



## Mastering the Art of Journal Selection: Your Path to Publication Success

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### Abstract

Research plays a pivotal role in advancing human knowledge across all academic disciplines. From diploma to post-doctoral programs, research is a mandatory component, with accrediting agencies assigning great significance to research activities. One of the critical final steps in the research process is publishing an article in the most suitable journal.

This article explores various types of research articles, emphasizing the importance of selecting the right journal for each type. It discusses the motivations behind publishing research articles, highlighting their role in knowledge sharing, academic recognition, problem-solving, policy support, and professional and academic growth.

Selecting the best journal for publication involves considering multiple factors such as relevance to the research topic, scope, impact factor, peer review process, publication frequency, history, publication costs, ethical practices, accessibility, and alignment with career goals. Recognized directories and databases, including Google Scholar, ResearchGate, PubMed, Scopus, and more, can serve as valuable resources for identifying reputable journals.

The article also provides guidance for diploma and undergraduate students, suggesting avenues for publishing their research under the guidance of research mentors. It underscores the importance of ethical considerations in publication, emphasizing principles like accuracy, plagiarism avoidance, informed consent, confidentiality, and respect for subjects.

To assist researchers in journal selection, the article recommends utilizing academic advisors, librarians, online journal finders, scholarly societies, university research offices, online platforms, and research metrics like impact factor and h-index. Attending conferences and workshops on research publication within one's field is also encouraged.

The article outlines the structural elements of research articles, highlighting the significance of adhering to journal-specific formatting guidelines. It stresses the advantages of selecting the right journal, including enhanced credibility, career advancement, networking opportunities, and potential awards.

Conversely, choosing the wrong journal can have adverse consequences, including low visibility and credibility, wasted resources, ethical concerns, and limited professional development. The article briefly addresses the possibility of republishing an article previously published in the wrong journal, offering guidance on the process.

In conclusion, the article provides a table summarizing key points and author's goals related to journal selection. It underscores that selecting the appropriate journal should be a top priority in research, based on robust publication criteria, ensuring that researchers realize the full value of their work.

**Keywords:** Journal Selection; Database; Publication Ethics; Reputable Journals; Research Metrics; Republishing

## Introduction

Research is vital for the development of every discipline and progress of human beings. It is compulsory subject to all disciplines of diploma to post-doctoral program. Accrediting agencies give high importance to research components. The last and most important step of research is the publication of an article in the best journal.

## Body of the article

There are many types of research articles, like Original research article, Review article, Book review, A clinical study report, Commentaries and letters to editors, Datasets, Short communications/ note and Conference abstract , Selection of best journal for each research article is vital [1].

The main reasons for publication of research article are sharing of knowledge, academic recognition, adding professional knowledge, helping for problem solving, support for policy making, addressing social and professional issues, promote academic and professional credibility of authors and innovation and advancement. The main beneficiary of publication of research is the target population or society [2].

The best journal for research article publication must fulfill the criteria as relevance to research topic, scope of journal, impact factor and citation matrix, peer review process, frequency and timeliness of publication, history and reputation of journal, publication cost, guidelines of authority or funding agency, publication ethical practices, easily accessibility of article to beneficiary and fulfil authors career goals [3].

The examples of best journals are those journals included in google scholar, research gate, PubMed, Scopus, web of science, UGC, CARE and specially recognized directories by councils or university. Most important is your quality of article meets the criteria of journals [4].

The diploma and undergraduate students can publish their research in database of peer review journals, google scholar and other similar journals under guidance and supervision of their research guides. The criteria of journal selection remain the same. Such an article publication is partial fulfillment of their academic requirement [4].

Every researcher or author must learn how to identify fake journals. Few of the clues, we are mentioning here are check the journals website, verify the editorial board, clearly mentioned review process and fees, detail contacts of publisher and editors, indexing the journal in recognized directory or database, track record of publisher and journal, spelling and grammar of journal information, reviews about journal, use of predatory journal list and advise of expert [5].

