Publishing portfolio

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INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF SYSTEMATIC AND EVOLUTIONARY MICROBIOLOGY
Official publication of the ICSP and the BAM division of the IUMS and the official journal of record for the International Committee on Systematics of Prokaryotes.

JOURNAL OF GENERAL VIROLOGY
The journal at the forefront of virology research and home to the invaluable ICTV Virus Taxonomy Profiles.

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MICROBIAL GENOMICS
The Open Access journal of choice for pioneering research in genomics, fully supported by innovative, collaborative services.

MICROBIOLOGY
The home of high-quality research from across the breadth of microbiology since 1947.
Publishing for the Community

The Microbiology Society is a membership charity and not-for-profit publisher. We support and invest in the microbiology community to the benefit of everyone. Choosing to support Microbiology Society titles makes a real difference: publishing just one article with us generates enough revenue to give grants to four early career members to attend our Annual Conference.

Our publishing portfolio

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Publish and Read

The Microbiology Society is committed to helping institutions to transition in an increasingly Open Access (OA) publishing landscape. Our established Publish and Read model is a transformative agreement with minimal administration, covering the costs of subscription and publication in one annual fee.

- Uncapped OA publishing: OA publication by default where the corresponding author is from a Publish and Read institution.
- Unlimited usage: access to the entire archive of Society content, back to 1947, for reading and for text and data mining.

Visibility of OA articles

Usage and Citations metrics have increased significantly for OA papers in our journals compared to paywalled content:

- **CITATIONS**
  - 2.6x
- **USAGE**
  - 4x

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The growth of Publish and Read

New sign-ups to Publish and Read

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Participating Publish and Read institutions by region

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Based on averages in all journals, with citation data from Web of Science.
About

Access Microbiology is an innovative open research platform, publishing a variety of sound science research fully Open Access. It offers a new service for members of our community to disseminate their work rapidly, transparently and rigorously and welcomes work from all branches of microbiology and virology.

The platform champions methodological rigour rather than novelty, publishing replication studies, negative or null results, case reports, data management plans and more. Access Microbiology incorporates intelligent manuscript review tools and transparent peer review, allowing authors to improve their article from the start of the publishing process.

Scope

Access Microbiology welcomes research from across the full spectrum of microscopic life forms, from bacteria and viruses to fungi, protists, archaea, and algae.

A variety of approaches are accepted, from computational, biotechnology, and laboratory work to environmental, clinical and veterinary studies and case reports, as well as pedagogy papers on microbiology education.

Article types include Research Articles, Short Communications, Methods, Pedagogy articles, Study Protocols, Data Notes, Software Articles, Genome Announcements and Case Reports.

Open Data policy

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Open Data policy

Indexing

Preprints are indexed in Europe PMC and Google Scholar, whilst published (Version of Record) articles are indexed in PubMed, PubMed Central, Scopus, Google Scholar, CAB Abstracts and Science Open.

Key metrics

- Full-text downloads 2023: 361,653
- Mean Altmetric score: 5.6
- Median Altmetric score: 2

Review Tools: Penelope.ai and iThenticate

These easy review tools are designed to give submitting authors immediate feedback, helping them to improve their article from the outset. This includes navigating publication requirements and policies, increasing the rigour and reproducibility of their research and improving the chances of quicker review and publication.
About

Official publication of the ICSP and the BAM division of the IUMS.

*International Journal of Systematic and Evolutionary Microbiology* is the journal of record for publication of novel microbial taxa and the official publication of the International Committee on Systematics of Prokaryotes and the Bacteriology and Applied Microbiology Division of the International Union of Microbiological Societies.

Scope

The journal welcomes high-quality research on all aspects of microbial evolution, phylogenetics and systematics, encouraging submissions on all prokaryotes, yeasts, microfungi, protozoa and microalgae across the full breadth of systematics, including:

- Taxonomy and phylogenetics
- Microbial evolution and biodiversity
- Molecular environmental work with strong taxonomic or evolutionary content
- Nomenclature

Author guidelines for articles reporting novel taxa are described in detail on the journal’s website.

