

Open access publishing should be
rigorous, supportive, and affordable

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OJEPN

- Open Journal of Experimental Psychology and Neuroscience
 - Supports open, reproducible science
 - Rapid, supportive peer review
 - Free

Open, reproducible science

- OJEPN...
 - Insists others are able to independently verify your analysis
 - Insists studies are adequately powered (unless identified as an Early Report)
 - Immediately releases all articles as gold open access (Creative Commons)

Rapid, supportive peer review

- OJEPN:
 - Works with you to produce a fair, accurate, and succinct account of your work.
 - Will not publish papers we consider are likely to mislead others
- OJEPN is fast, due to its two-stage review process
 - In-principle publication decision within 16 days (mean)
 - Full peer reviews returned in a further 45 days (mean)

Free!

- OJEPN:
 - Author Publishing Charge of £300
 - Fees waived for Plymouth early-career researchers in 2020, thanks to funding from the Cognition Institute.

Are there risks?

- *Discoverability* - can people easily find my paper?
- *Longevity* - what if the journal closes?
- *Reputation* – how will an OJPEN article look on my CV?

Discoverability

Can people easily find my paper? YES!

All papers have DOIs, and are indexed by CrossRef. This makes them easily discoverable in all major search engines (academic and general).

Longevity

What if the journal closes?

Short of my death, or serious illness, OJEPN will remain open for submissions until at least 2040.

Longevity... continued

What about when you croak?

- Ideally, someone else would take over.
- Failing that, the journal would close for new submissions, but existing papers would remain accessible indefinitely (from the same DOIs, so search engines would be unaffected).

Reputation

How will an OJPEN article look on my CV?

A well-cited paper is high status, wherever it's published.

- Some of the most highly-cited articles are in book chapters, conference proceedings, and obscure journals.
- Most articles are not highly cited, wherever they are published (including Nature)

Reputation ... continued

How will a low-citation OJPEN article look on my CV?

Good!

Predicting future success

Future success in life-science academics is predicted by:

$$h_{+10} = 8.73 + 1.33\sqrt{n} + 0.48h - 0.41y + 0.52j + 0.82q$$

n : total number of articles published

y : number of *different* journals published in

q : number of publications in very-high-status journals (e.g. Nature, Science, Psych Review, Psych Bull, PNAS)

(h is current success, h_{+10} is success in 10 years, $R^2 = .48$)

A publication strategy

$$h_{+10} = 8.73 + 1.33\sqrt{n} + 0.48h - 0.41y + 0.52j + 0.82q$$

- If you can publish it in a super-high-status journal, ***do so.***
- If you can't:
 - Publish it anyway, quickly, and move on.
 - Send each non-stellar paper to a different journal.
 - Make OJEPN one of those journals this year!

Summary

Submit a paper to OJEPN this year:

It's good for science, and it's good for your career!