

Choosing a Journal to Publish and Avoiding Predatory Journals

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WKU Libraries Evaluating Journals Guide



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Evaluating Journals

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Journal Suggestions

Impact Factor

Evaluating publishing opportunities

Evaluate a journal's credentials before submitting your manuscript.

Positive Indicators:

- Journal is published by an academic publisher or professional association.
- Journal has clearly defined peer review process.
- Journal editors are experts in the field.
- Journal is indexed in major databases (easy to check: all library databases allow you to browse by journal title)
- Scope of journal is clearly defined.

Predatory publishers:

Predatory journals are usually Open Access, but not all Open Access journals are predatory. A journal is considered predatory when it charges publication fees but does not provide adequate peer review or editorial and publishing support.

Before submitting an article for publication, verify:



Poll

- Do you often get questions from colleagues or students about choosing a journal to publish their work?



Are you submitting your research to a trusted journal or publisher?
Is it the right journal or book for your work?



Use our [check list](#) to assess the journal or publisher



Only if you can answer 'yes' to the questions on our [check list](#)



- Audience
- Goals
- Journal Characteristics
- Possible Journal and 1-2 alternates

Who is my audience?



What are my goals?

- Share experiences/research with colleagues
- Share knowledge with community
- Meet evaluation, promotion, tenure requirements
- Meet grant requirement for publication

Journal checklist

- **Scope of journal/methodology?**
- What databases index?
- Impact factor/quartile?
- Open access (gold/green)?
- Speed of publication?
- Selectivity?





Is this journal a good fit?

- Check journal website. Does your article fit **scope**?
- Look at 3-4 issues. Do style, organization, methodology fit?
- Use **matcher** to identify possible journals.
- Search a **subject database** for title keywords. Limit to **peer-reviewed**.
- Check **title list** for **subject database**.
- **Email editor** to gauge interest (if unsure).
- Ask your [subject librarian](#).

Journal Scope

Browse

- [By Issue](#)
- [By Author](#)
- [By Title](#)

Visit [PMC](#) to search older issues.

Keywords

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Focus and Scope

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[ABI/ Inform Global \(ProQuest\)](#) **Popular**

Contains articles back to 1991, many full text, in the fields of business, management, finance, law, and more.

Popular Databases

The most frequently-used databases

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Contains articles back to 1991, many full text, in the fields of business, management, finance, law, and more.

[Academic Search Complete \(EBSCOhost\)](#)

Popular

A large multi-subject database covering every topic with scholarly journals and popular magazines.



Library Database Journal Lists

- [Journals Currently Indexed in Medline](#)
- [Web of Science Master Journal List](#)

Example: Web of Science Master Journal List entry

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `mjl.clarivate.com/journal-profile`. The page displays the profile for the JAMA journal. The left sidebar contains navigation links: About, General Information, Web of Science Coverage, Journal Citation Report (highlighted in yellow), Preprint Information, Peer Review Information, and PubMed® Information. A blue button labeled 'Return to Search Results' is located below the sidebar. The main content area features the journal title 'JAMA-JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION' with a 'Share This Journal' link. Below this, the ISSN/eISSN (0098-7484 / 1538-3598) and publisher information (AMER MEDICAL ASSOC, 330 N WABASH AVE, STE 39300, CHICAGO, USA, IL, 60611-5885) are provided. An 'About' section with an information icon contains a paragraph describing JAMA's history and its membership in the JAMA Network. A 'Feedback' button is visible on the right side of this section. The 'General Information' section is presented as a table with four columns: Journal Website, 1st Year Published, Issues Per Year, Primary Language, Publisher Website, Frequency, and Country / Region. A blue circular notification bubble with the number '3' and a question mark is located in the bottom right corner of the page.

General Information			
Journal Website	Visit Site	Publisher Website	Visit Site
1st Year Published	1848	Frequency	Weekly
Issues Per Year	48	Country / Region	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Primary Language	English		

Citation Metrics

- [Evaluating Journals Library Research Guide](#) explains rankings.
- Journal Citation Reports (Impact Factor) – best known; fee-based
 - WKU doesn't subscribe. Web of Science Master Journal List gives IF for 2018. In WOS search results, click [view journal impact] for 2019 quartile
- [SCImago Journal and Country Rank](#) (free) – ranks and gives quartile (Q1 is top). Based on Scopus.
- [Eigenfactor](#) (free) U. of Washington. Gauges value/influence of journal. [Eigenfactorizer](#) color-codes PubMed results by influence.

