



# Diamond Open Access Survey

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## Respondent

Name: Thomas Shafee

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Language: en

## Respondent Email

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## Respondent role in the journal

Editor in Chief

## Is the journal already registered in DOAJ?

Yes

**URL of the journal** [https://en.wikiversity.org/wiki/WikiJournal\\_of\\_Science](https://en.wikiversity.org/wiki/WikiJournal_of_Science)

## Journal ISSN (print version)

none

## Journal ISSN (online version)

2470-6345

## Publisher of the journal.

Wikijournal User Group

**Learned society or Institution that owns the journal**

No

**Platform, host or aggregator disseminating the journal**

Wikimedia

**In which country is the publisher of the journal based?**

United States of America

**Year when the journal has been made available open access:**

2018

**Average number of published articles each year during the three last years:**

8

**What type of content does the journal publish? (Tick all that apply)**

Original research

Review

Other

**Select the language(s) that the full text of the articles can be published in (tick all that apply)**

English

**Does the journal embed or display licensing information in its articles? (Tick all that apply) Yes**

**Does the journal allow reuse and remixing of content in accordance with a Creative Commons license or other type of license with similar conditions ?**

Yes

**Which one(s)? (Tick all that apply)**

CC-by

**Does the journal allow the author(s) to retain the copyright without restrictions?**

Yes

**Does the journal embed or display licensing information in its articles? (Tick all that apply)if not, does the journal intend to allow the author(s) to retain publishing rights without restrictions in the future?**

Yes

**For editorial management, does the journal use a external publisher or publishing service to perform certain functions? This includes commercial or non-commercial services. (Tick all that apply)**

None selected

**Is there a URL for the Editorial Board page?**

Yes, [https://en.wikiversity.org/wiki/WikiJournal\\_of\\_Science/Editors](https://en.wikiversity.org/wiki/WikiJournal_of_Science/Editors)

**Please select the review process for papers published by the journal**

Peer review

**Please indicate which formats of full text are available (Tick all that apply)**

HTML, PDF, Mediawiki

**What digital archiving policy does the journal use?**

no policy in place

**Does the journal provide article download statistics?**

No

**Year of the creation of the journal**

2018

**What year was the journal made available online?**

2018

**What year was the journal made available open access?**

2018

**What year was the journal made available open access without charging authors?**

2018

**Who owns the journal?**

Other non-profit publisher

**Is there a legal document establishing this ownership?**

Yes

**Approximate share of authors from outside the owning organisation**

75%

**Approximate share of authors from outside the country where the publisher is based**

75%

**How has the number of yearly articles published by the journal developed over the last 5 years?**

Increased

**What proportion of content published by the journal is peer-reviewed research content (in percentage)?**

100%

**Main discipline covered by the journal**

Biology

**Do you have any policy or practice to stimulate open sharing of research data?**

Yes

**Which persistent identifiers does the journal attribute or use attached to articles, authors, research grants? (Tick all that apply)**

Crossref DOIs, ORCID, Wikidata QIDs

**Does the journal provide abstracts for all its research articles:**

In the same language as article language

**Does the journal provide keywords:**

In >300 languages (translation via wikidata)

**Does the journal accept submissions that have been publicly shared as a preprint or working paper before or on submission?**

Yes

**Are the journal's metadata compliant with the OpenAIRE standard?**

Yes

**Does the journal or its publisher deposit articles (in a machine-readable community standard format such as JATS XML, and including complete metadata) into author designated or centralised Open Access repositories that fulfil the Plan S criteria ?**

No

**How is the peer-review process managed by the journal?**

Email, Spreadsheet

**Does the journal have a trained copy-editor?**

No

**Does the journal publish annually at least basic statistics? covering in particular:**

The number of reviews received, The approval rate, The average time between submission and publication

**Does the journal use a plagiarism detection service on all submissions received?**

Yes

**Does the journal comply with best practice guidelines on publication practices?**

Yes

**Which ones (please provide the URL if available)?**

COPE & ICMJE: [https://en.wikiversity.org/wiki/WikiJournal\\_of\\_Science/Ethics\\_statement](https://en.wikiversity.org/wiki/WikiJournal_of_Science/Ethics_statement)

**Does the journal require linking to data, code, and other research outputs that underlie the publication and are available in external repositories?**

Yes

**Does the journal provide openly accessible data on citations according to the standards of the Initiative for Open Citations (I4OC)?**

