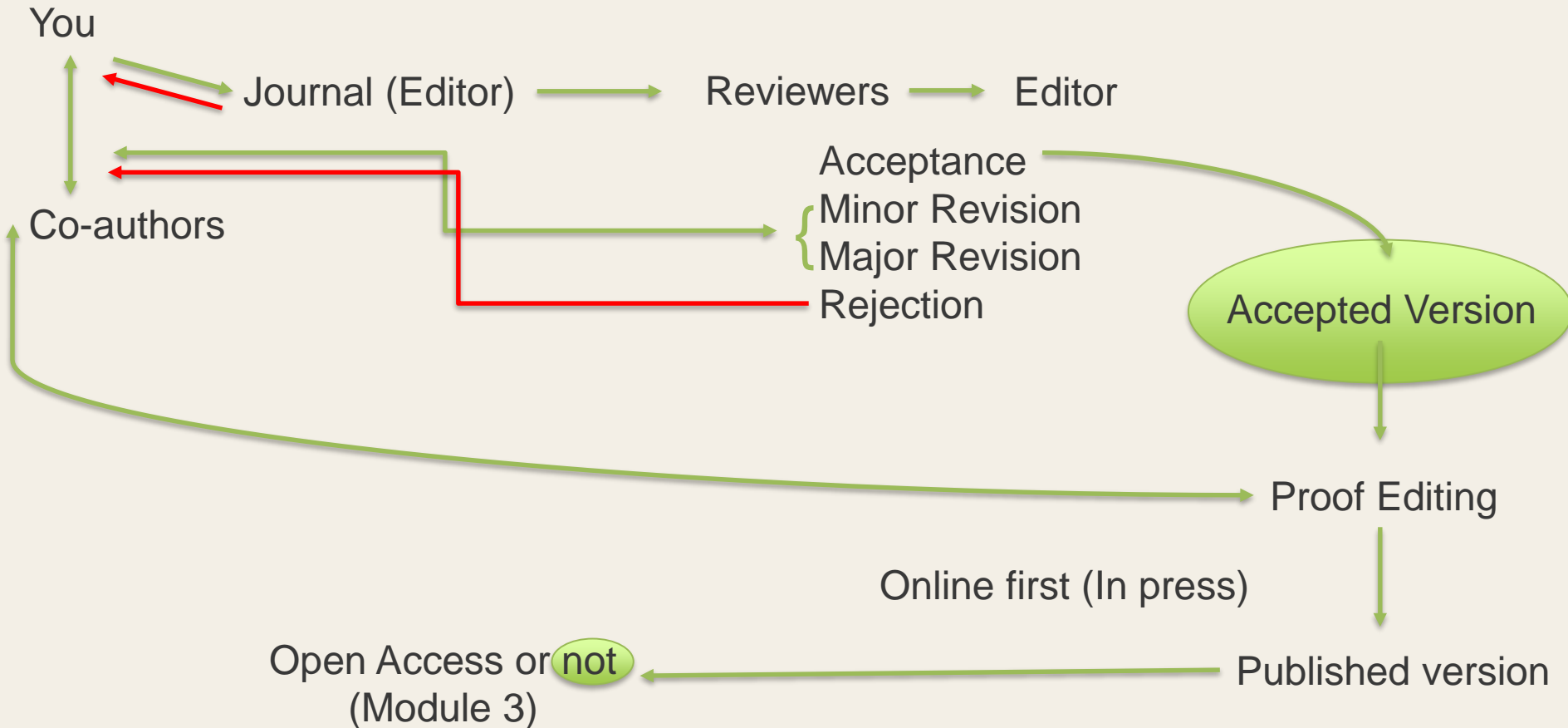

Tips on the publication process

Submission, review & publication

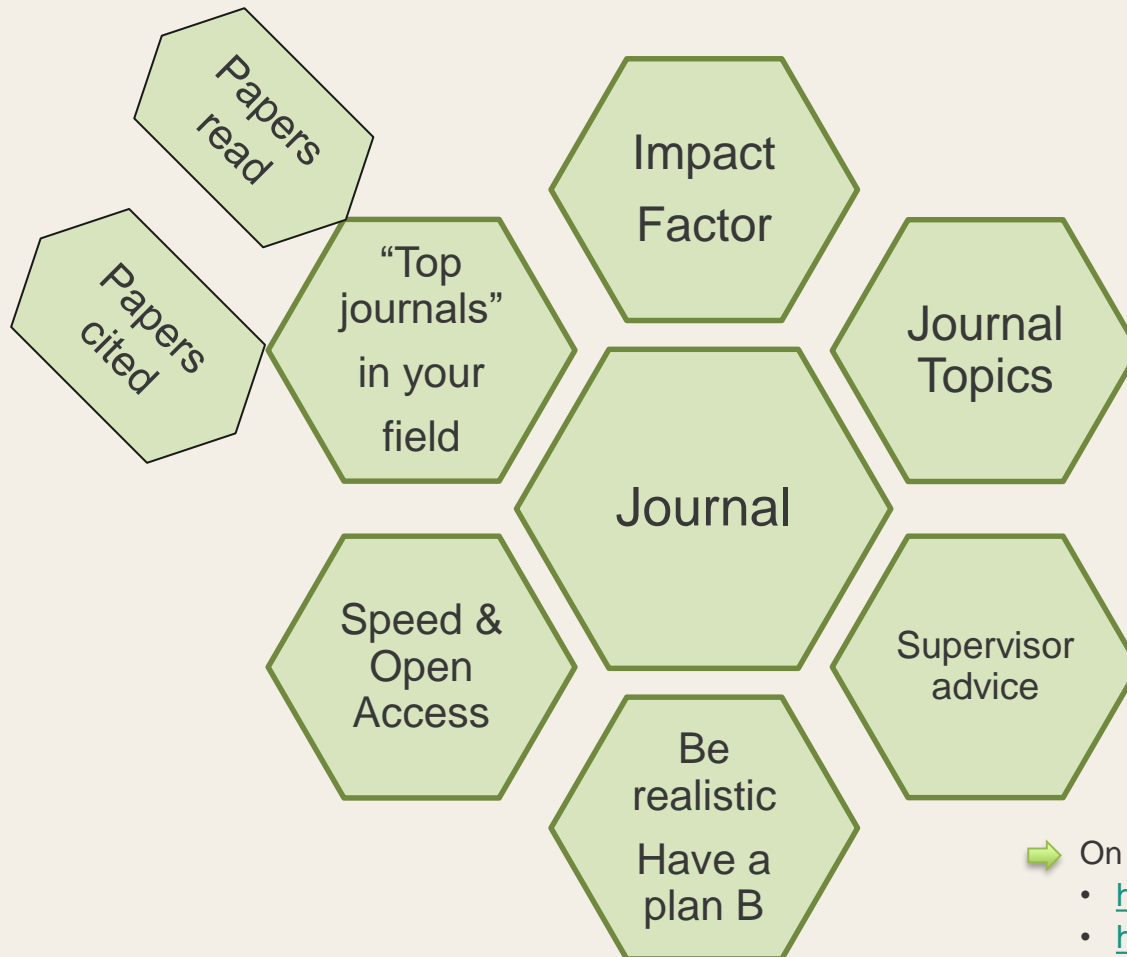
The publication process in a peer-reviewed journal



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Which journal should you submit to?

- Which are the main factors for your decision?



