Journal Impact Factors & Open Access
Choosing a Journal?

- Recommendations from your supervisor & fellow researchers
- Knowledge of journals in your field - Which journals does your research cite?
- Best fit for your paper ??? Tools to try out:
  - JANE Journal Author Name Estimator – good for Biomed & Health
  - Elsevier’s – Journal Finder – for Science publications
  - Springer’s Find the right journal for your manuscript
  - Cofactor - http://cofactorscience.com/journal-selector
Choosing a Journal

Things to consider:

- Is the journal indexed in **Scopus or Web of Science** or a specialist database that indexes journal literature in your subject?


- **Open Access** - easy accessibility may potentially increase citations

- **Journal Impact Factors & Rankings** – journal prestige is particularly important within some subject areas.
JIF - Journal Impact Factor

• **Data Source:** Incites Journal Citation Reports
• **Standing:** still the most commonly referred to
• **Access via:** Incites Journal Citation Reports *(Ifind catalogue)*
• **Ranking** journals within subject categories.
• **Calculated** by dividing the number of citations in the JCR year by the total number of articles published in the two previous.
SJR - Scimago Journal Rank

• **Data Source** - based on analysis of data within **Scopus** database.

• **Standing** – JIF still most commonly used, but SJR still useful when comparing journals

• **Accessible via** [http://www.scopus.com](http://www.scopus.com) or [http://www.scimagojr.com](http://www.scimagojr.com)

• **Calculated** - gives added weight to citations in journals with higher SJRs – refinement on JIF
Different Metrics

CITESCORE

IMPACT FACTOR

5 YEAR IMPACT FACTOR

ARTICLE INFLUENCE & EIGENFACTOR

SNIP

SJR

ACCEPTANCE RATE
Breastfeeding and maternal and infant health outcomes in developed countries
W Slusser - AAP Grand Rounds, 2007 - Am Acad Pediatrics

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Breastfeeding, maternal smoking and lower respiratory tract infections
P Nafstad, JJ Joakola, JA Hagen - European ..., 1998 - Eur Respiratory Soc

... of physician visits for respiratory symptoms was not related to the length of breastfeeding. ... 7–12 months revealed a plausible time sequence supporting a true protective effect of breastfeeding. ... of exposure to tobacco smoke products on LRTIs in long-term breastfed children, ...

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Breastfeeding and later cognitive and academic outcomes
LJ Horwood, DM Ferguson - Pediatrics, 1996 - Am Acad Pediatrics

... Mothers who elected to breastfeed tended to be older, better educated, from upper ... and teacher ratings of school performance than children who were not breastfed, and 2 ... The product moment correlations between duration of breastfeeding and the outcome measures were ...
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