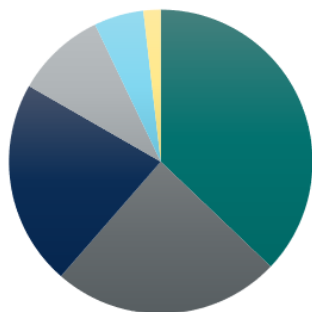


What is SEO?

SEO is the process of improving the ranking of a webpage in a search engine's results so your article appears at the top of the list when someone enters a search term that is relevant to your topic.

**HIGHER IN SEARCH RESULTS =
MORE LIKELY TO BE DISCOVERED**



How important is SEO for my article?

Visits to *Congenital Anomalies* typically come from:

37.1%	Search Engines	9.6%	Google Scholar
24.3%	PubMed	5.3%	Other Websites
21.9%	Bookmarked, Typed or Directly Entered	1.8%	Institutions and Library Services



How can I make my article appear best in search engines?

- Metadata matters to search engines: article titles, author names, and the first line of your abstract often are presented as part of the search snippet
- Check all fields carefully and ensure each is correct at the time of publication
- Be consistent in how you present your name across papers so searchers can easily identify you

The 4 Easy Steps to SEO

1

USE
KEYWORDS

Keyword Tips

- Make your keywords count: choose up to 5 keywords and phrases
- Avoid overuse and repetition of the same words, including any used in the title
- Try to use synonyms that searchers may look for
- Test your keywords in your audience's search engine of choice

IMPORTANCE: Keywords push articles to the top of search results and are used by abstracting and indexing services as a mechanism to tag research content

2

CHOOSE
A SMART
TITLE

Title Tips

- Make the title specific
- Place the main concept at the beginning
- Only use abbreviations and acronyms if it is common terminology
- Avoid passive phrases such as "effect of," "involvement of," "evidence of"
- Instead of "Evidence of X in Y process," try "X impacts Y process through Z"

IMPORTANCE: The title is the most interesting element and first piece of information someone sees before deciding to read your article

3

WRITE
A GOOD
ABSTRACT

Abstract Tips

- Capture key points in simple language — focus on a maximum of 3–4 keywords
- Place essential findings first
- Think of these questions: Why did you do the research? What is the key conclusion? How are your findings valuable for your field?
- An abstract should tell a story with a beginning, a middle, and an end

IMPORTANCE: Abstracts are almost always free access, which means they are the most widely-read part of your paper and may be accessed by readers who are non-experts

4

BUILD
LINKS

Building Links Tips

- Link to your paper from your institution's website
- List your article as a reference to a related Wikipedia
- Cite your work when it makes sense to cite your work—you do not want to self cite too much because in WOS you'll get flagged —unless it really is appropriate
- Include links in your social media profiles

IMPORTANCE: The more reputable inbound links there are to your article, the more search engines will value and highlight your content



4 Easy Ways to Increase the Impact of Your Published Paper

You have already optimized your article to be discoverable by search engines. But after it is written and published, there are still a few more steps to make your article even more discoverable and visible.

1. Share your article

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