Avoid predatory journals:

- The journal is indexed in databases (e.g. [DOAJ](#), [Web of Science](#), [Scopus](#))
- Review the journal website:
 - Peer-review policy is clear
 - Charges & costs are defined
 - Editorial board
- Read some of the published articles

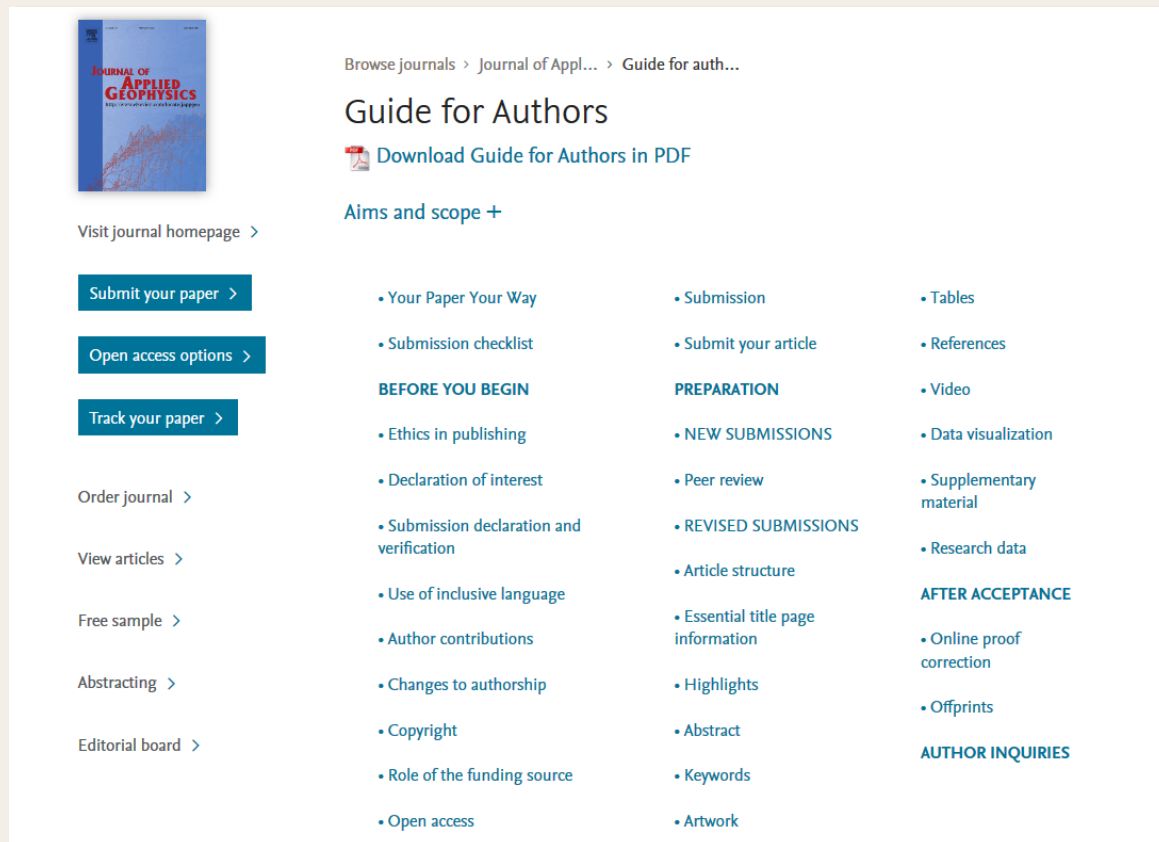
➤ On deciding...:

