EUROPEAN COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Strategies for Selecting Journals, Increasing Citations, and Maximising Research Impact

Focus on Cancer Prevention & Intellectual Disabilities

Dr. Kate Sykes & Dr. Vera Dimitrievska

CUPID
CANCER - UNDERSTANDING PREVENTION IN INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

Session overview



- Strategies for selecting cancer related and/or intellectual disability focused journals
- Increasing citations
- Maximising research impact

EUROPEAN COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

What does impact mean to you?



Join at menti.com | use code 4869 7898

CUPID
CANCER - UNDERSTANDING PREVENTION IN INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

EUROPEAN COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Why does finding the right journal matter?

- **Visibility:** Right journal = right audience, faster uptake
- **Credibility:** Reporting quality drives trust and citations
- **Equity:** Inclusive dissemination broadens who benefit

CUPID
CANCER - UNDERSTANDING PREVENTION IN INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

EUROPEAN COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Finding journals – Looking for similar publications

- Let us look at your suggestions on the mentimeter.
- You can look at the literature on similar topics
- You can then look at the journal criteria and see if your work is eligible
- Retain these example papers as they can help you write up to avoid rejections

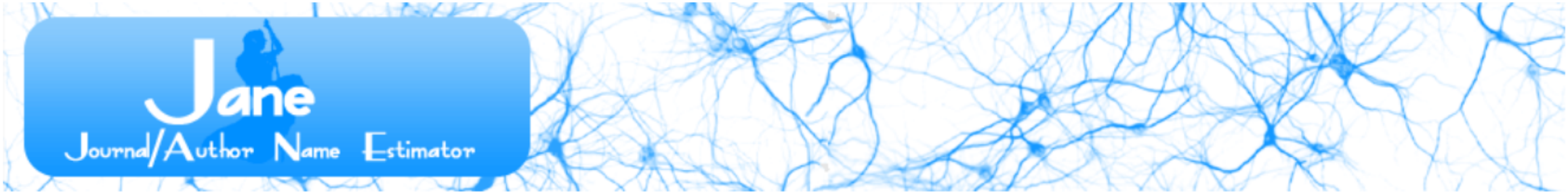
CUPID
CANCER - UNDERSTANDING PREVENTION IN INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

Finding journals – Ask others

- Ask supervisors if they are aware of any journals
- Work with librarians – check your university library

Journal suggester tools

- ‘Jane’ is a website that searches PubMed to suggest a list of journals in your research field = https://jane.biosemantics.org/
- Taylor & Francis = https://authorservices.taylorandfrancis.com/publishing-your-research/choosing-a-journal/journal-suggester/
- Wiley = https://journalfinder.wiley.com/search?type=match



Insert your title and/or abstract here: (or, click here to search using keywords)

Scramble | Clear | Show extra options

Find journals | Find authors | Find articles

Welcome to Jane

Have you recently written a paper, but you're not sure to which journal you should submit it? Or maybe you want to find relevant articles to cite in your paper? Or are you an editor, and do you need to find reviewers for a particular paper? Jane can help!

Just enter the title and/or abstract of the paper in the box, and click on 'Find journals', 'Find authors' or 'Find Articles'. Jane will then compare your document to millions of documents in *PubMed* to find the best matching journals, authors or articles.

Keyword search

Instead of using a title or abstract, you can also search using a keyword search, similar to popular web search engines. Click here to search using keywords.

Beware of predatory journals

JANE relies on the data in PubMed, which can contain papers from predatory journals, and therefore these journals can appear in JANE's results. To help identify high-quality journals, JANE now tags journals that are currently indexed in MEDLINE, and open access journals approved by the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ).

Additional information about Jane

Journal Suggester

Helping you find the best home for your research article



There are two easy steps

Step 1: Paste in the full abstract of your article, or several relevant keywords. The suggestions will be more accurate if you use a full abstract containing relevant keywords.

Step 2: Click on 'Reveal suggested journals' to see a short description of the journal and some citation and speed metrics.

Questions about the suggester?

View our FAQ page

Paste your keywords or abstract here...

Reveal suggested journals ↓

WILEY

Find journals that match your manuscript Beta

Not sure where to submit? Enter your title and abstract below to search for Wiley journals that match your manuscript.

For other ways to our explore our journals:

Try Wiley's Journal Finder - Browse Wiley's journals by title and subject, and easily review titles side-by-side to compare editorial and publishing times, metrics, and policies.

Get customized recommendations - If you are looking for more formal support finding the right journal, try our Journal Recommendation service, providing you with 3-5 curated recommendations and a detailed report.

Enter your manuscript information • *Both fields are required*

Manuscript title

Manuscript abstract

0 of 3000 characters

Please continue to enter more info for better results

FIND

Try it and tell us what you think! Your feedback will help us continue to develop Journal Finder Beta to meet the needs of our authors. **Send us feedback**

Criteria for picking a journal

Scope fit: Aims/scope alignment; recent issues confirm topic and method fit

Audience: Clinicians, policy, community, or interdisciplinary readership

Indexing: PubMed/Medline, Scopus, Web of Science for discoverability

Impact signals: Impact Factor, Q1-Q4, CiteScore, SJR—interpret alongside audience reach

Speed: Median time to first decision/acceptance

Open access: EU HORIZON; Article Processing Charges (APCs), waivers, funder compliance

Ethics & quality: COPE membership, DOAJ listing, Think. Check. Submit outcomes

The cost will influence your decision!