Also we authors strongly suggesting some individuals and resources that can assist you in selection of right journals are academic advisors and mentors, librarians, online journals finders, scholarly societies and university or institutional research offices Online platforms and forums, such as Research Gate, Academia.edu, and professional social media networks e.g. LinkedIn, Journal metrics like impact factor, h-index, and Cite Score and attending the conferences and workshops on research publication in your concern field [6].

Every author or researcher must follow the ethical principles of publication. The principles are, Ensure that all information provided to journals, including author affiliations and conflicts of interest, is accurate and truthful, avoid copying text, ideas, or data from others without appropriate acknowledgment, follow established guidelines for authorship, Submit original research that has not been published elsewhere, do not submit the same research manuscript to multiple journals simultaneously or partly publication of one article into 3-4 pieces.

Disclose any financial, personal, or professional conflicts of interest that could potentially bias your research or publication, Ensure informed consent , confidentiality , respect for human subjects and the welfare and rights of animals in research (follow the ICMR guidelines), cite the prior work appropriately and give credit to those who have contributed to your research, respect copyright and licensing agreements associated with published work, and provide a clear and accurate account of your research methods, data, and results [7].

Depending on the type of research article, the steps or structure of the article differs. The author must follow the format of drafting of research article as guidelines given in the journal. For example, original research articles typically follow the IMRAD (Introduction, Methods, Results, and Discussion) structure. The title should be concise but descriptive, capturing the essence of the study. List

all authors' names, affiliations (institutions), and contact information. Abstract is Written in a clear, concise, and informative manner to allow readers to quickly grasp the study's significance, a list of relevant keywords or phrases that help index and categorize the article. An introduction to the research problem, its significance, and the context and states the research question, objectives, or hypothesis.

Details of the research design, including the study type, (e.g., experimental, observational, qualitative), study design, sampling, data collection methods, and data analysis techniques. Permission for concern authority and ethical committee is the most important part. Presents the research results or findings in a clear and organized manner using tables, figures, and charts to illustrate key data. Discusses the results, the implications and significance of the findings and reporting to concerned authorities in specific format. Relates the findings to existing literature and theory. Also include the summary, conclusion, references, acknowledgement, conflict of interest, ethical consideration, and funding source [8,9].

Advantages of selection of right journal for article publication are as Publishing in a reputable journal enhances the credibility of your research, A strong publication record in the right journals can significantly boost your academic or professional career, Publishing in respected journals can facilitate connections with other researchers, both nationally and internationally, Certain journals offer awards or recognition for outstanding research articles, contribution can lead to advancements in knowledge and practice, have a greater influence on policy decisions and practical applications in relevant fields, ultimately contributing to societal improvements., and contributes to the long-term impact and legacy of your research [10].

Selection of wrong journal have many consequences as low visibility and credibility, wastage of resources for research, limit the career achievement, arise the ethical issues and less or no use for professional development [11].

Can you publish again article published in the right journal, if it is published in the wrong journal? There is a limited scope for it. Research papers are retracted if there are big errors or misconduct in publication. See the journals may have specific policies regarding reusing content. Determine whether the previous publication constitutes self-plagiarism. Contact the wrong journal and request permission to republish your article in the right journal with reason.

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### Summary of this Article

Author may make a table and check the research article meets almost all criteria or points with selected journal and your goals.

### Conclusion

Our conclusion is that selection of journal for article publication must be top priority in research. It must be based on sound criteria of publication. Investigator will get all values of research only when author selects the best and the right journal for publication. This article is just an outline or schematic content. See all the points in detail before publication of the article.

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Points and author goals for article publication	Google scholar journals	PubMed journals	UGC -CARE journals	Web of Science journals	Scopus journals
	Selected journal	Selected journal	Selected journal	Selected journal	Selected journal
Type of article					
Purpose					
Criteria of best journal					
Identify fake journal					
Whose help is taken?					
Publication ethics					
Format of article					
Advantages					
Disadvantages					
Republication					
Your goals					

**Table 1**

\*\* Author can select database and journals as per their disciplines.

**Funding**

Self-funding for drafting and publication of articles.

**Ethical Consideration**

Followed all ethical principles of research article publication. No human or animal or any intervention is included in this article. Cited the agency or author whose references are used for this article.

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