

Open Access Journal Selection Checklist

1. Journal Identity & Scope

Criteria	Yes	No	Notes
Clear journal name and ISSN			
Scope aligns with your research			
Publisher is reputable			

2. Editorial & Peer Review

Criteria	Yes	No	Notes
Editorial board is listed			
Peer review process is described			
Contact information provided			

3. Indexing & Metrics

Criteria	Yes	No	Notes
Indexed in major databases (e.g., Scopus, Web of Science)			
Impact factor or other metrics listed			
Journal policies are transparent			

4. Open Access Policies

Criteria	Yes	No	Notes
Open access policy is clear			
Article processing charges (APCs) are stated			
Copyright & licensing terms provided			

5. Publishing Ethics

Criteria	Yes	No	Notes
Research integrity and ethics policies			
Plagiarism policy described			
Retraction and correction policies			