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Journal Match Pro

Dashboard-style Journal Selection Pack (Sample)

What you get (scan-friendly)

- Ranked shortlist (3–5 journals) with Fit / Safety / Speed scoring
- Predatory-trap shield (verification checklist)
- Plan A / Plan B / Plan C route map + submission starter kit

Reference paper used (Open Access)

Title: Machine learning approach to student performance prediction based on online learning

DOI: 10.1371/journal.pone.0299018

Published in: *PLOS ONE* (Open Access)

As-of: 14 Feb 2026

Important integrity note

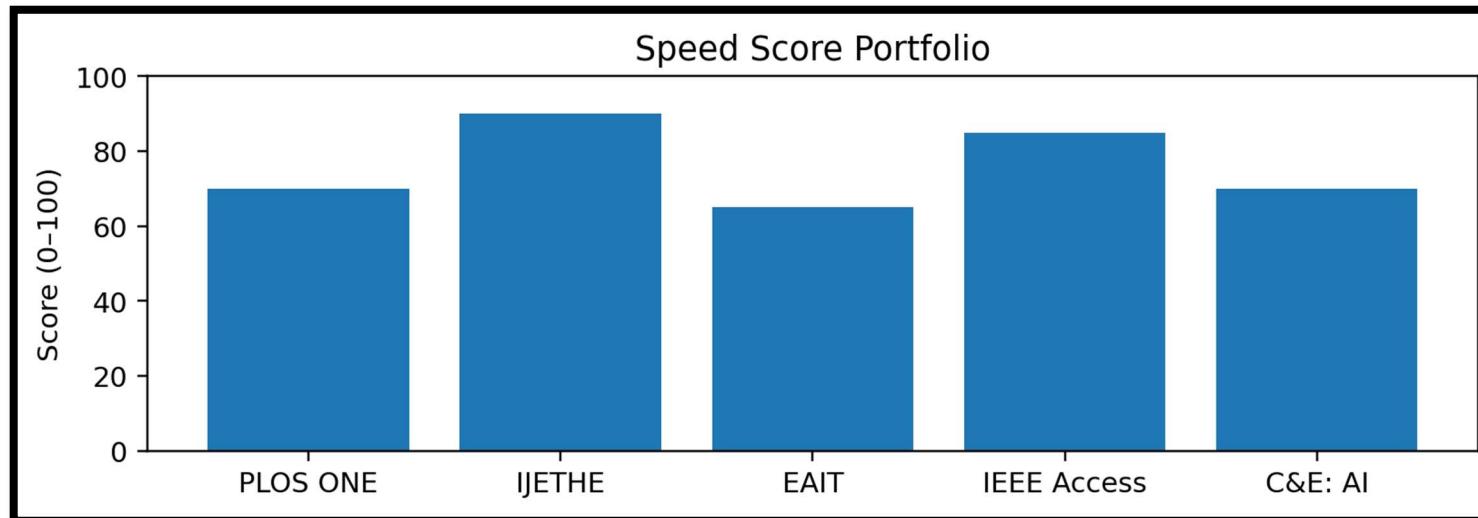
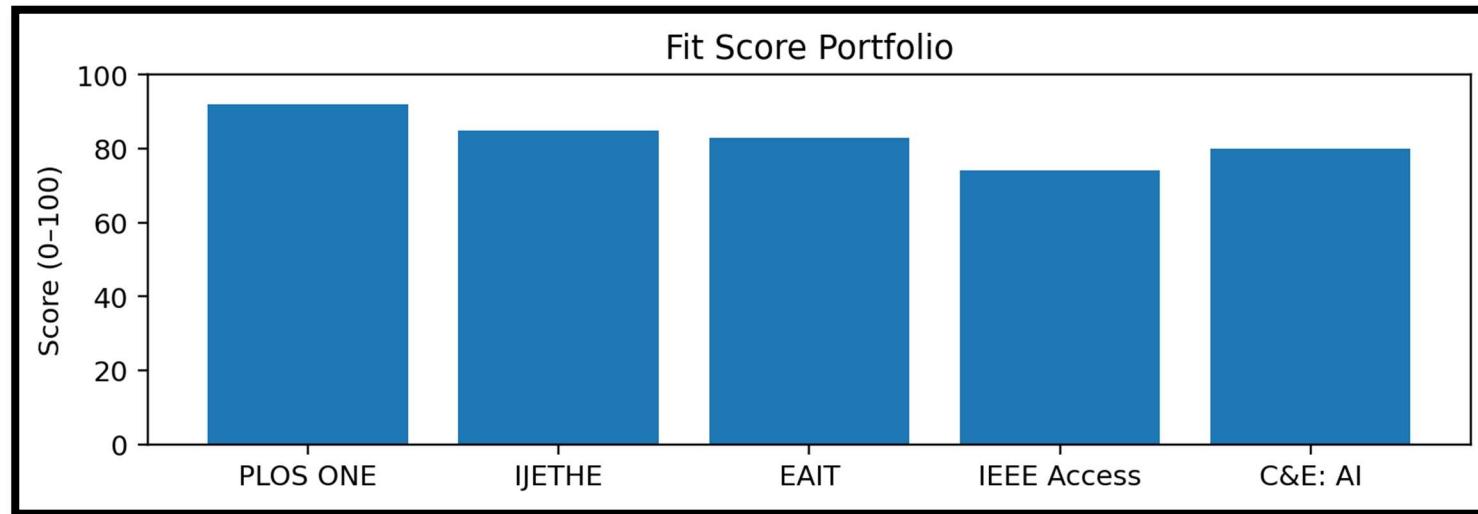
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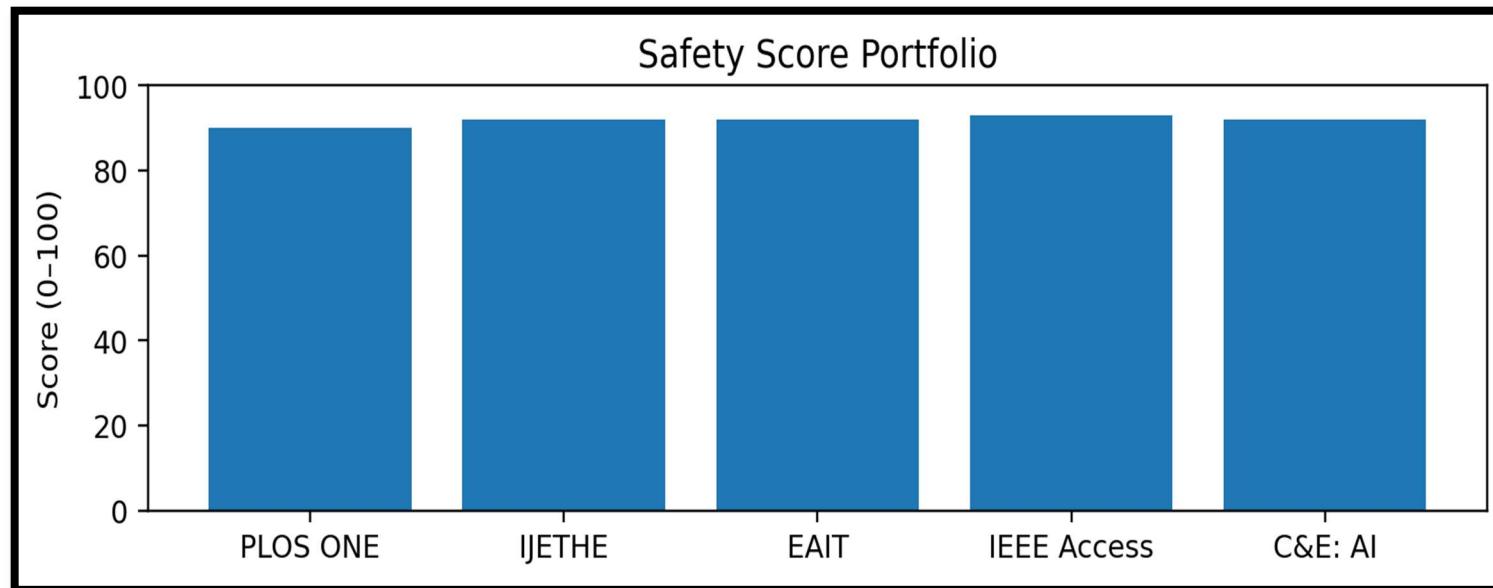
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1. Decision Dashboard (choose in 60 seconds)