- Open Access Agreements (OAA) – agreements between publishers and institutions
- Different types of OAA - Gain reduced fees of publication fees or publication will be “free”
- Check with your institutions about which publishers there are OAA with
- Especially as ECRs we might not have access to funds to support publishing therefore we might have to go with different journals than what we would aspire to.

Search for the Journals
included in open access agreements

learning disabilities

65 results found for "learning disabilities"

These open access agreements are open to **Northumbria University submitting corresponding authors**

- Your Northumbria University affiliation must be stated in the published article
- Use your @northumbria.ac.uk email address
- For more information, visit our publisher agreements page.
- Contact us at openaccess@northumbria.ac.uk for further support or to suggest new agreements for consideration.

Journals	Imprint	Who pays	License options	Publishing model
Journal of Learning Disabilities	Sage	Library	CC BY	Hybrid
British Journal of Learning Disabilities	Wiley	Library	CC BY	Hybrid

Search for the Journals
included in open access agreements

cancer prevention

127 results found for "cancer prevention"

These open access agreements are open to **Northumbria University submitting corresponding authors**

- Your Northumbria University affiliation must be stated in the published article
- Use your @northumbria.ac.uk email address
- For more information, visit our publisher agreements page.
- Contact us at openaccess@northumbria.ac.uk for further support or to suggest new agreements for consideration.

Journals	Imprint	Who pays	License options	Publishing model
Technology in Cancer Research & Treatment	Sage	%	CC BY	Open Access
Cancer control	Sage	%	CC BY	Open Access
Cancer Medicine	Wiley	Library	CC BY	Open Access
Thoracic Cancer	Wiley	Library	CC BY	Open Access
BMC Cancer	BioMed Central	%	CC BY	Open Access

EUROPEAN COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Quick journal mapping table

Focus Area	Journal Examples	Scope & Strengths	Impact/Indexing	Notes
Cancer Prevention	*Cancer Prevention Research*, *Preventive Medicine*, *European Journal of Cancer Prevention*	Focused on prevention strategies, risk reduction, and policy	PubMed, Scopus, WoS	Strong for applied prevention studies
Public Health & Cancer	*International Journal of Cancer*, *BMC Public Health*, *The Lancet Public Health*	Broader reach into population health & epidemiology	High impact, global	Good for multi-disciplinary studies
Intellectual Disabilities	*Journal of Intellectual Disability Research (JIDR)*, *Journal of Applied Research in Intellectual Disabilities (JARID)*	Core journals in disability research, strong academic audience	Well-indexed (PubMed, Scopus)	Flagship journals in ID field
Disability & Inclusion	*Disability & Society*, *Research in Developmental Disabilities*, *Frontiers in Rehabilitation Sciences*	Intersectional, policy, inclusion, lived experience	Indexed & open access options	Good for policy/practice implications
Cross-Cutting	*Health Policy*, *Social Science & Medicine*, *BMJ Open*	Bridges public health, policy, and social	Highly cited, multidisciplinary	Useful for comparative or

EUROPEAN COOPERATION
IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



AVOID PREDATORY JOURNALS!

CUPID
CANCER - UNDERSTANDING PREVENTION IN INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

Journal title	Publisher?	Accept the type of paper (y/n)	Impact factor	Link to author guidelines (hyperlink 'here')	Word limit for abstract and manuscript	Referencing style	Does Northumbria have an agreement with publisher? (y/n)
General							
BMC Health Service Research	Springer		1.987	Here	Abstract = 350 words; Full text =	Vancouver	Yes
Public Health	Elsevier		4.984	Here	Abstract = 250 words; Full text =	Unknown	Yes
European Journal of Public Health	Oxford University		4.424	Here	Abstract = 250 words; Full text =	Vancouver 40 references	Yes
Journal of Public Health	Oxford		5.058	Here	Abstract = 200 words; Full text =	Numbered consecutively in Arabic numerals	Yes
Cancer							
Psycho-Oncology	Wiley		3.955	Here	Abstract = 250 words; Full text =.	Vancouver	Yes
International Journal of Cancer	Wiley		7.316	Here	Full text =	Vancouver	Yes

Increasing Citations – Getting published/in preparation



- Publish protocol initially – this gives you a reference point to go back to
- Aim for a high impact journal
- Collaboration; Collaborate across institutions; multi-country teams
- Medical Subject Headings-aligned keywords
- Avoid: Citation stacking; coercive/self-citation beyond relevance
- Set up a google scholar profile
- Set up an ORCID account

EUROPEAN COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



Increasing Citations – When published

- Publish preprints to speed visibility
- Publish reusable datasets/tools
- Host brief webinars
- Respond to post-publication reviews
- Socials media (Twitter/X, LinkedIn, Mastodon, Bluesky)
- Academic blogging
- Conference presentations
- Short summaries of the papers
- Infographics of results that can link to papers
- Videos
- Sending papers to colleagues/networks

CUPID
CANCER - UNDERSTANDING PREVENTION IN INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

Do metrics matter?

