

PUBLICATION POLICIES

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History

animal is a central element of the *animal* Consortium, a collaboration between the British Society of Animal Science (BSAS), the Institut National de la Recherche pour l’Agriculture, l’Alimentation et l’Environnement (INRAE) and the European Federation of Animal Science (EAAP). It represents the merger in 2006 of three scientific journals: Animal Science; Animal Research; Reproduction, Nutrition, Development. On the 1st of January 2021, *animal* has become a Gold Open Access journal, published online only.

Scope

animal publishes the best, innovative and cutting-edge science that relates to farmed or managed animals, and that is relevant to whole animal outcomes, and/or to animal management practices. Papers can be accepted from all species if they are in, or contribute knowledge to, farmed and managed animal systems (e.g., cattle, sheep, pigs, poultry, horses, rabbits, fish, insects).

animal is essential reading for all animal scientists, stakeholders and policy makers interested in agricultural, biomedical, veterinary and environmental sciences with expected impacts on Animal Performance and Productivity, Animal Welfare, Animal Health, Food Security, Environment, Climate Change, Product Quality, Human Health and Nutrition, and Sustainability of Animal Agriculture and Livestock Systems. Impacts should be of international relevance.

animal aims to publish novel and original research papers, horizon-scanning reviews and critically informative opinion papers. Papers should consider animal responses, as well as lower or upper levels of understanding, with research spanning from genes to systems. Interactions between levels of approach are encouraged to account for the integrative nature of biological systems.

The journal is divided into a number of Sections

1 - Breeding and Genetics: considers research on genomics and genomic selection, breeding and breeding programs, and association between phenotypic and genetic variation in consideration of genomic and pedigree information.

2 - Nutrition: considers studies on all nutritional functions. It has two subsections, 2A - Monogastrics and 2B - Ruminants.

3 - Physiology and Functional Biology: considers studies on the biology of tissues and functions, including the physiological modes of action of growth, developmental, reproductive and productive processes in animals.

4 - Welfare, Behaviour and Health Management: considers studies on behaviour, animal-health and welfare, with an emphasis on their interactions, as well as ethics of animal production and animal research. This includes population medicine, preventive medicine and epidemiological approaches to animal health. It has two subsections, 4A - Welfare and Behaviour, and 4B - Health Management.

5 - Livestock Farming Systems: considers all aspects of livestock farming systems and their sustainability (economic, social, environmental, and their interactions). It also includes precision livestock management and technologies for research on real-time monitoring technologies aimed at managing the temporal variability of individuals or of groups, when groups are the smallest manageable production unit. It has two subsections, 5A - Livestock Systems, 5B - Precision Livestock Farming.

6 - Quality of Animal Products: considers the quality and safety of animal products (whether food or non-food products), consumer acceptance and perception, as well as impacts of animal products on food security and human health.

7 - Insects as Livestock: considers all aspects of insect production, including breeding and genetics, nutrition, physiology (biology of tissues, growth, development, reproduction, productive processes), behaviour and welfare (including ethics), health management (population medicine, preventive medicine, epidemiological approaches), production systems and their sustainability (economic, social, environmental and their interactions), and quality of insect derived products (quality and safety, impacts of animal products on food security and human health).

Standards

The journal aims to publish research with the following characteristics

Across all sections, the journal encourages a variety of experimental or observational approaches, including any omics, monitoring, bioinformatics or modelling methodology, as long as conditions are well controlled without confounding effects. Submissions to disciplinary sections (*Breeding and Genetics, Nutrition, Physiology and Functional Biology*) are encouraged to offer hypothesis-driven research relying on reference methods for testing the critical hypothesis. Submissions to multi-disciplinary sections (*Welfare, Behaviour and Health Management, Livestock Farming Systems, Quality of Animal Products, Insects as Livestock*) are encouraged to offer multicriteria, holistic, integrated, multi-level approaches (including economic, environmental and social issues), agroecological, or farm to fork approaches. These later submissions can include social/human elements of animal sciences provided there is a strong implication for livestock management practices and they are based on sound social science methodologies. The journal encourages research transparency and reproducibility. In particular, it recommends the deposition of data in an official repository and encourages the detailed description of critical methodologies, including mathematical equations and statistical models in the Supplementary Materials. Authors are expected to support their findings with results from quality control tests for the critical methodologies.

The journal generally does not publish research with the following characteristics

Research directed to local conditions with no international relevance will be rejected. Purely descriptive or routine research lacking interpretation will also be rejected. Similarly research unrelated to whole animal outcomes or to management practices will be rejected. Lack of novelty or lack of state-of-the-art methods are discouraged. Clinical veterinary research or pharmaceutical studies investigating disease treatment do not fit in the scope. The same applies for biomedical studies and companion animal studies. Articles presenting studies using animals as model for human research are excluded from the scope.

Article types

animal publishes different types of articles:

Research articles

Research articles correspond to a full account of a complete study. The approach can be experimental, data-driven (e.g. meta-analyses) or theoretical. Research articles should be comprehensive and should include an in-depth discussion. Linked papers are accepted if numbered in a series and submitted at the same time.

