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# Understanding Journals





#### **DEFINITION OF AN ACADEMIC JOURNAL**

#### Definition

- To inform, report and make available original research and new findings
- Often devoted to a single discipline or subdiscipline where articles are peer reviewed



#### TYPES OF JOURNALS

- Traditional subscription based
  - Customers need to pay to access content (subscription especially for print)
  - Authors not charged for publishing
  - Owned by a Society/Institution or a Publisher
- Professional Society
- Case Study Journals



### TYPES OF JOURNALS



- Open Access (Definition)
  - Customers get free access to content
  - Authors pay to publish

#### **Types**

- Green: published like a traditional journal for a fixed period (between 6-24 months) before it is made free to access
- Gold: author pays to publish, and article is free to access as soon as it is published
- Diamond/Platinum: author doesn't pay to publish, institution or society pays publisher

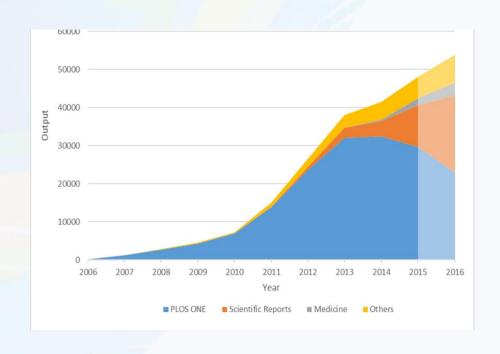


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#### **MEGA JOURNALS**

A mega journal (also megajournal and megajournal) is a peer reviewed academic <u>Open Access</u> journal designed to be much larger than a traditional journal by exercising low selectivity among accepted articles.



Must read: <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mega\_journal#Definition">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mega\_journal#Definition</a>



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