Hands up if you think they are important.



EUROPEAN COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Metrics that matter

Bibliometrics: Citations, field-normalized impact, h-index (contextual)

Altmetrics: Mentions, policy citations, guideline uptake

Practice impact: Protocol adoption, service changes, cost savings

Equity impact: Uptake among marginalized groups; accessibility reach

CUPID
CANCER - UNDERSTANDING PREVENTION IN INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

EUROPEAN COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Maximising Research Impact

- Translate findings into policy briefs & practice guidelines
- Engage with patient advocacy groups & disability organisations
- Communicate results in accessible formats
- Highlight relevance to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Leverage media and science communication platforms

CUPID
CANCER - UNDERSTANDING PREVENTION IN INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

A protocol to identify the barriers and facilitators for people with severe mental illness and/or learning disabilities for PErson Centred Cancer Screening Services (PECCS)

Kate Sykes, Emma Tuschick, Emma L. Giles, Kehinde K. Kanmodi, Jill Barker

Published: November 30, 2022 • https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0278238



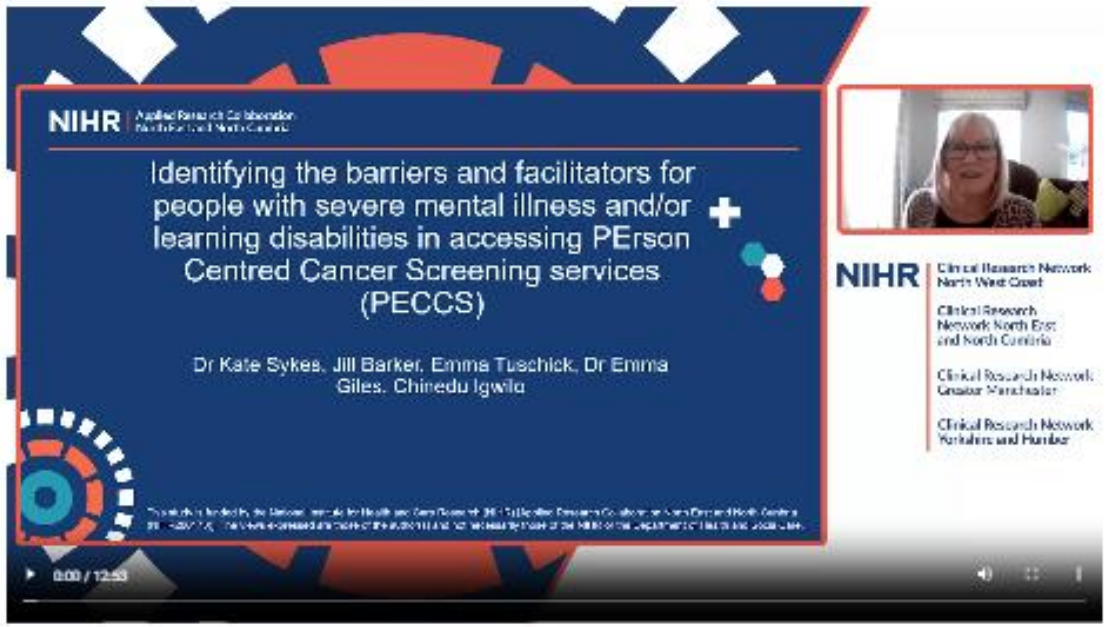
Wednesday Dec 06, 2023

006: Bipolar Disorder and Cancer Screening

Likes Download 49 Share



Video of our progress so far





Record what you are doing for impact

- Institutions will focus on impact factor or metrics however impact is much bigger than that.
- Make sure record what you have been doing to share and disseminate your work.
- Do not just rely on your publications → Do people have time to read a 7000 word article? .

Submission checklist

1. **Aims/scope fit:** Recent similar papers identified
2. **Reporting:** CONSORT/STROBE/PRISMA/COREQ statements complete
3. **Ethics:** Note down approvals, registrations, data governance as it happens
4. **Title/abstract:** SEO-ready; plain-language variant prepared
5. **Figures/tables:** High-quality, accessible, and standalone
6. **Data/code:** Deposited with DOIs; availability statement included
7. **Authorship:** CRediT roles defined; conflicts disclosed; Obtain ORCIDs in advance
8. **Cover letter:** Highlights novelty, fit, and audience
9. **OA/compliance:** Funder mandates and licenses addressed
10. **Plan B/C:** Alternate journals preselected
11. **Templates:** Generate templates that can be reused such as cover letters

EUROPEAN COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Key Takeaways

- Strategic journal selection boosts visibility
- Networking and accessibility increase citations
- Impact is maximised by reaching policymakers, practitioners, and the public
- Tailored approaches essential for cancer prevention and intellectual disability research

CUPID
CANCER - UNDERSTANDING PREVENTION IN INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

Are there any questions?

