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**Journal Selection and Submitting for Publication**

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# Objectives

* Understand the reason for publishing scientific works
* Accurately assess your manuscript and which journal is the best fit
* Identify characteristics of journals with scientific value
* Identify characteristics of journals that simply want your $$
* Understand where to find and how to properly format your publication prior to submission

# Background:

* Everyone wants to provide the best care to his/her patients
* By making an impact
* By publishing

# BMJ says

* Make sure your paper fits within the scope of the journal
* Assess the credentials of the journal or publisher
* Browse the content they publish for quality and relevance to your field
* Check the quality of their website
* Check what tools and services they offer to authors
* Submit your research to one journal only, but check if they offer transfers to other journals
* Follow the instructions for authors carefully

*Source:* [*https://authors.bmj.com/before-you-submit/how-to-choose-a-journal/*](https://authors.bmj.com/before-you-submit/how-to-choose-a-journal/)

# Make sure your paper fits within the scope of the journal

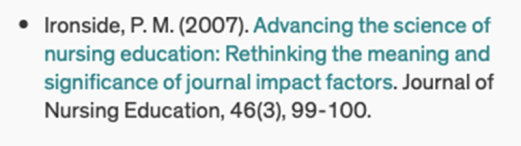
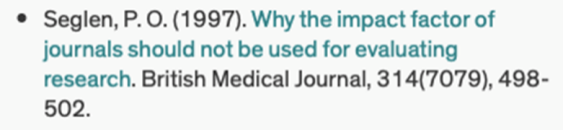
* Somewhat self-explanatory
* And yet don’t think only ped surgical journals
* Other options include:
* Adult GNS
* Peds
* Peds subspecialties (EM, GI, Crit Care, ID, etc)
* Global Health
* Public Health

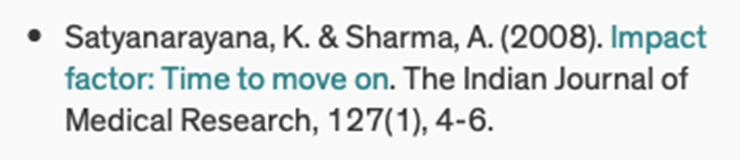
## Assess the credentials of the journal or publisher

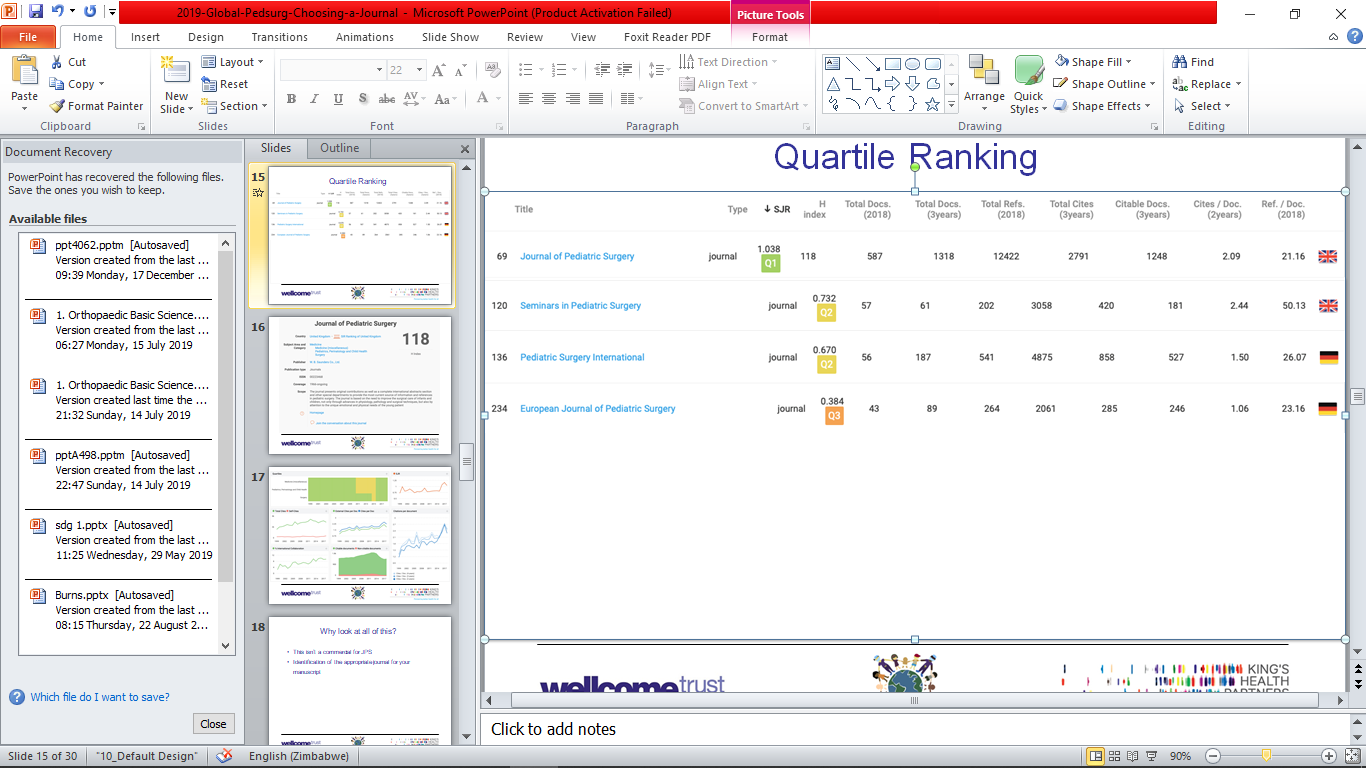
* What are objective measures of a journal’s importance/difficulty in acceptance?
* *Impact factor*
* *Quartile ([SCImago link](https://www.scimagojr.com/journalrank.php))*
* *Your own history*

