Web of Science™ is the world’s most trusted publisher-independent global citation database.

We capture, index and link every piece of metadata for all items in the Web of Science Core Collection.

We use a uniquely selective and robust evaluation and curation process by a team of expert in-house editors.

Our principles: **Objectivity, selectivity** and **collection dynamics**
The Web of Science Core Collection
At the heart of the Web of Science platform

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- Books Citation Index (BKCI)
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Journal Evaluation Process and Selection Criteria
Conducted by a team of expert in-house editors.

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Journal data and information are collected by the editors independently rather than relying on data provided by the publishers.

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All editors use the same set of 24 quality and 4 impact criteria to evaluate all journals.
Web of Science Journal Evaluation Process and Selection Criteria

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Journals that meet the quality criteria enter ESCI

Journals that meet **quality and impact** criteria enter SCIE, SSCI or AHCI

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Journal Evaluation Process
Quality & Impact

28 selection criteria

24 quality criteria to select for editorial rigor and publishing best practice

4 impact criteria to select for the most impactful journals

1. Initial Triage
   - ISSN
   - Journal Title
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   - URL (online journals)
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   - Presence of Peer Review Policy
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Impact Criteria
- Comparative Citation Analysis
- Author Citation Analysis
- EBM Citation Analysis
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- Editorial Affiliation Details
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**Initial Triage**

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First evaluation: No embargo on re-submission
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**Editorial Evaluation (Quality)**

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- **Editorial Triage**
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Our first evaluation: Re-submission welcome as soon as issues have been resolved.

On consecutive evaluations: Re-submission subject to embargo of at least one year.

Failed editorial quality evaluation:

- Re-submission subject to embargo of at least two years.

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Clarivate 2023
We continuously **monitor** indexed journals for **quality**. If valid concerns are raised regarding an indexed journal, either by users or through monitoring by our in-house editors, the journal will be re-evaluated according to our selection criteria.

See our **Removal from coverage policy** and our **blogpost** for more information.
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Hints

Important Note:
- Journals submitted with incomplete access information will not be evaluated.

If you require more information, please read our Journal Selection Essay for a description of the evaluation process.
Changes to the 2023 Journal Citation Reports
The Journal Impact Factor

The JIF is a journal-level metric developed for responsible use in journal management. Article citation performance as a part of scholarly assessment is not reflected in the JIF. We recommend this recent ISI Global Research Report related to this topic.

Starting from the 2023 JCR release, Journal Impact Factors (JIFs) have been extended to all Web of Science Core Collection journals.

In 2023 category rankings and JIF quartiles are provided for journals indexed in the SCIE and the SSCI only.

In 2024 we will add AHCI and ESCI journals to the category rankings in the JCR and assign them to JIF quartiles. We will create a single ranking for each of our 254 categories that includes journals from all four editions (SCIE, SSCI, AHCI and ESCI).

The JIF is now displayed with one decimal place, rather than three decimal places.

Read more about the updates to the 2023 JCR here.
More information on our website

- Web of Science Journal Evaluation Process and Selection Criteria
- Web of Science Publisher Portal
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