Key metrics

- Full-text downloads 2023: 3,581,360
- Mean Altmetric score: 10.6
- Median Altmetric score: 11
- 2-year Journal Impact Factor: 2
- 5-year Journal Impact Factor: 2.5
- Immediacy Index: 0.4
- Cited half-life: 9.5 years
- CiteScore: 5.2

Indexing:

Indexed in AGRICOLA, Biological Abstracts, BIOSIS Previews, CAB Abstracts, CSA Illustrata, Chemical Abstracts, Current Contents—Life Sciences, EMBASE, MEDLINE, Info-Med, Science Citation Index, SciSearch and SCOPUS, as well as on Google Scholar.
About

Journal of General Virology has been publishing peer-reviewed research for more than 50 years. We recognise the importance of virology as a unique discipline within microbiology and actively collaborate with partners such as the International Committee on Taxonomy of Viruses (ICTV) to support the global virology community.

The journal’s diverse scope reflects the evolving nature of virology today, covering all aspects of animal, plant, insect, bacterial and fungal viruses, transmissible spongiform encephalopathies, molecular biology and immunology, virus-host interactions and antiviral compounds.

Scope

Journal of General Virology welcomes high-quality research and review articles that contribute significantly to the field of virology. We particularly welcome fundamental studies on virus replication, pathogenesis and virus-host interactions.

Subject categories:
- Animal viruses: RNA viruses, DNA viruses and retroviruses
- Insect viruses: RNA viruses and DNA viruses
- Plant viruses: RNA viruses and DNA viruses
- Others: fungal viruses, prokaryotic viruses and TSE agents

Key metrics
- Full-text downloads 2023: 1,615,771
- Mean Altmetric score: 6.5
- Median Altmetric score: 2
- 2-year Journal Impact Factor: 3.6
- 5-year Journal Impact Factor: 3.6
- Immediacy Index: 1
- Cited half-life: 14.4 years
- CiteScore: 7.7

Indexing:
Indexed in Biological Abstracts, BIOSIS Previews, CAB Abstracts, Chemical Abstracts Service, Current Awareness in Biological Sciences, Current Contents – Life Sciences, Current Opinion series, EMBASE, MEDLINE, Science Citation Index, SciSearch, and SCOPUS, as well as on Google Scholar.

ICTV Profiles

Journal of General Virology collaborates with the International Committee on Taxonomy of Viruses (ICTV) on the ICTV Virus Taxonomy Profiles: concise, review-type articles that provide valuable overviews of the classification, structure and properties of individual virus orders, families and genera. All Profiles are Open Access.
About

Journal of Medical Microbiology is the go-to interdisciplinary journal for medical, dental and veterinary microbiology, at the bench and in the clinic. It provides comprehensive coverage of medical, dental and veterinary microbiology and infectious diseases, welcoming articles ranging from laboratory research to clinical trials, including bacteriology, virology, mycology and parasitology.

Scope

- Clinical microbiology: medical bacteriology, parasitology and related entomology, mycology and virology
- Public health microbiology: high consequence investigations of case clusters, outbreaks, surveillance and emerging and epidemic infections
- Mechanisms of microbial disease: virulence factors and their mechanism of actions, their role in host-microbe interactions and novel insights into pathogenesis and pathogenicity
- Antimicrobial countermeasures: preventive measures and novel therapeutic approaches in combating microbial infections, drug discovery and basic science research to identify vaccine and drug targets
- Veterinary microbiology: diseases caused by bacteria, viruses, parasites and fungi in animals, including zoonoses and aquaculture

Key metrics

- Full-text downloads 2023: 1,267,896
- Mean Altmetric score: 8
- Median Altmetric score: 2
- 2-year Journal Impact Factor: 2.4
- 5-year Journal Impact Factor: 2.5
- Immediacy Index: 0.4
- Cited half-life: 11.3 years
- CiteScore: 5.5

Indexing:

Indexed in Adonis, Biological Abstracts, BIOSIS Previews, Elsevier BIOBASE/CABS, CAB Abstracts, CSA Illustrata, Chemical Abstracts Services (CAS), Current Contents – Life Sciences, EMBASE, Google Scholar, MEDLINE, Medical Documentation Service, Reference UpDate, Research Alert, Science Citation Index, SciSearch, SCOPUS and UMI (Microfilm), as well as on Google Scholar.

