



Mega journals: a big plus!

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- Advantages of mega journals
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- SpringerPlus
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 - Portable peer-review
 - Usage, citations and altmetrics
 - Article collections



Lo que es una mega journal?

Criteria/mentioned in sources	Wikipedia	Binfield	Frank
Primary criteria			
Big publishing volume or aiming for it	✓	✓	✓
Peer review of scientific soundness only	✓	✓	✓
Broad subject area	✓	✓	
Full open access with APC	✓	✓	✓
Secondary criteria			
Moderate APC			✓
High-prestige publisher			
Academic editors	✓	✓	✓
Reusable graphics & data			
Altmetrics			
Commenting			✓
Portable reviews			
Rapid publication	✓		✓

Bjork (2015), PeerJ, DOI 10.7717/peerj.981

Advantages of mega journals

Choosing a journal is difficult:

- Open access & data mandates
- Peer-review models, Article types
- Aims & Scope are often ambiguous

Submission is a lot of work:

- Instructions for authors, formatting
- Author registration, uploading files

There are many journals available:

WOS:	12.000 journals
Scopus:	22.000 journals
DOAJ:	10.000 journals
Springer:	2.900 journals

Mega journals:

- Open Access :easy compliance with OA mandates
- Broad scope
- Rejection only for quality of science
- Portable peer-review
- Fast decisions
- Convenient & predictable



Choose the right journal for your research

Mega journals at Springer Nature



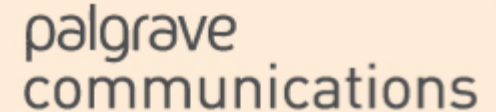
Scope: Natural sciences

Impact Factor: 11.470



Scope: Natural sciences

Impact Factor: 5.578



Scope: Human and Social Sciences

Launched in 2015

The European Physical Journal



Scope: Physics

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Scope: Chemistry and material science

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Scope: Biology and medicine

Launched in 2008



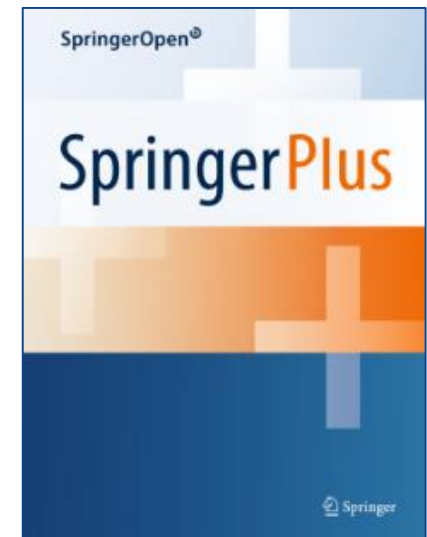
Scope: All disciplines

Launched in 2012

First Impact Factor in 2016!

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- Before or after peer-review
- Out of scope
- Good, but not good enough (impact, novelty)
- **Not** for flawed, unsound or incomplete work