Search a Library Database

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `web-a-ebsohost-com.libsrv.wku.edu/ehost/resultsadvanced?vid=2&sid=faf7fa85-1672-4c36-bec7-1d56b294ac65%40sessionmgr4006&bquery=(+opioi...`. The search interface includes a search bar with the text "opioids or opiates", a dropdown menu for "Select a Field (optional)", and a "Search" button. Below the search bar, there are two more search terms: "AND emergency department or emergency room" and "AND" followed by an empty field, each with a "Select a Field (optional)" dropdown. To the right of the search bar, there are buttons for "Create Alert", "Clear", and zoom controls (+ and -).

Below the search bar, there are links for "Basic Search", "Advanced Search", and "Search History".

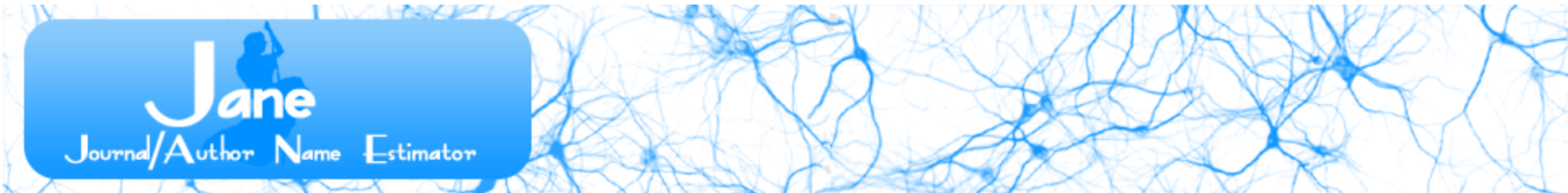
The search results section shows "Search Results: 1 - 50 of 124" and options for "Relevance", "Page Options", and "Share". The first result is titled "1. Initiating buprenorphine/naloxone for opioid use disorder in the emergency department." and is associated with the "Academic Journal" icon. The abstract text reads: "(includes abstract) Low, Keysha; Canadian Journal of **Emergency Nursing** (CJEN), Spring2020; 43(1): 12-22. (11p) (Article - algorithm, questionnaire/scale, tables/charts, teaching materials) ISSN: 2293-3921 AN: 143468856 Abstract: **Opioid** use disorder (OUD) is a public health crisis that continues to affect individuals across Canada, and requires a multifaceted approach to minimize its impact. Through the chronic consumption of **opioids**, many individuals can become dependent on **opioids** and develop OUD. Buprenorphine/naloxone is the recommended first-line treatment, whenever possible, for patients living with OUD. The **Emergency Strategic Clinical Network?** within Alberta Health Services is targeting the crisis in **emergency departments** by implementing a provincially standardized program. The Buprenorphine/Naloxone Initiations in **Emergency Departments** program includes identifying OUD, initiating treatment with the medication buprenorphine/naloxone, and providing rapid and reliable referrals to community clinics for titration and continued patient care. This paper provides an overview of **opioids**, OUD, **opioid** agonist treatments such as buprenorphine/naloxone, and details the program and protocol available in Alberta.

Subjects: Narcotics; **Emergency Service**; Substance Use Disorders Drug Therapy; Buprenorphine Therapeutic Use; Naloxone Therapeutic Use

The "Refine Results" sidebar on the left shows the "Current Search" as "(opioids or opiates) AND (emergency department or emergency ro...". Under "Expanders", "Apply equivalent subjects" is checked. Under "Limiters", "Peer Reviewed" and "Journal Subset: Nursing" are checked.

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- [Endnote Manuscript Matcher](#) requires free Endnote Online account.
Produced by Clarivate Analytics (Web of Science)
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	International journal of dental hygiene Medline-indexed	0.3	Show articles
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	The International journal of oral & maxillofacial implants Medline-indexed	0.8	Show articles
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	Journal of Indian Society of Periodontology High-quality open access PMC		Show articles
	Journal of clinical and experimental dentistry PMC		Show articles
	Pediatric dentistry Medline-indexed	0.4	Show articles

Publisher-Based Manuscript Matchers

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- [Springer Nature Journal Suggester](#)
- [Taylor & Francis Journal Suggester](#)
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Search a Journal Directory

- [Cabell's Directories of Publishing Opportunities](#) Covers Nursing, Health Care Administration.
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Is Open Access (OA) right for me?

- Disseminates new findings rapidly
- Benefits researchers in limited-resource settings
- Institution or grant may mandate OA
- Reaches wider audience
- May increase citations
- “Green” open access may be free, available, and sufficient

Open Access: Green vs. Gold

- **Green**: self-archiving (ex: TopScholar, PubMed Central)
 - “pre pub” is OA, final version may be paywalled
 - Possible embargo (delay)
- **Gold**: usually on publisher website; can share final version
 - Open Access Journal
 - Funded by academic institutions, scholarly or trade associations, grants, subsidies from paid subscriptions, or author payments
 - Hybrid Journal
 - “Traditional” (paid subscription) journals with fee-based OA article publishing option



Which publishing model: Traditional or OA?