Yes

**What software does the journal use to publish online?**

MediaWiki

**Where is the journal hosted for its online dissemination? (Please provide the URL)**

[https://en.wikiversity.org/wiki/WikiJournal\\_of\\_Science](https://en.wikiversity.org/wiki/WikiJournal_of_Science)

**What is the type of the dissemination host or platform?**

International platform

**Does the journal allow, legally and technically, text and data mining of the full text of articles by third parties?**

Yes, unrestricted

**What are your main motivations in pursuing an open access model that does not charge authors or readers?**

Knowledge equity Integration with Wikipedia and broader open knowledge movement

**Who has financially supported the journal or platform (including salary costs) over the last 2 years? (Tick all that apply)**

Foundation / Trust / Philanthropic Funder / Institutional Philanthropic Organisation

**How do you currently fund the journal or platform? What funding mechanisms do you use? (Tick all that apply)**

Grant funding, Voluntary labour, work (excluding scientific)

**Has the journal or platform always been funded this way?**

Yes

**If the way you fund the journal or platform has changed over time, please briefly describe**

Not answered

**If you receive income from charging for services, what do you charge for? (Tick all that apply)**

none

**What were your total annual costs last year? Please also include in-kind institutional contributions.**

1000 - 10 000 US\$ or €

**What is the size of paid staff for editing & operational work for the journal (in Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) )?**

Less than 1 FTE

**What is the annual amount paid for editing & operational costs?**

1000 - 10000 US\$ or €

**Do you use volunteers?**

Yes

**What are your main motivations in pursuing an open access model that does not charge authors or readers?**

High level of reliance

**If you have volunteers, what do volunteers do? (Tick all that apply) Note that peer reviewing and editorial board membership are excluded.**

Copyediting, Design, Editing, Hosting, Marketing, Proof reading, Technical / software development, Technical / software support, Training, Typesetting

**What are the three main expenses/payables of the journal?**

Copyediting, Marketing, membership (crossref, COPE etc)

**Which of the following options describes the current financial status of the journal or platform?**

Break-even

**How sustainable do you consider the journal or platform in the next 3 years? On a scale of 1-10 (where 10 is very secure)**

3

**How might research funders support the financial sustainability of the journal or platform?**

Small number of full/part time staff Covering specified key memberships

**Are you thinking of moving away from this model to another?**

No

**If you are reconsidering this model, what are the reasons for doing so? (Tick all that apply)**

Not answered

**How many downloads does the journal have per year?**

unknown

**How many unique visitors does the journal have per year?**

Approx. 21,000

**Is the journal readership more important in numbers outside of the journal's country?**

Yes

**List of directories and indexes where the journal is indexed (tick all that apply)**

DOAJ, Dimensions, Google Scholar

**For each of the following topics (Q82 to Q87), please rate and describe the challenge you face. 1 corresponds to low concerns, 5 corresponds to very important/significant concerns.**

#### **Peer-Review management**

2, Response rate is often low, and avoiding spamming potential reviewers is important whilst still ensuring responses.

#### **Editorial workflow**

4, Ensuring that items don't accidentally stall when editors become unavailable or are overburdened by other work.

#### **Dissemination**

2, On one hand, our wikipedia-integrated model greatly aids dissemination of the articles themselves. For example, the Lysine wikipedia page (300k reads per year) page is based on doi: 10.15347/wjs/2018.004 (3k per year). However, we have a <\$100 advertising budget, so knowledge of the journal's existence remains low and relies mainly on word of mouth.

#### **Indexation and visibility**

4, Applying for indexing is a significant difficulty. We focus on a small number of articles in a somewhat specialised format (wikipedia integration), so it's taken a while for us to reach some of the publication rate requirements.

#### **Skills and competences**



1, We generally have the necessary skillsets in house. Options extras, such a tech development, would need skills brought in from outside.

### **Sustainability and funding**

3, We're currently cheap to run. Having some funding for staff would be particularly useful for: tech development - copyediting Costs of membership (indexing and others) has the potential to significantly raise operating costs. We focus on review articles, which also makes us ineligible for inclusion in the free journal network.

### **What in an ideal world is your ideal model, how would it be financed? What needs to happen?**

Stable funding from foundation (requires pitching to WMF Optional, small direct donations from authors and readers

### **Do you accept to be contacted later on to participate in an interview?**

Yes

### **Do you agree to have the name of your journal published in the list of Diamond Journals participating to the survey on cOAlition S website?**

Yes

### **Do you want to receive your responses as a file after the end of the survey?**

Yes

### **Do you want to receive the final report of the study and further information about its followup? Yes**