

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Choosing Journals with Metrics

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- 01 A journal metric only makes sense with its database, calculation year, citation window and subject category.
- 02 Journal Impact Factor uses a short two-year publication window and is highly sensitive to disciplinary citation speed.
- 03 CiteScore uses Scopus data, a four-year window and the same five document types in its numerator and denominator.
- 04 SJR weights citations by the citation-network standing of the source that supplies them.
- 05 SNIP adjusts for field differences in citation activity and is interpreted against a field benchmark.
- 06 Journal choice also requires scope, audience, editorial practice, fees, archiving, ethics and current institutional rules.
- 07 Verify every indexing and metric claim in an official source before relying on it.