- **Traditional:** paid subscriptions or per-use charge (paywalled)
- **Hybrid OA:** paywalled; author pays fee to open individual article.
- **Gold OA:** OA on publisher website. Usually **libre** (share final version – Creative Commons). May charge author fees.
- **Green OA (gratis).** No cost but more restrictive. Often permission to post non-final version. (PubMed Central, TopSCHOLAR)
- **[Sherpa Romeo](#)** look up journal OA policies (warning: includes questionable journals).

OA Caveats

- **Gold** OA may shift cost to author (COVID – fees usually waived)
- **Predatory journals exploit the Open Access Model (most OA journals NOT predatory, but most predatory journals OA)**

TopSCHOLAR (“green” OA -- WKU)

The screenshot shows the TopSCHOLAR website interface. At the top, there is a red header with the WKU logo on the left and the text "TopSCHOLAR® The Research & Creative Activity Database of WKU" on the right. Below the header, the page is divided into three main sections. On the left is a search and navigation sidebar. The middle section is titled "Browse Research and Scholarship" and contains a list of links to various categories. On the right is a descriptive text block about the platform. At the bottom, there is a small map showing the location of Bowling Green, Kentucky.

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PubMed Central (“green” OA – multi-source)

The screenshot shows the PubMed Central search interface. At the top left is the PMC logo with the text 'U.S. National Library of Medicine National Institutes of Health'. A search bar contains the query 'wku OR "western kentucky university"' and a 'Search' button. Below the search bar are links for 'Create alert', 'Journal List', and 'Advanced'. A notification banner at the top reads 'COVID-19 is an emerging, rapidly evolving situation.' with links to CDC, NIH, NCBJ, and HHS resources. The left sidebar lists 'Article attributes' such as 'Associated Data', 'Author manuscripts', 'Digitized back issues', 'MEDLINE journals', 'Open access', 'Preprints', and 'Retracted'. The main content area shows 'Search results' for 'Items: 1 to 20 of 1027'. The first result is 'Effects of stream permanence on stonefly (*Insecta, Plecoptera*) community structure at Mammoth Cave National Park, Kentucky, USA' by Taylor C McRoberts and Scott Grubbs, published in Biodivers Data J. 2021; 9: e62242. It includes a 'Download PDF' button and a 'View Complete Issue' button. The second result is 'Anti-Cancer and Ototoxicity Characteristics of the Curcuminoids, CLEFMA and EF24, in Combination with Cisplatin' by Jerry D. Monroe et al. A 'Provided by Western Kentucky University' logo is overlaid on the bottom left. On the right, there are filters for 'Filter your results' (All 1027, NIH grants 219, Embargoed 0) and 'Find related data' (Database: Select, Find items).

Funder-mandated OA

- [NIH Public Access Policy](#) (Green -- [PubMed Central](#)). Major publishers increasingly submit for you.
- [ROARMAP](#) international list of funders requiring OA
- Increasingly, grant funders require some form of OA dissemination of research publications/data.

Gold OA: Funding

- **Some** Open Access journals charge publishing fees for “gold open access”
- Median fee \$2600 (2020). Fees normally paid by grants or institutions, not individuals. Often called APCs (article processing charges).

Table 1. Open access routes.

Open access route	Definition
Gold OA	Articles published in an OA journal, in which all articles are accessible directly and freely on the journal or publisher website, and which does charge publication fees ^{11,17} .
Platinum OA	Articles published in an OA journal, in which all articles are accessible directly and freely on the journal or publisher website, and which does not charge publication fees to the author since costs are met by one or more sponsoring organizations ²¹ .
Green OA	Articles published in a subscription journal, but self-archived by other parties than the publisher, usually the authors themselves, in open repositories. Open repositories can be disciplinary or institutional repositories and articles may be either accepted versions or electronic preprints ^{7,11,17} .
Hybrid OA	Articles published in a subscription journal but that are immediately free to read under an open license, in exchange for APCs paid by the author(s) ^{11,22} .
Delayed OA	Articles published in a subscription journal but that are free to read after an embargo period ²² .
Bronze OA	Articles free to read on the journal or publisher website, but without a clearly identifiable license ^{11,19} .



How does a trusted journal look?

- Published by professional association/academic publisher. Email, phone, physical address. Has [ISSN](#).
- Clear peer-review process
- Expert editors. Easy to contact.
- Indexed in **major** databases (MEDLINE, CINAHL)
- Clear subject scope
- Quality writing, correct spelling/grammar. Articles have [doi](#).