## Impact factor

* Probably the most well known
* Calculated over a two year period
* Simple calculation of number of times cited divided by citable articles
* Manipulated





***Quartile***

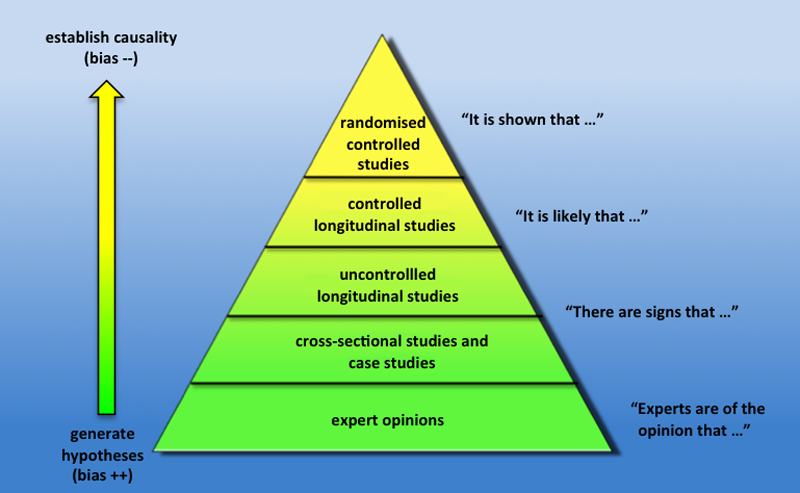


# Why look at all this?

Identification of the appropriate journal for your manuscript.

Your own history

# Browse the Content of the Journal and Compare to your Manuscript:

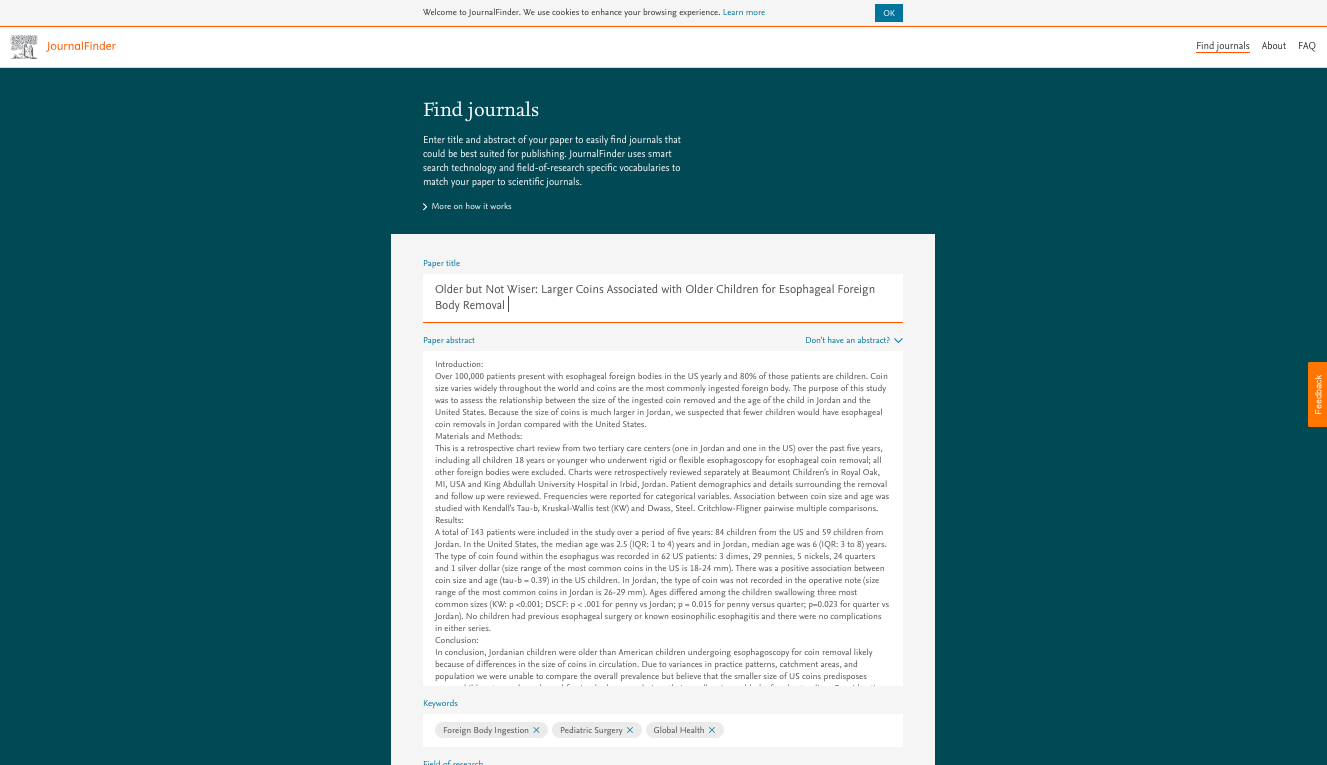
* Level of evidence
* Your expertise in the field
* Your institution’s reputation
* Results
* Timeliness (eg. vaping)
* Size of population
* Effort, overall quality, novelty