Short communications

Short communications present exceptionally promising early results, novel or timely contents. *animal* publishes a limited number of short communications. Their submission will be accepted based on Editor's judgement, and they will be peer-reviewed as research papers.

Review articles

Review articles have to be contemporary, comprehensive, and add information to published reviews on the same topic. Critical analyses of novel data and conceptual framework are encouraged providing new insights. In this context it may be relevant to put forwards new theories and/or speculations, it may also include perspectives etc. However, the paper must contain more than these unsubstantiated elements i.e. the paper must be grounded in existing literature knowledge. Papers containing only meta-analyses are not considered as review articles. Scoping reviews are considered as review articles and subject to the same evaluation criteria. Authors of unsolicited review articles (i.e. those not produced in response to a specific invitation from *animal*) are encouraged to question the Editorial Office prior to submission through questions@animal-journal.eu to ask if their paper is within the scope and of interest to the

journal. Authors are expected to provide an abstract and a rationale explaining the originality of the review as compared to other published reviews in the same subject area, and the new information the review offers beyond previous published results. The decision on whether an unsolicited review article will be considered for publication will be made by the Editor-in-Chief after consultation of the Editorial Board.

Opinion papers

Opinion papers are short papers, which aim to inform scientists, industry, the public and policy makers about cutting-edge issues in research or the impact of research. The papers reflect the opinion of their authors who bear full responsibility of the published paper. Authors of Opinion papers are encouraged to question the Editorial Office prior to submission through questions@animal-journal.eu to ask if their paper is of interest to the journal.

Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor are letters or comments on original articles published in *animal* submitted within one month of publication of the original article. Letters to the Editor are relevant to and focused on the published article of interest, they include decisive arguments grounded in the international scientific literature in a balanced and respectful manner. Letters to the Editor are reviewed internally and the journal might invite the authors of the original article to reply in the form of a 'Response to the Letter to the Editor'. Authors of Letters or of Responses bear full responsibility of the published contents. Authors of Letters to the Editor are requested to question the Editorial Office prior to submission through questions@animal-journal.eu to ask if their letter is of interest to the journal or if other response media (e.g., PubPeer) would be more appropriate.

Conference / Symposium / Project papers

Bundles of research papers or reviews presented in conjunction with specific conferences/symposia or projects that fit the scope of *animal* can be considered for publication as Supplement Issues in *animal*. Conference organisers or project managers who wish to publish bundles of papers from a symposium/conference/project in *animal* should first contact the Editor-in-Chief of *animal* (questions@animal-journal.eu) for agreement and information on the management of these papers.

The *animal* Consortium also offers Conference organisers the possibility to publish full articles in *animal* and abstracts/short papers from the Conference in *animal – science proceedings* (refer to the section on the family of journals from the *animal* Consortium).

Ethics

The Journal is committed to respect high standards of ethics in the editorial and reviewing process and adheres to the code of conduct for editors enacted by the Committee of Publication Ethics (<http://publicationethics.org/resources/code-conduct>).

The journal wishes to make sure that contributors respect these standards.

Any experimental work must have been conducted in accordance with relevant national legislation on the use of animals or of humans for research. For guidance on the use of animals for research authors should refer to "Ethical guidelines for research in animal science" by Jarvis, Day and Reed produced for the British Society for Animal Science: (<https://doi.org/10.1017/S1752756200011571>).

Authorship policy

Authorship should be based on the following principles, as outlined by the [ICMJE](#), and [COPE](#):

- Substantial contributions to the conception or design of the work; or the acquisition, analysis, or interpretation of data for the work; AND
- Drafting the work or revising it critically for important intellectual content; AND
- Final approval of the version to be published; AND
- Agreement to be accountable for all aspects of the work in ensuring that questions related to the accuracy or integrity of any part of the work are appropriately investigated and resolved.

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Preprint policy

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Articles submitted to *animal* should not be previously published, nor be under simultaneous review for publication, in part or in whole within a scientific journal, book or similar entity. However, deposition of a preprint on the author's personal website, in an institutional repository, or in a recognised preprint archive is not viewed as prior publication.

Authors should disclose details of preprint posting, including DOI or other persistent identifier, upon submission to a journal. Reference to the preprint should be made in the Acknowledgements section.

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Plagiarism, Falsification, Fabrication

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- quoting verbatim another person's work without due acknowledgement of the source;
- paraphrasing another person's work by changing some of the words, or the order of the words, without due acknowledgement of the source;
- using ideas taken from someone else without reference to the originator;
- cutting and pasting from the Internet to make a pastiche of online sources;
- submitting someone else's work as part of one's own without identifying clearly who did the work. For example, not attributing research contributed by others to a joint project.

Plagiarism might also arise from colluding with another person who has not been declared or acknowledged (i.e. where collaboration is concealed or has been forbidden). Work should include a general acknowledgement where it has received substantial help, for example with the language and style of a piece of written work.