Plan	Journal	Publisher	Fit	Safety	Speed	Best for	Avoid if
Plan A	PLOS ONE	PLOS	● 92	● 90	● 70	Broad scope, robust methods	Needs niche pedagogy focus
Plan B	IJETHE	SpringerOpen	● 85	● 92	● 90	EdTech + higher-ed focus	Weak edu contribution
Plan B	EAIT	Springer	● 83	● 92	● 65	Edu + information tech	Thin methods reporting
Plan C	IEEE Access	IEEE	● 74	● 93	● 85	Applied AI/ML framing	No technical validation
Plan C	C&E: AI	Elsevier	● 80	● 92	● 70	AI in education angle	No responsible AI note

- Plan:** Which journal route it belongs to—**Plan A (best fit)**, **Plan B (strong alternative)**, or **Plan C (backup/strategic option)** based on your priority (fit vs speed vs risk).
- Journal:** The journal name you can submit to.
- Publisher:** The organization that owns/manages the journal and its policies (ethics, AI disclosure, fees, peer review).
- Fit:** How closely your paper matches the journal's **aims/scope, audience, article type, and methods** (higher = better scope alignment).
- Safety:** How “safe/legitimate” the journal is based on **indexing verification + transparent policies + predatory-risk screening** (higher = lower risk).
- Speed:** How likely you are to get a **faster editorial decision cycle** based on published timelines/typical workflow (higher = generally quicker).
- Best for:** The most suitable scenario or manuscript type this journal works best for (quick cue).
- Avoid if:** A common mismatch condition where this journal is likely to be a poor choice (quick warning).





CLIENT → Plan A → Plan B → Plan C

Best fit → Faster decision → Backup safe route

Recommendation (sample)

Recommended primary: PLOS ONE (Plan A)

**Backup route: IJETHE / EAIT (Plan B) → IEEE Access /
C&E: AI (Plan C)**

2. Fit Proof Matrix (why this beats journal finders)

Paper attribute	PLOS ONE	IJETHE	EAIT	IEEE Access	C&E: AI
Topic alignment	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Methods alignment	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Population/context fit	✓	✓	✓	⚠	✓
Article type fit	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Reporting guideline fit	✓	✓	✓	⚠	✓
Word/structure fit	✓	⚠	⚠	⚠	⚠

Published-neighbor proof (PLOS ONE)

Two recent learning-analytics style papers found in the same subject area (titles listed in client pack).

Published-neighbor proof (IJETHE)

EdTech + higher-ed positioning works when the manuscript highlights pedagogy and outcomes.

Abstract + keywords tuning (fast win)

Title tweak: add context + outcome (1 line).

Keywords (chips): learning analytics • performance prediction • online learning • machine learning • higher education • model transparency

Scope-fit sentence: “This study applies transparent ML models to predict student performance in online learning and discusses actionable educational implications.”

