

# Journal Citation Reports

## Open access data *beta*

**Understand the open access landscape with Journal Citation Reports.** Descriptive data in the Journal Citation Reports (JCR) journal profile displays a breakdown of a journal’s articles by open access type. This tile summarizes the items published in the journal in the JCR data year plus the previous 2 years. Open access data is sourced from the Web of Science Core Collection using a data feed from Our Research (formerly Impact Story) to identify open access publications.

Use open access descriptive data to:

- ✔ Make confident decisions about your open access strategy
- ✔ Find the information you need to comply with funder OA mandates
- ✔ See the relative contribution of open access articles to a journal’s overall volume of content and citations.

### Defining open access in Web of Science and Journal Citation Reports

Web of Science		JCR		
Gold	DOAJ Gold	Articles published in journals listed on the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ).	Gold OA	In the JCR the “Gold OA” label shows papers published in a journal that are tagged as either “DOAJ Gold” or “Other Gold” in the Web of Science Core Collection over a period of 3 years – the data year of the JCR, and the two prior publication years.
	Other Gold	<p><i>Other Gold</i> open access articles are those identified as having a Creative Commons (CC) license by Our Research’s Unpaywall Database but are not in journals listed on the DOAJ.</p> <p>Most of these articles are from hybrid journals. Hybrid open access journals are subscription journals that include some open access articles</p>		
Bronze	The licensing for these articles is either unclear or identified by Our Research’s Unpaywall Database as non-CC license articles. These are free-to-read or Public Access articles located on a publisher’s site.		Subscription and Free to Read	Articles identified as “Bronze” in Web of Science are labelled “Free to Read” in the JCR. “Bronze” is a relatively recent term, used by <i>Our Research</i> to describe content that is free to read on the publisher site, but is not published under a Creative Commons license. Papers that are categorized as “Green Published” and “Green Accepted” in Web of Science, are often subject to an embargo after initial publication and available to subscribers only for that time; these are included in the “Subscription and free to read” group.
Green	Green Published	Final published versions of articles hosted on an institutional or subject-based repository (e.g. an article out of its embargo period posted to PubMed Central).		
	Green Accepted	Accepted manuscripts hosted on a repository. Content is peer reviewed and final, but may not have been through the publisher’s copyediting or typesetting.		

# Quick Reference Guide

## Journal Profile

### Items and Citations

**Items** published in the journal in the current JCR data year plus the previous 2 years. See definitions below to understand the Citable and Other content designations.

**Citations** in the current JCR year to items published in the prior two years. The yellow portion of the citations column indicates citations to Gold OA Citable items. The light purple portion reflects citations to Subscription and Free to Read Citable items. The magenta portion indicates citations to Other content. The remainder are unlinked citations.

### Citable Items

All materials indexed as "articles" or "reviews" in Web of Science are counted as "Citable Items" in the denominator of the Journal Impact Factor (JIF). They represent the scholarly contribution of a journal to the literature. Citations to Citable items account for nearly 98% of citations to linked to journal content in Web of Science.

### Other

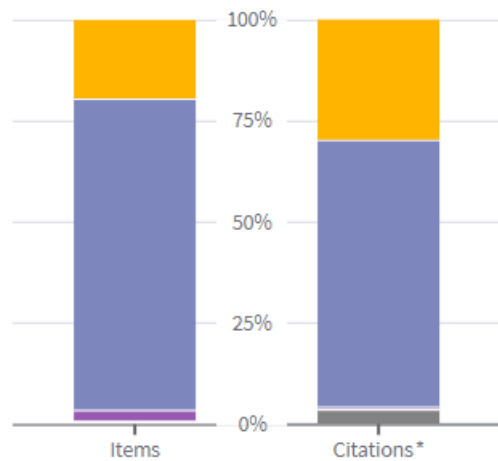
Any incidental, indexed item in the journal, such as editorial material, correspondence, news, meeting abstracts, etc. are non-citable items. These items are not counted as part of the scholarly content in the JIF denominator, and are grouped as "other" content in the JCR.

### Unlinked

Citations in the JCR are aggregated according to the journal title, independently of whether they are linked to an individual item in the journal. Although the rate of linked citations can vary between journals, over 95% of citations in the JCR are linked to an item in the journal. Unlinked citations are included in all JCR citation metrics and are displayed specifically in the Citation Histogram; therefore, they are included and it is important that they are represented in the descriptive citation data in the OA data.

### Journal profile [2016 - 2018]

#### Open Access (OA) [Beta]



	Items	Citations*
Gold OA Citable	173	1,389
Subscription and Free to Read Citable	693	3,096
<b>Total Citable</b>	<b>866</b>	<b>4,485</b>
<b>% Citable Open Access</b>	<b>19.98%</b>	<b>30.97%</b>
Other	23	12
Unlinked	n/a	141

\* Citations in 2018 to items published in [2016 - 2018]