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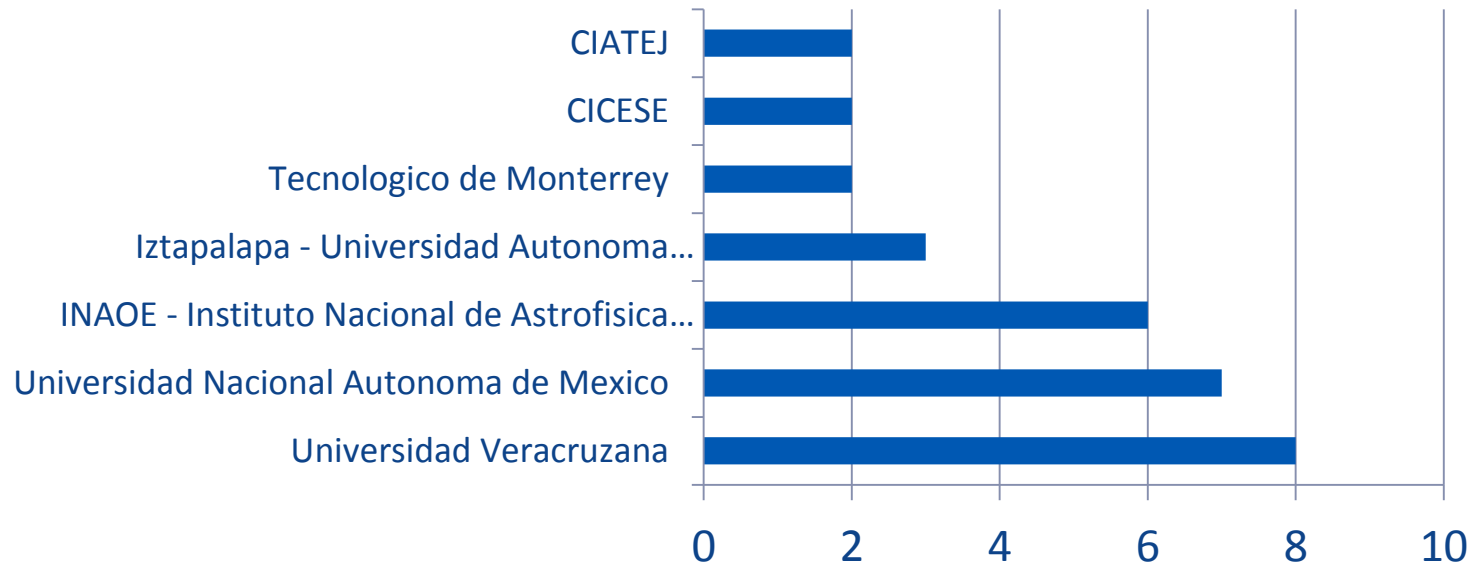
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- 39% EMEA
- 15% USA & Canada
- 5% Central & South America

In all disciplines:

- 36% Medicine
- 33% Biomedicine/Life Science
- 23% Physical Science, Computer & Engineering
- 8% Human and Social Sciences

33 Articles with authors from from Mexico:



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Research

Redefining 'Worlds': the writerly ethics in the trailing temporality of *Coetzee's Disgrace*

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SpringerPlus 2013, 2:143 doi:10.1186/2193-1801-2-143

Open Access



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Highly accessed

Rapid publication-ready MS-Word tables for one-way ANOVA

Houssein I Assaad*, Lan Zhou, Raymond J Carroll and Guoyao Wu*

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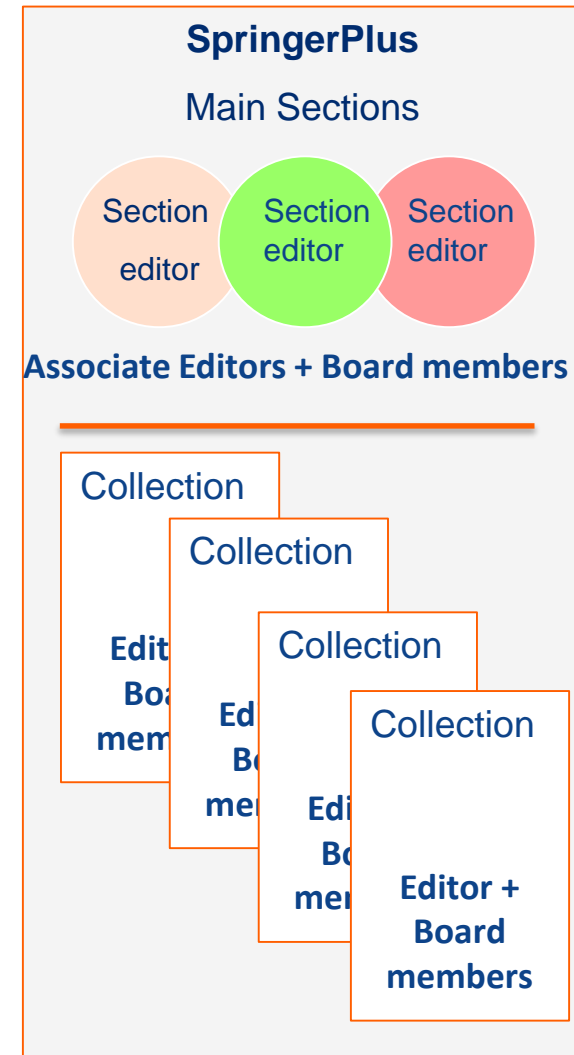
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