

# How to Choose an Open Access Journal: Criteria and Tools

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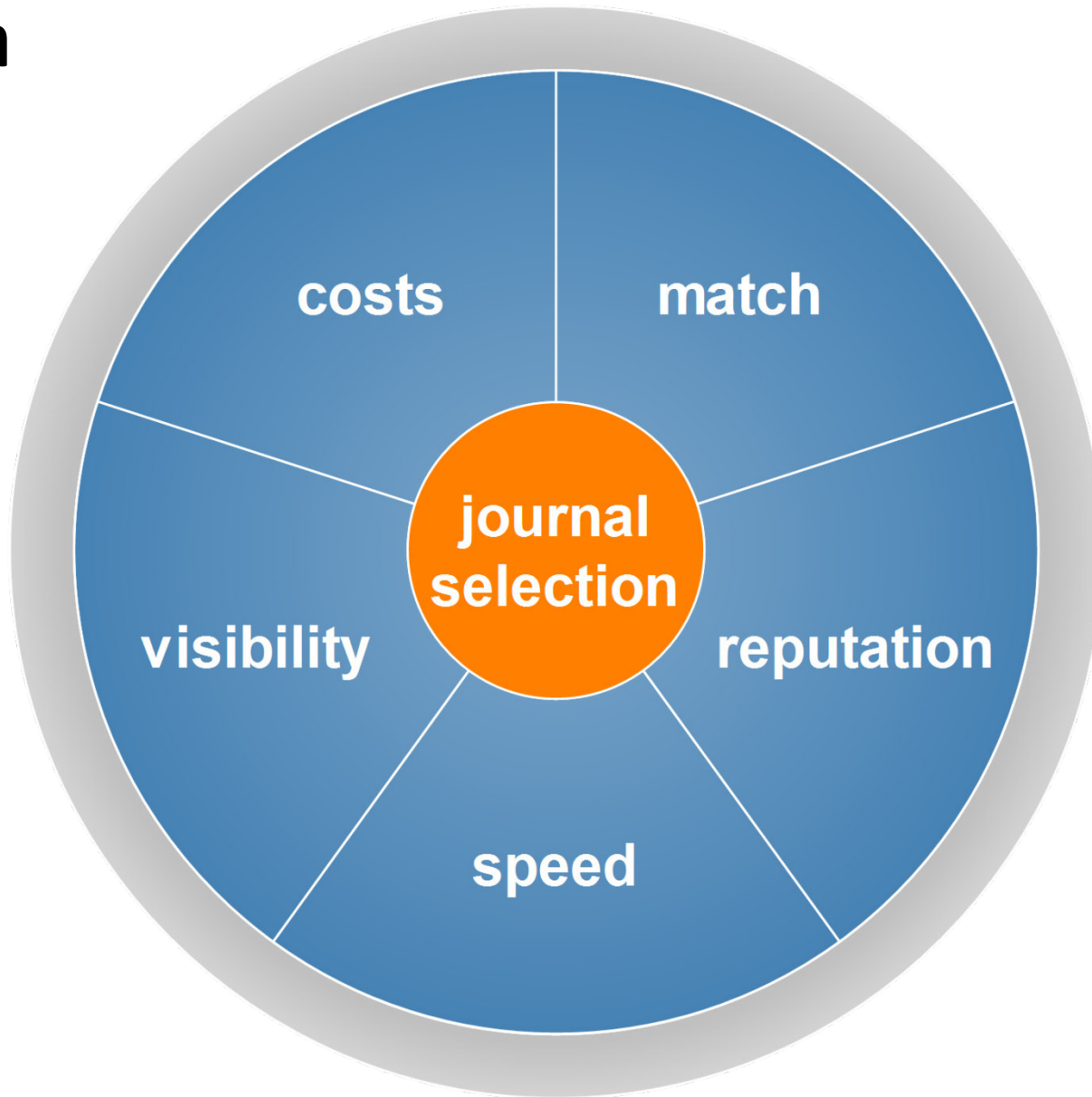
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number of open access journals  
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# criteria



# match

compatibility with aims and scope

relevance for target audience

compatibility with article formats

similarity with topics of published articles

similarity of terms used in published articles (in titles, abstracts, keywords)

similarity with study design and methods of published articles

compatibility with level of methodological quality

# reputation

## quantitative measures (bibliometrics)

citations: total number

CiteScore

Hirsch Index

Impact Factor

Immediacy Index

SCImago Journal Rank

Source Normalized Impact per Publication (SNIP)

## qualitative indicators

indications for predatory practices of publisher

reputation of publisher

quality of peer review system

informal reputation of journal

# speed

rejection rate

decision time

publication time

fast track option available

# visibility

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graph LR; A[visibility] --- B[journal indexed in key bibliographic databases]; A --- C[usability of journal website]; A --- D[quality of graphic design]; A --- E[quality of layout]; A --- F[quality of copy editing]; A --- G[video and audio presentations possible]; A --- H[options for sharing of data and code];
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## costs

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graph LR; costs --- APC[article processing charge (APC)]; costs --- Waiver[waiver and discount options for article processing charge]; costs --- Submission[submission fee]; costs --- Membership[individual membership fee]; costs --- Institution[membership of author's institution given];
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article processing charge (APC)

waiver and discount options for article processing charge

submission fee

individual membership fee

membership of author's institution given



# Journal Selection: Tools

## ► match

<https://endnote.com/product-details/manuscript-matcher/>

<http://jane.biosemantics.org>

<https://journalfinder.elsevier.com>

[www.journalguide.com](http://www.journalguide.com)

<https://journalsuggester.springer.com>

## ► reputation

<https://beallslit.net>

<https://clarivate.com/products/journal-citation-reports/>

<https://www.elsevier.com/solutions/scopus/how-scopus-works/metrics>

<https://www.journalindicators.com/indicators>

[www.metrics-toolkit.org](http://www.metrics-toolkit.org)

<https://academic.microsoft.com/journals>

[www.scimagojr.com/journalrank.php](http://www.scimagojr.com/journalrank.php)

<https://thinkchecksubmit.org>

## ► speed

<https://scirev.org>

[www.journalguide.com](http://www.journalguide.com)

<http://journalreviewer.org> (> browse rated journals)

## ► visibility

<https://doaj.org>

<https://v2.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/search.html>

## ► costs

<https://doaj.org>

<http://www.eigenfactor.org/openaccess/>



It pays off to invest time and effort  
in journal selection!

Good luck!