Pathways to Scholarship Series

Choosing the Right Journal

Slides available at:

Starting a conversation:
Identifying the right journal
Learning Outcomes

● How to find a journal
● How to dissect a journal
● Understand the journal workflow article → journal → database
● Understand “open access” versus “closed access” publishing
● Understand journal impact score
Think of your journal choice as finding the right community in which to start a conversation about your work.

Finding the right venue for your work:

1. Talk to your supervisor and colleagues about respected journals in your discipline.
2. Check references of articles you cite.
3. Search for journals by subject on the Library’s website.
Dopaminergic activation anticipates daily nursing in the rabbit

Maternal care in the rabbit is enriched to the spontaneous return of the mother to the nest once a day to nurse her pups for just a few minutes. Here, we report an increase in maternal locomotor behavior and in the dopaminergic innervation to the nest and their target areas at the time of nursing. Our results suggest that the mother is in a high motional state at the time of nursing and that the dopaminergic system is important for the timing of daily nursing.

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**Google Scholar**

*Recommended articles*

- A Model of Genomic and Ecological Diversity (2016)
- Digital Humanities Quarterly (2016)
- Journal of the American Medical Association (2016)
- *Science* (2016)

- See all recommendations

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**Discovery Tools**

- EIN
- Cell
- Science
- Web of Science
- Journal
- Databases
Database Logic Hides the Article’s Format

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Overview

EJN is the journal of FENS and supports the international neuroscientific community by publishing original high quality research articles and reviews in all fields of neuroscience. In addition, to engage with issues that are of interest to the science community, we also publish Editorials, Meetings Reports and Neuro-Opinions on topics that are of current interest in the fields of neuroscience research and training in science. We have recently established a series of ‘Profiles of Women in Neuroscience’. Our goal is to provide a vehicle for publications that further the understanding of the structure and function of the nervous system in both health and disease and to provide a vehicle to engage the neuroscience community. As the official journal of FENS, profits from the journal are re-invested in the neuroscientific community through the activities of FENS.

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Aims and Scope

We publish original research articles and reviews in all the domains of neuroscience including molecular (including neurochemistry and neuropharmacology), cellular, developmental, systems, behavioural, cognitive and computational neuroscience. The key aim of work published in EJN is that it furthers our understanding of the nervous system in health and disease. In our pursuit of reproducibility in science, we also welcome Registered Reports and encourage submissions that report negative results and those that replicate or fail to replicate previous studies.

Submitted papers are handled by a diverse and inclusive international editorial team of outstanding experts in their respective fields that represent all aspects of neuroscience. Papers are rapidly.
Open or Closed Access

**open access** articles are freely available on the Internet and openly accessible to everyone.

**non-open access** journals are only visible to readers at institutions which have purchased a license.

If OA is important to you, check the Directory of Open Access Journals ([https://doaj.org/](https://doaj.org/))
Journal Impact Factor

- Journal Citation Reports
- SJR Ranking

\[ IF_y = \frac{\text{Citations}_{y-1} + \text{Citations}_{y-2}}{\text{Publications}_{y-1} + \text{Publications}_{y-2}} \]

For example, *Nature* had an impact factor of 41.577 in 2017 [1].

\[ IF_{2017} = \frac{\text{Citations}_{2015} + \text{Citations}_{2016}}{\text{Publications}_{2015} + \text{Publications}_{2016}} = \frac{32389 + 41701}{880 + 902} = 41.577 \]

Submission Guidelines

- Manuscript types accepted
- Manuscript length
- Peer review process
- Layout and formatting
- Ethical standards
- Citation style

Author Guidelines

Reasons to publish in EJN

- EJN is a general neuroscience journal publishing articles on all aspects of neuroscience
- No editorial rejection on the basis of what is fashionable in neuroscience
- High standard, rigorous and fair peer-review
- Editorial Board consists of recognised international experts
- Rapid publication. Papers appear online within a few days of acceptance
- Publishing is free and color figures appear in the online edition free of charge
- EJN reaches a very wide audience and its readership continues to grow
- Authors can choose to publish their accepted manuscripts as open access papers
- EJN is the Journal of the Federation of European Neuroscience Societies (FENS)
- EJN is free online to all the members of FENS societies and SfN
- Publication proceeds fund the activities of FENS
In-Class Activity

Select a journal from your field to review

Answer these questions:

1. Who is the sponsoring/parent organization?
2. Who are members of the editorial board?
3. What is the stated scope and audience of the journal?
4. What is the rate of publication? (e.g. volumes / year)
5. What is the current impact factor?
6. Are articles peer-reviewed?
7. What are total word lengths of manuscripts accepted?
8. What citation style is followed?
Other Pathways

1. Identifying Deceptive Publishers

A series of learning opportunities

We’re here for you: contact your Subject Librarian who’s here to help you in your research (and finding the right journal)