

RV² CHECKLIST

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Developed by [Macquarie University](#), the **RV² checklist** has been designed to help staff and students make informed decisions in selecting appropriate peer-reviewed journals before publishing their work. These questions cover **Relevance**, **Reputation**, **Visibility** and **Validity** associated with scholarly publishing outlets.

If an item is not applicable, please skip. If an answer is "None", please check "No".

If your tally of "No" answers outnumbers "Yes" answers, you may want to consider other options.

Name of Outlet and/or Publisher

	Have you done an advanced Google search ?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> to Q1	No <input type="checkbox"/> to Q2
1	Are all accounts on this outlet positive?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
2	Does it have an official website?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> to Q8
3	Does the website look highly professional?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4	Is the scope of the outlet clearly defined?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
5	Does the outlet list an editorial board comprising recognised experts in this field?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
6	Is the peer review policy easy to find and easy to understand?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
7	Is the copyright policy easy to find and easy to understand?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
8	Is the outlet/publisher easy to contact?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
9	Does the physical address appear legitimate ?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
10	Does this outlet have at least one ISSN?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
11	Does the outlet list DOIs that work?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
12	Is this an open access journal?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> to Q14	No <input type="checkbox"/>
13	Does OU Library have access to this outlet?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
14	Does the outlet allow self-archiving ?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
15	Is the outlet currently indexed (e.g. Scopus)?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
16	Does it appear on a reputable quality list?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
17	Are the quality indicators/metrics positive?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
18	Does the outlet charge any author fees?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> to Q19	No <input type="checkbox"/> Skip to Tally
19	Is the author fee policy easy to find and easy to understand?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Tally your answers for questions 1-20

Yes

No