3. Safety Shield (anti-predatory verification)

PLOS ONE | Safety 90 ●

- Indexing claim checked
- Publisher policies visible
- Peer review described
- APC transparency

EAIT | Safety 92 ●

- Indexing claim checked
- Publisher policies visible
- Peer review described
- APC transparency

C&E: AI | Safety 92 ●

- Indexing claim checked
- Publisher policies visible
- Peer review described
- APC transparency

IJETHE | Safety 92 ●

- Indexing claim checked
- Publisher policies visible
- Peer review described
- APC transparency

IEEE Access | Safety 93 ●

- Indexing claim checked
- Publisher policies visible
- Peer review described
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Red-flag exclusions (sample)

- No transparent peer review process
- Indexing claims not verifiable on official sources
- Hidden APCs or unclear fee policy
- Aggressive solicitation / unrealistic promises

Verification note

This sample uses illustrative checks. In real delivery, we attach official policy links and an ‘as-of date’ per journal.

4. AI Policy Dashboard (per journal)

Journal	AI writing	Disclosure	Where	AI images
PLOS ONE	●	Yes (if used)	Manuscript disclosure	●
IJETHE	●	Yes (if used)	Per publisher policy	●
EAIT	●	Yes (if used)	Per publisher policy	●
IEEE Access	●	Yes (if used)	Acknowledgments	●
C&E: AI	●	Yes (if used)	AI declaration section	●

Copy-paste AI disclosure template

Declaration of Generative AI and AI-assisted Technologies:

During the preparation of this manuscript, the authors used [Tool/Model] for [grammar/clarity/translation].

The authors reviewed and edited the output and take full responsibility for the content.

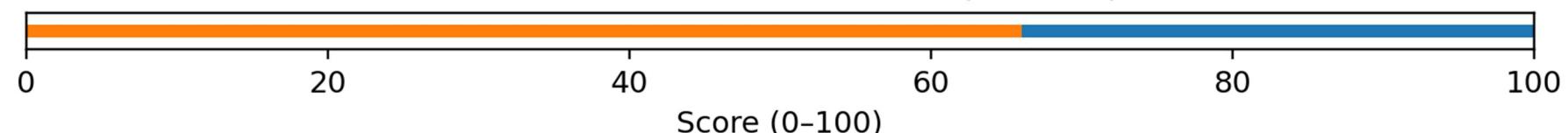
5. Desk-Reject Risk Heatmap + Fix-First

Risk area	PLOS ONE	IJETHE	EAIT	IEEE Access	C&E: AI
Scope mismatch risk	●	●	●	●	●
Methods transparency risk	●	●	●	●	●
Ethics/disclosure risk	●	●	●	●	●
Reporting checklist risk	●	●	●	●	●
Figures/tables risk	●	●	●	●	●
Over-claim risk	●	●	●	●	●
Formatting risk	●	●	●	●	●

Submission Readiness Score (After Fix-First)



Submission Readiness Score (Current)



Fix-first checklist (max impact)

- Tighten scope-fit sentence + keywords (journal-aligned)
- Add variables table + missing data handling note
- Report validation transparently (split/CV/metrics)
- Add disclosures: COI/funding/data availability + AI declaration (if used)
- Clean tables/figures: legends, rounding, definitions

6. Submission Starter Kit (minimal, ready-to-use)

Cover Letter (10 lines)

- One-line problem + one-line contribution
- 3 bullets: scope fit
- Methods in 2 lines + disclosures

Pre-submission Email

- Topic + method + context (3 lines)
- Ask if article type fits

Reviewer Response Skeleton

- Thank reviewer
- What changed + where
- Evidence/citation support

Final recommendation card (sample)

Primary: PLOS ONE (Plan A)

Alternate: IJETHE / EAIT (Plan B)

Backup: IEEE Access / C&E: AI (Plan C)

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Stuck choosing a journal? We'll shortlist safer targets with proof + a fix-first plan.

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THANK YOU

JOURNAL MATCH PRO — YOUR SAFER SUBMISSION ROUTE STARTS HERE.

**You don't need “more journals.”
You need the right 3–5 journals with scope-fit proof,
safety verification, and a clear Plan A/B/C route—so
you submit with confidence and avoid preventable
desk rejection.**

**Integrity note: We support clarity, compliance, and
readiness. Final decisions remain with authors and
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