

# EVALUATING JOURNALS FOR PUBLICATION

**Aims & Scope:** Look at the description of the journal. Does it seem like your article fits with the subjects/topics that the journal covers?

YES

No

Do NOT SUBMIT

**Aims & Scope:** Look at the description of the journal. Does it seem like the journal is attempting to cover too broad an area?

No

YES

**Indexing:** Is the journal indexed where you or your colleagues would search?

YES

No

**Editors:** The members of the editorial board should have the necessary expertise to be able to select content for the journal. Do the members of the editorial board have the credentials and expertise you would expect?

YES

No

**Editors:** Are the members of editorial board actually on the board? Deceptive publishers may lie about who is on their editorial board, you may wish to double check...

YES

No

**Peer Review:** Does the journal specify the method of peer review (i.e. single blind, double blind, open)?

YES

No

**Peer Review:** Does the journal guarantee acceptance?

No

YES

**Peer Review:** Does the journal guarantee short peer review times?

No

YES

**RE-EVALUATE**  
Make sure the experts behind the journal have the expertise needed to effectively publish content of this scope.

## CONGRATULATIONS

After reviewing the key factors in making your choice for evaluating journals for publication submission, you have been able to determine the legitimacy of the journal within the field.

After this selection, evaluate the additional factors to help you evaluate where a journal is on a continuum from low to high quality.