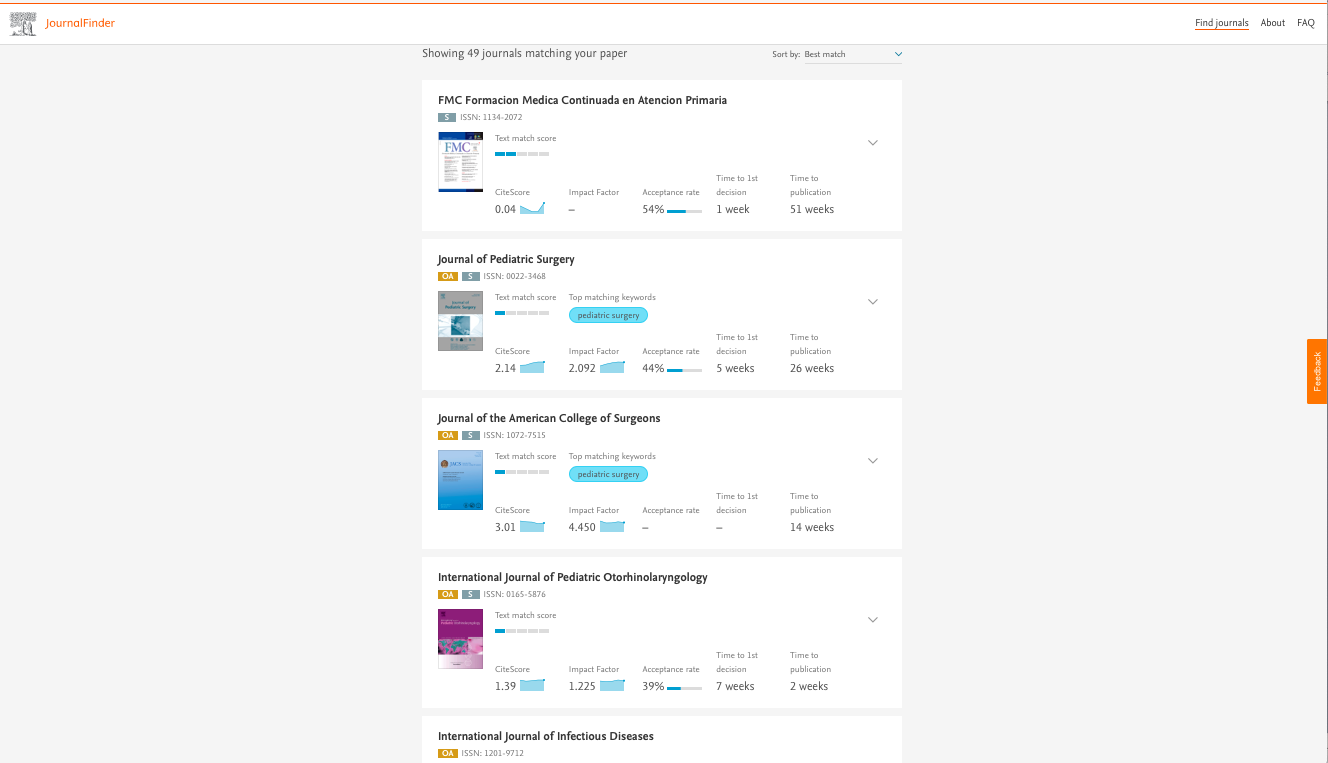
## Check the journal’s website

* Do they have one???
* Can you easily contact the journal?
* Is the publisher clearly displayed?
* Would you read the articles published?
* Are they clear about fees, if any?
* Who is on the editorial board?\*
* [Think Check Submit](http://thinkchecksubmit.org/check/)
* [Directory of Open Access Journals](https://doaj.org/publishers%23seal)