Trusted journal website

The screenshot shows the Taylor & Francis Online website for the journal AIDS Care. The header includes the Taylor & Francis Online logo, access provided by Western Kentucky University, and user options for Log in, Register, and Cart. A navigation breadcrumb shows the path: Home > All Journals > AIDS Care > Journal Information. The journal title AIDS Care is highlighted in yellow, with the subtitle "Psychological and Socio-medical Aspects of AIDS/HIV". A search bar is present with the text "Enter keywords, authors, DOI, ORCID etc" and a dropdown menu for "This Journal". Below the journal title are buttons for "Submit an article", "Journal homepage", "New content alerts", "RSS", "Subscribe", and "Citation search". A "Current issue" link and a "Browse list of issues" link are also visible. The "Journal information" section is highlighted in yellow and includes the ISSN numbers (Print ISSN: 0954-0121, Online ISSN: 1360-0451) and the frequency (12 issues per year). A list of databases indexing the journal is provided, including ASSIA, Automatic Subject Citation Alert, CAB Abstracts, Cambridge Scientific Abstracts, Caredata, CHID, CINAHL, Current AIDS Literature, Current Contents/Social & Behavioural Sciences, ERA, EMBASE/Excerpta Medica, Health Economic Evaluations Database (OHE-HEED), International Bibliography of the Social Sciences, Index Medicus/MEDLINE, PASCAL, Psychological Abstracts/PsycINFO, Public Health and Tropical Medicine Database, Research Alerts, and Sage Family Studies. On the right side, there are promotional banners: "Latest two full volumes FREE to you for 14 days", "Grow Your Audience Increase your impact Choose Open", and "ANNALS OF MEDICINE".

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Journal information

Print ISSN: 0954-0121 Online ISSN: 1360-0451

12 issues per year

AIDS Care is indexed and abstracted in ASSIA (Applied Social Sciences Index and Abstracts), Automatic Subject Citation Alert, CAB Abstracts, Cambridge Scientific Abstracts, Caredata, Combined Health Information Database (CHID), CINAHL (Cumulative Index to Nursing & Allied Health Literature), Current AIDS Literature, Current Contents/Social & Behavioural Sciences, Educational Research Abstracts online (ERA), EMBASE/Excerpta Medica, Health Economic Evaluations Database (OHE-HEED), International Bibliography of the Social Sciences, Index Medicus/MEDLINE, PASCAL, Psychological Abstracts/PsycINFO, Public Health and Tropical Medicine Database, Research Alerts, Sage Family Studies

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The screenshot shows the CABELLS website interface. At the top, the browser address bar displays 'www2-cabells-com.libsrv.wku.edu/journalytics'. A notification banner states: 'Cabells has implemented a site-wide change in terminology. Look for "Journalytics" and "Predatory Reports" instead of "Whitelist" and "Blacklist." To learn more, click [here](#).' The main navigation includes 'CABELLS', 'Journalytics', 'Predatory Reports', and 'Author Services'. A search bar contains 'journal of the medical library association'. The page content is divided into several sections:

- Disciplines:** 1558-9439 e-ISSN
- Librarians Audience:** Medical Library Association Sponsor
- Quarterly Frequency of Issue:** The *Journal of the Medical Library Association (JMLA)* is an international, peer-reviewed specialty journal that aims to advance the practice and research knowledgebase of health sciences librarianship. [Read more](#)
- SUBMISSION View guidelines:**
 - Web Method: 11-15 Length
 - Invited articles: 0-5%
 - Acceptance Rate: 40%
 - See Manuscript Guidelines: Style
- REVIEW:**
 - Peer review: Double Blind
 - Time to Review: 1-2 mo
 - Time to Publication: 6-9 mo
 - Comments: Yes
 - Plagiarism screen: No
 - Reviewers: 0 Int 3 Ext

At the bottom, there is a link 'Need help preparing your manuscript?' and a 'VISIT JOURNAL' button. A chat bubble indicates 'We're offline Leave a message'.

Open Access Vetted Journal Lists

- DOAJ (Directory of Open Access Publishers)
 - <http://doaj.org/search>
- OASPA (Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association)
 - <http://oaspa.org/membership/members/>

Predatory Journals



Predatory journals and publishers are entities that prioritize self-interest at the expense of scholarship and are characterized by false or misleading information, deviation from best editorial and publication practices, a lack of transparency, and/or the use of aggressive and indiscriminate solicitation practices.”

Poll: Predatory Journals

- Do you often get emails from journals, publishers, conferences, or editorial boards you think are not reputable?
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- Indexed in “Google Scholar”
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- Questionable editorial board
- Recent articles few, poor-quality
- Submit by email.



Think twice

- [Stop Predatory Journals](#) has journal and publisher questionable journals list
- Google publisher name – look for **predatory, flaky, questionable, fake.**
- Poorly resourced, irregularly published journals – **grey publishing**



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- I would read and cite this journal in my work
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