

There are so many scientific journals nowadays, it is understandably challenging for the untrained eye to be able to discern the good ones from the bad ones. Sometimes it's hard for the well-trained eye too. A major shift in scientific publishing happened in the last decade with the introduction of open access publishing model. The model is a superb way to disseminate the knowledge but it has also given an unfortunate rise of online journals that fall under the category of 'predatory' journals.

In this ever-increasing crowd of so-called Predatory journals, Peertechz has emerged as an enviable accomplishment in today's publishing world to fully live every component of its mission for ethical publishing. **Peertechz** offers an extremely valuable publishing opportunity to authors, and the organization can be termed as a pioneer in non-predatory open access publishing. The issues released by Peertechz journals are an excellent example of the Journal's quality and topic breadth. The Peertechz journals are categorized by international authors as non-predatory due to following practices:

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Peertechz Journals elucidate the publication process to offer **guidelines** designed to improve a manuscript's prospects of publication. This is drawn on the experiences of scholarly authors, peer reviewers, and editors. This helps the scholars to meet the challenges of developing their intellectual and creative potential. Through publication, authors have a unique opportunity to build on previous discoveries and add to the wisdom of science. All the Peertechz journals provide a complete overview of the process of preparing and submitting a scholarly manuscript for publication.

Well-defined ethical policy

A published article is an essential building block in the development of a coherent and respected network of knowledge. It is a direct reflection of the quality of work of the author and the institutions that support them. Peer-reviewed articles support and embody the scientific method. It is therefore important to agree upon standards of expected ethical behaviour.

Peertechz journals provide information for authors about how to **publish ethically**. The information is present in various sections on journal web pages:

- a. Authorship criteria:** The criteria for **authorship** is based on the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors Recommendations. It recommends substantial contributions to the conception or design of the work; or the acquisition, analysis, or interpretation of data for the work;
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c. Author Complaint process: The authors have the right to complain and ask explanation if they perceive any misconduct in any applicable policies and **ethical guidelines**. The authors can raise their complaints by submitting a letter to the concerned Journal. Peertechz considers complaints as an opportunity to enhance **Manuscript Processing System**. All the received complaints are dealt with in a polite and timely manner with a certainty. All the complaints regarding delinquencies in the work processes are investigated according to the prevailing publication ethics practices.

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Well-defined peer-review and publication policy

All the submitted articles undergo initial screening phase where a manuscript is evaluated based on three aspects:

- a. Whether the article fits the aims and scope of the journal and will be of interest to the readers?
- b. Is the manuscript written good enough to make it worth for peer-review?
- c. Is the article free from plagiarism?

Peertechz uses universally-acknowledged software, **iThenticate software** to trace plagiarism in the submitted articles.

If an article fails on any of the above aspects, it is rejected at once and authors are requested to resubmit the same after necessary modifications. After initial screening phase, the papers are reviewed using a '**double-blind**' process in which reviewers are not informed who are the authors of the paper, as well as the authors not knowing who are the reviewers.

The review reports are sent to the authors with a strict deadline to submit the revised version of the article according to the review comments from the **peer-reviewers**. The revised articles are rechecked on quality thresholds and then moved for final publication.

The Peer-Review and Publication process of Peertechz is well-managed and systematic. It provides a good track record for the journals to produce high-quality articles.

The frequency of publication

Peertechz journals are having a declared frequency of publication each year. The 'Archives' for the published articles are maintained for every journal. All the journals are published regularly and in accordance with their declared frequency.

Archiving and Collaborations

All the Peertechz journals are active and frequently publish articles since past 5-6 years. Every Journal has Archiving Policy plan for electronic backup and preservation of access to the journal content in the event a journal is no longer published.

Peertechz is committed to the permanent availability and preservation of scholarly research and to ensure readiness by converting and upgrading digital file formats to comply with new technology standards. Peertechz is working in partnership with multiple digital archives organizations to provide the digital archiving facility.

Peertechz Journals have always strived for maximum impact of published articles. To increase the visibility of published articles, Peertechz has successfully collaborated with the recognized and trustable institutions in online publication. A glimpse of international alliances-

- ❖ Signatory publisher of [ORCID](#)
- ❖ Signatory Publisher of [DORA](#) (San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment)
- ❖ Articles archived in worlds' renowned service providers such as [Portico](#), [CNKI](#), [AGRIS](#), [TDNet](#), [Base](#) (Bielefeld University Library), [CrossRef](#), [Scilit](#), [J-Gate](#) etc.
- ❖ Journals indexed in [ICMJE](#), [SHERPA/ROMEO](#), [Google Scholar](#) etc.
- ❖ [OAI-PMH](#) (Open Archives Initiative Protocol for Metadata Harvesting)

Various collaborations are still to appear in due course. To enhance the discoverability of authors' and their publications, Peertechz journals rely on four main factors:

- ❖ Dedicated [Editorial Board](#) for every journal
- ❖ Accurate and rapid peer-review process
- ❖ Increased citations of published articles through promotions
- ❖ Reduced timeline for article publication

All the above postulates are indicative that [Peertechz](#) is practicing ethical publishing practices that are leading to the development of coherent and vast resource of knowledge. Peertechz work processes are direct reflection of legitimate publication of an article in a [peer-reviewed journal](#). Peertechz urges every publisher to adopt a standard of expected ethical behaviour for all parties involved in the act of publishing including the author, editors, and the society at large.

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