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Benefits of Open Access Publications

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Benefits of Open Access Publishing

GREATER VISIBILITY

- 1. Articles are viewed & cited more often
 - Wellcome Trust funded articles downloaded 89% more

2. Greater Public Engagement

- Increase International & Interdisciplinary collaborations
- Policy Impact
 - 38,000 Springer Nature articles cited UN, WHO, IMF and World Bank global policy documents

3. Faster Impact

- CC BY encourages others to **build on existing research**
- Funders encourage open access

When Publishing in Journals

1. Journal Citation Reports (JCR)

- Compares journal citation data on Web of Science
- Shows the highest impact journals in your field

2. Scopus Journal Metrics

- Impact values for journals per subject area
- CiteScore or SNIP (Source Normalized Impact per Paper)
- Quality & reputation SCImago Journal and Country Rank (SJR)

3. How **discoverable** is the Journal

- Web of Science and Scopus
- DOI allocated

What an author can do

- Web & Social Media profiles:
 - Promote research to wider audience UP Research Matters
 - ResearchGate, Academia.edu and Twitter or your own blog
 - *The Conversation* publications for wider audiences
- Keywords & include them in your abstract and full text to help search engines find your work
- Consider:
 - Citing recognized authors in your field
 - Publish openly linked data (UP Data Repository)
 - Unpublished papers
 - Working papers
- Include institutional affiliation



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