- <http://thinkchecksubmit.org/>
- <http://jane.biosemantics.org/index.php>

Instructions in the authors' guide

➔ If you know to which journal you want to submit, start with reading the guidelines before even starting writing your article.

- Word & figure limits
- English style
- Article structure
- References style
- Figure preparation
- Word or LaTeX
- Copyright – Open Access information



The screenshot shows the authors' guide page for the Journal of Applied Geophysics. The page is titled "Guide for Authors" and includes a "Download Guide for Authors in PDF" link. The page is organized into several sections: "Aims and scope +", "BEFORE YOU BEGIN", "PREPARATION", and "AFTER ACCEPTANCE". The "BEFORE YOU BEGIN" section includes links for "Your Paper Your Way", "Submission checklist", "Ethics in publishing", "Declaration of interest", "Submission declaration and verification", "Use of inclusive language", "Author contributions", "Changes to authorship", "Copyright", and "Role of the funding source". The "PREPARATION" section includes links for "Submission", "Submit your article", "NEW SUBMISSIONS", "Peer review", "REVISED SUBMISSIONS", "Article structure", "Essential title page information", "Highlights", "Abstract", "Keywords", and "Artwork". The "AFTER ACCEPTANCE" section includes links for "Tables", "References", "Video", "Data visualization", "Supplementary material", "Research data", "Online proof correction", and "Offprints". The "AUTHOR INQUIRIES" section is also present.

The reviewers' comments

Be prepared for criticism and accept it as a way to improve your paper

Comments by Reviewer 1.

We thank reviewer 1 for his/her revision. We have addressed his/her comments below.

Page 12, line 20: remove the comma before "velocity".

Has been corrected.

Page 15, line 30: The measurement has not been described thoroughly.

We added a sentence on page 15, line 31 to explain in detail: "The seismic shots were recorded at..."

Page 30, line 10: The result here is wrong in my opinion, because...

The sentence may be confusing; if you see on page 5, we explain that..

Page 40, line 5: Why did you not use the method of ...?

This is a good suggestion. Unfortunately, we do not have the means...

Page 42, Figure 2: You mention a red line in the caption, but all lines in the figure are green.

We thank reviewer 1 for this observation. Indeed, it is a mistake...

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Comments by Reviewer 2.

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Comments by Reviewer 3.

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Thank the reviewers, do not forget they do this in their free time



Reply to every reviewer comment even if it is self-explanatory



Mention the exact pages and lines where you make your corrections



Answer clever to suggestions for further experiments/studies



Admit your own mistakes



Try to agree with the reviewer, but remember it is your paper. If you do not agree state this and explain why



Remember: the reviewer can be wrong as well, so if you are not sure, don't forget to consult your coauthors

What about reviewing the papers of others?

- Yes or no?
 - Helps you think as a reviewer
 - You expand your knowledge
 - But make sure you do a correct review
 - Qualification
 - Time
 - Conflicts of interest

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Exercise

- Search online for the “[Environmental Science & Technology](#)” journal and answer the following questions:
 - Can you use both Word and LaTeX?
 - What is the publication speed?
 - Is there a limitation to the number of figures?

Thank you!

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