

The WUR Journal Browser - the tool for Open Access publishing

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Open Access publishing is becoming the standard in academics. Open Access publishing increases the accessibility, affordability and transparency of your research, and accordingly your scientific and societal impact. Furthermore, the Dutch Government, Wageningen University & Research and many major research funders often require you to make your scientific work publicly available. Would you like to publish Open Access at reduced or no cost? Find out how the WUR Journal Browser can help you to select a suitable journal and save you money, time and effort.

What is the WUR Journal Browser?

The [WUR Journal Browser](#) is a tool especially developed for researchers. You can search for journals to publish Open Access in at no or reduced costs. The WUR Journal Browser contains data for over 38,000 journals. Currently, for more than 11,000 journals Open Access agreements have been negotiated: both journal deals involved in [national agreements](#) and agreements made specifically for WUR. Among others, there are agreements with Elsevier, Springer and Wiley. Combining this and other information (see below), the WUR Journal Browser provides an easy overview of options to help you publish Open Access.

How to use the WUR Journal Browser to select a suitable journal?

Option 1: look up a specific journal. Use 'Search on words in title' from the dropdown menu in the search box and insert the journal title in the search box. After clicking 'Search', the WUR Journal Browser shows you the link 'Do you mean the journal...?' just below the search box. You can click that link or browse through the list of records given.

Option 2: search journals in your field by using keywords. Use 'Search all fields' from the dropdown menu and type in one or more keywords (for example: Soil AND Biology) in the search box. Click 'Search'.

The search records are now sorted by how many times the journal is cited by WUR staff (default). On the right side you can change it to other criteria, e.g. the title, or the number of publications by WUR staff in a journal. If you would like more details about the sorting criteria, click on the question mark for explanation. You can otherwise narrow down search results by using the filters on the left side.

The screenshot shows the WUR Journal Browser interface. At the top, the header includes the Wageningen University & Research logo and the title 'WUR Journal browser'. Below the header, a navigation bar shows 'My Library', 'Journal Browser', and 'Search result'. A red arrow points to the 'Journal Browser' tab. On the left sidebar, there are sections for 'Open Access costs' and 'Open Access journals'. The main search area has a search bar with the text 'science' and a dropdown menu set to 'Search on words in title'. A red arrow points to the search bar. Below the search bar, a message states: 'Check the information on costs for open access publishing by clicking on a journal title in the list below. This gives you an overview of open access publishing options, including a discounted open access costs and impact metrics for that journal.' A button labeled 'Do you mean the journal "Science"?' is highlighted with a red arrow. Below this, a list of journals is displayed, including 'Science', 'Journal of Dairy Science', and 'Environmental Science and Technology'. A red arrow points to the 'Sort by Cited by' button on the right side of the list.

When you found the journal of your choice

Once you selected a journal you can find information about the:

1. APC discount

You can publish Open Access with a discount on the Article Processing Charge (APC) when you comply with the criteria. There are several categories:

- there is no agreement made with the publisher and therefore there is no discount on the APC: **Full APC costs for WUR authors (no discount)** or **Open Access support unknown, APC costs unknown**
- there is an agreement made with the publisher and part of the APC will be covered: e.g. **57% APC discount for WUR authors**
- there is an agreement made with the publisher and 100% of the APC will be covered: **100% APC discount for WUR authors**
- there are no APC charged: **No APC costs**

Note: before submitting an article, please check at the publisher's website if the provided information is still applicable.

2. Impact: journal rankings and WUR metrics

Several metrics are listed here, such as the latest JCR impact factor and the accompanying quartile (Q1-Q4) a journal belongs to. Scopus Journal Metrics are also provided, among which the SCImago Journal Rank (SJR) and Source Normalized Impact per Paper (SNIP). These measure the impact of a journal and a journal's citation impact, respectively. To give an impression of 'journal use' within WUR, the number of times an article from that journal is cited by WUR staff, and the number of publications in that journal by WUR staff, are given. This information is valuable when you plan to submit your article to a relatively new journal, or to a journal with no rankings.

3. Green Open Access: Taverne Amendment and self-archiving

Green Open Access offers alternative options to publish your initially closed, behind-a-paywall publication, Open Access. You may have published closed access if, for example, WUR has no agreement with the respective publisher or if your funder or research group doesn't reimburse the costs for publishing Open Access. With Green Open Access, you self-archive your publication in Research@WUR. The WUR Journal Browser provides you with information about the two possible routes to publish Green Open Access: (1) sharing the PDF of your publication by making use of the Taverne Amendment and (2) self-archiving your manuscript based on copyright restrictions of the publisher (e.g. version for archiving, embargo period). For more information please check the page on Green Open Access.

Similar Journals

The list of similar journals provided for a journal is based on the co-occurrence of two journals in the references of a WUR article (i.e. a co-citation of these journals). The co-occurrence is a measure for similarity between two journals and can be used as a list of suggestions for journals that may share topics and research fields. For more detailed information about co-citations, please see [here](#).

Gold, Hybrid and Green Open Access

The different Open Access publishing routes are shortly described below. For a detailed explanation, please see the [Open Access publishing routes](#).

- *Gold* – publication in a full Open Access journal upon payment of the APC.
- *Hybrid* – publication in a subscription journal where part of the articles are Open Access upon payment of the APC.
- *Green* – self-archiving a version of your article. This can be done through the [Taverne Amendment](#) (publishers version) or by self-archiving the Author Accepted Manuscript in [Research@WUR](#).

About

The WUR Journal Browser is developed by WUR Library. It uses external sources (e.g. Scopus, Journal Citation Reports, the [DOAJ](#), SURFmarket, [openaccess.nl](#)) to update its information. All other Dutch universities use this Journal Browser, several of them have a personalised version.

Support

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