JMM Profiles

Journal of Medical Microbiology also publishes JMM Profiles, providing valuable brief summary reviews in key areas. Profiles are published in one of three categories: Pathogen Profile, Antimicrobial Profile and Diagnostic Profile.
About

*Microbial Genomics* pioneers all areas of genome research spanning the breadth of microbial life including viruses, bacteria, archaea and microbial eukaryotes. We welcome articles showing novel insights, new applications or innovative approaches using genomic data.

Content ranges from comparative and functional genomics of model organisms to population-scale evolution, epidemiology and microbiome studies and real-world genomics applications with clinical, veterinary or environmental relevance. The journal is fully supported by Open Data and innovative collaborative services.

Scope

*Microbial Genomics* publishes cutting edge, pioneering research into genomic approaches to microbiology.

Topics include, but are not limited to:
- Functional genomics and microbe–niche interactions
- Populations, pathogens and epidemiology
- Metagenomics and microbiomes
- Evolution and responses to interventions
- Genomic methodologies

Key metrics

- Full-text downloads 2023: 831,753
- Mean Altmetric score: 14.1
- Median Altmetric score: 6
- 2-year Journal Impact Factor: 4
- 5-year Journal Impact Factor: 4.7
- Immediacy Index: 0.8
- Cited half-life: 3.7 years
- CiteScore: 6.6

Indexing:

Indexed in Medline (PubMed), PubMed Central, Web of Science (Science Citation Index Expanded, Biological Abstracts and BIOSIS Previews) and Scopus, as well as on Google Scholar and ScienceOpen.

Open Data policy

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About

The Microbiology Society’s founding journal, *Microbiology*, brings together communities of scientists from all microbiological disciplines and from around the world. Originally *Journal of General Microbiology*, it has published the latest advances in microbiology since 1947.

Today the journal reflects the diversity and importance of microbiology in addressing current global challenges, such as food security, environmental sustainability and health, by publishing fundamental and applied research across the breadth of the field.

Scope

*Microbiology* publishes high-quality original research on bacteria, fungi, yeast, protists, archaea, algae, parasites, phages and other microscopic life forms.

Key topic areas include:
- Antimicrobials and antimicrobial resistance
- Biotechnology and synthetic biology
- Ecology and microbiomes
- Microbial cell surfaces
- Microbial evolution
- Microbial physiology, biochemistry and metabolism
- Microbial infection, virulence and pathogenesis
- Regulation, sensing and signalling

Indexing:

Indexed in Biological Abstracts, BIOSIS Previews, CAB Abstracts, Current Contents – Life Sciences, Current Awareness in Biological Sciences, Current Opinion series, EMBASE, MEDLINE, Science Citation Index, SciSearch and SCOPUS, as well as on Google Scholar.

Microbe Profiles

Microbe Profiles are concise, review-type articles on key microbes across the field of microbiology. They provide overviews of the classification, structure and properties of novel microbes, making them an excellent resource for education or reference.

Microbial Primers

Microbial Primers are short articles designed to simplify and illuminate intricate microbiological concepts, giving an overview of the fundamental points. These are an excellent resource for both early career microbiologists or established researchers looking to become familiar with a new field.

Key metrics

- Full-text downloads 2023: 2,433,160
- Mean Altmetric score: 16
- Median Altmetric score: 8
- 2-year Journal Impact Factor: 2.6
- 5-year Journal Impact Factor: 2.8
- Immediacy Index: 0.9
- Cited half-life: 15.6 years
- CiteScore: 4.6
The Microbiology Society is a membership charity for scientists interested in microbes, their effects and their practical uses. It has a worldwide membership based in universities, industry, hospitals, research institutes, schools, and other organisations. Our members have a unique depth and breadth of knowledge about the discipline. The Society’s role is to help unlock and harness the potential of that knowledge.