Text-recycling, also known as self-plagiarism, is "when authors re-use their own previously written work or data in a 'new' written product without letting the reader know that his material has appeared elsewhere" (Roig, 2015; <https://ori.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/plagiarism.pdf>). *animal* publishes original research and does not accept text-recycling. *animal* accepts to consider submissions when preliminary results were published in an abstract form at a conference, but requests that the abstract is cited in the introduction. *animal* considers that abstracts for conferences which are longer than 2 journal pages (about 1700 words with tables and figures) are short research articles and no longer abstracts.

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Evaluation criteria for review articles are 1) significant addition to existing knowledge, 2) critical analysis and efficient synthesis of existing knowledge (using tables and figures whenever possible), 3) conceptual framework (including the development of concepts), 4) new insights (including a novel interpretation of data), 5) length. Focus on a critical area, identification of knowledge gaps, inclusion of novel contribution beyond published one or beyond data included in public databases are also encouraged. Some degree of personal position on an issue is acceptable provided the position is well grounded in existing literature knowledge.

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Publication of the manuscript

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Family of journals from the *animal* Consortium

The *animal* Consortium has two additional journals, *animal – open space* and *animal – science proceedings* (formerly Advances in Animal Biosciences).

animal - open space

animal - open space has a wider scope than the flagship *animal*. The journal fully embraces Open Science and its philosophy is that all reproducible research, the data linked to that research and the associated points of views of the authors will contribute to knowledge gain. Therefore, this knowledge deserves to be rapidly published and open for comments once published. The journal publishes articles that relate to farmed or other managed animals, and leisure and companion animals. Articles can be accepted from all species if they are in, or contribute knowledge to, the aforementioned categories (e.g. cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, poultry, horses, rabbits, fish, cats, dogs, insects). Note - lack of novelty, negative results or lack of significant treatment differences are not a barrier for publication. Articles presenting results using animals as model for human research are not included in the scope of *animal – open space*.

animal - open space is essential reading for all animal scientists, stakeholders and policy makers interested in agricultural, veterinary and environmental sciences with expected impacts on Animal Performance and Productivity, Animal Welfare, Animal Health, Food Security, Environment, Climate Change, Product Quality, Human Health and Nutrition, Sustainability of Animal Agriculture, Livestock Systems and Methodology. Impacts can be either of local or international relevance.

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animal – science proceedings

animal – science proceedings publishes high-quality conference, symposium and workshop proceedings on aspects of the life sciences with emphasis on farmed, other managed animals, leisure and companion animals. These can be in the form of abstracts or short papers. The format will highlight the title of the meeting and organisations involved but the publications will have the added advantage of being gold open access and forming a series under *animal – science proceedings*. This gives conferences wide exposure and the additional benefit that individual abstracts can be identified and indexed through a DOI. The conferences can be international or regional/national and publication in local languages is encouraged for local /regional conferences provided titles are also in English.

Subject areas can include aspects of Breeding and Genetics, Nutrition, Physiology and Functional Biology of Systems, Behaviour, Health and Welfare, Livestock Farming Systems, Product Quality and Insects as Livestock. Due to the integrative nature of biological systems, *animal – science proceedings* will welcome contributions on the translation of basic and strategic science into whole animal and whole system Productivity, on Product Quality and the relationship between products and human health, Food Security, the Environment including ecosystem services and agroecology, and Climate Change. Proceedings can involve research, extension studies, training and education as well as policy development.

The *animal* family provides a package enabling conference organisers to publish main/ invited papers in *animal* with abstracts in *animal – science proceedings*. Conference organisers who are interested in this package should contact the Editor-in-Chief through Editorial Office (editorialoffice@animal-journal.eu).

Key characteristics of the three journals of the *animal* Consortium

Characteristics	<i>animal</i>	<i>animal - science proceedings</i>	<i>animal – open space</i>
Scope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farmed or managed animals • Research relevant to whole animal outcomes, and/or to animal management practices • International relevance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farmed or managed animals, leisure and companion animals • Local or international relevance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farmed or managed animals, leisure and companion animals • Research relevant to whole animal outcomes, and/or to animal management practices • Local or international relevance
Approaches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research, extension studies, training and education as well as policy development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research, extension studies, training and education
Types of articles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research article • Review article • Short communication • Opinion paper • Conference / Symposium / Project (full) papers • Letter to the editor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference and symposium proceedings (short papers and/or abstracts) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data paper • Method article • Research article
Language	English	Any (with titles also in English)	English
Transparency and reproducibility	Encouraged		Mandatory
Open Data	Recommended	Not applicable	Mandatory
Review	Editorial team and external reviewers	Conference organizers	Editorial team and external reviewers
First decision	< 70 days	14 days	14 days
Focus of the review	Scope, standards, originality & significant addition to existing knowledge, impacts, soundness of research, soundness of interpretation, clarity of writing, quality of English, reproducibility & quality of the reporting, ethics	Clarity of writing, ethics	Scope, transparency, reproducibility, clarity of writing, ethics, quality of the (meta)data
Reviewed sections	Full manuscript including supplementary materials	Abstracts and (short) papers when relevant	Material and methods, results and metadata. Introduction and discussion/points of view of the authors are reviewed for clarity but the responsibility of the contents is left to the authors.