## Check what services are offered to the authors

* Web-based submission vs. ‘send us your abstract via email’
* Assistance in choosing the right journal (Elsevier)- Interesting but proprietary...
* Review and publication speed is often published now

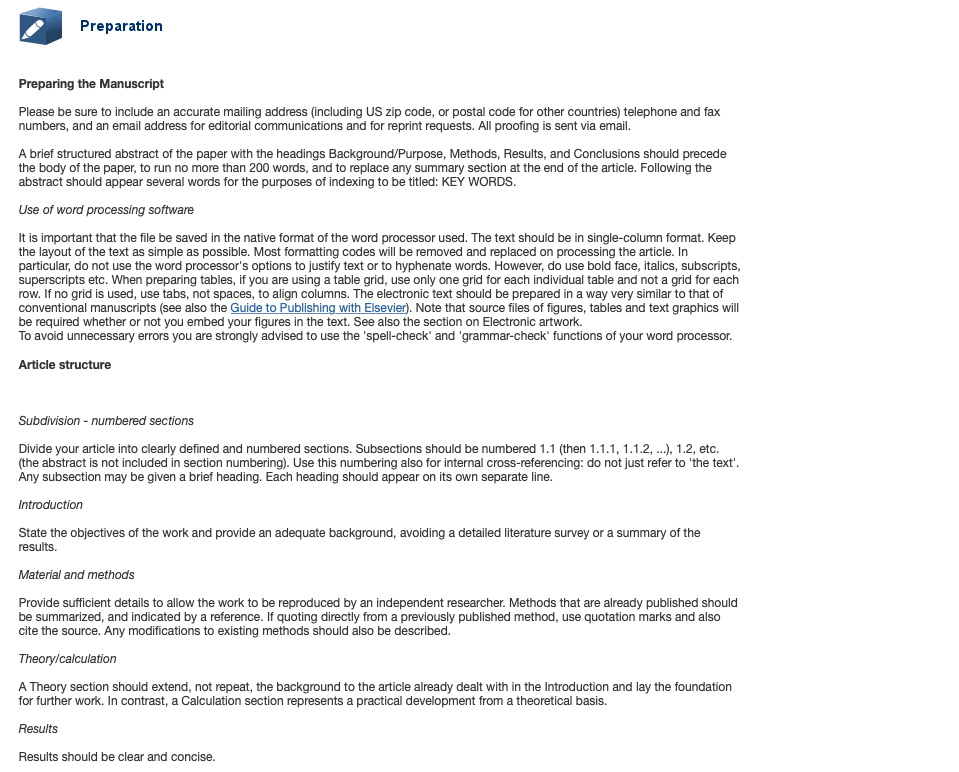




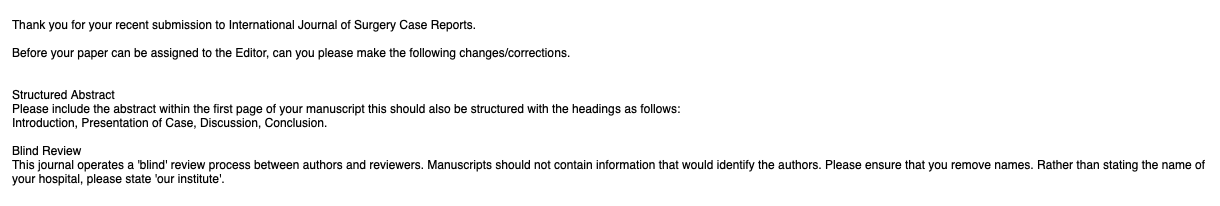
* Submit your Manuscript to One Journal at a Time

Author Instructions

* Every journal has them
* Some are more demanding than others

Wordy Neh?

But you avoid this



# Conference associated journals

* Major national and international conferences (APSA, BAPS, PAPS, EUPSA, IPEG, WOFAPS, International Colorectal Club, and more)
* Typically, a higher percent-acceptance rate
* Quick response
* More ‘hits’ on your CV
* Downside: cost of travel, conference, etc.