submission Plan

Journal	Aims and Scope	Impact Factor	Acceptance %	Time to decision	Journal Restrictions	Similar Papers (3-5)	Publication Charges

Top Choice: Additional considerations: