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Editorial

After a long break, another Infozine is finally being published – just in time for Christmas. As always, we have tried to find tools that can help you in your everyday research work, whether you are a student, a researcher, a teacher or – not to be forgotten – an administrative staff. In addition to Corona, Artificial Intelligence was an important topic this year, and in this Infozine we present some tools for researchers that are based on AI.



The Chemistry | Biology | Pharmacy Information Center wishes you relaxing holidays, a good transition into the new year 2021 and above all light at the end of the tunnel.

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Finding the right journal

Have you had time during the various lockdowns to successfully explore other research questions? Do you now want to publish something that is outside your usual field of expertise? Or you are an early career researcher and don't know which journal might be the right one to submit your manuscript to? Elsevier's [Journal Finder](#) (see Infozine No. 13) has been around for quite some time and has obviously been further improved, as our recent test proved. In order to find the appropriate journal out of 4300 Elsevier journals, it is sufficient to enter just the title and abstract. Entering keywords and, especially the research area, will improve the results. The filtering and processing of the results is very fast and visually appealing. In addition, acceptance rate, impact factor, CiteScore and average times for review and publication are provided for each of the suggestions.

The screenshot shows the Karger Journal Scout BETA interface. At the top, there are navigation links for 'JOURNALS', 'BOOKS', 'COLLECTIONS', and 'SUBJECT GUIDE'. Below this is a search bar with the placeholder text 'What are you looking for?'. The main heading is 'Journal Scout BETA'. A sub-heading asks: 'Are you looking for a quick and easy way to find the right journal for your manuscript? We would love to present to you the beta* version of our "Journal Scout".' Below this, there are three links: 'Our Journals', 'Subject Guide', and 'Open Access'. A 'Manuscript Text' input field is present, with a preview of search results for a manuscript titled 'Physical activity influences the immune system of breast cancer patients'. The preview includes a short abstract and a 'SUGGEST JOURNALS' button. At the bottom, there is a 'Contact us' section with phone and email information.

Karger Publishers has a similar product called [Journal Scout](#). The suggestions are, naturally, based on the much smaller journal portfolio of the publisher's predominantly medical journals. Journal Scout is marked as beta, and the results are often accordingly. Karger's tool does not provide an entry field for a manuscript title, there is only the field "Manuscript Text". However, if you upload the entire text of a manuscript, the results are much better. Karger is fair and does not hesitate to state: "We did not find a journal matching your input when there is no suitable journal in place".

Wiley, another large publisher, has a [Journal Finder Beta](#). Here you have to enter title and abstract. In addition, however, there is also Wiley's service [Get Expert Recommendation](#), where one receives targeted suggestions from human experts, but at a rate of \$ 220. Recommendations are across all publishers.

Springer Nature is one of the three major publishers. Their [Journal Suggester](#) also allows a wide range of entries. The selection is made from 2500 journals, and the display is similar to that of Elsevier.