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Could you please clarify whether Lifecycle Journal is already indexed or in the process of being evaluated for inclusion in major databases like Scopus or Web of Science?

DOIs will be assigned by CrossRef and submissions will be indexed as either preprints or research articles depending on their status. Many indexes have specific requirements around publication volume or timelines (e.g. minimum 2 years of publication history) before a journal can apply for evaluation, so submissions will be indexed to the extent possible given those limitations

Where is the data/code sharing step? Is it only possible with the final report?

Data and code can be shared when available for either article type. Links to repositories and/or DOIs can be shared in the declaration statements when completing the submission form (preferred), or additional files can be uploaded as supporting information.

If I have a Registered Report (that has been just rejected) but you started part of data collection, can you still submit for research plan phase or just outcome report?

Work that has been rejected elsewhere can be submitted. If data collection has begun, the work can still be submitted but we would request that authors be transparent about the status of the work. Authors can declare the status of data collection in the required Bias Control Statement during submission.

Why a cover letter is needed in such publishing model?

We've included it now as an opportunity for authors to share whatever additional information that would like to about their work, or to include details of previous interactions with the journal, etc. But if it doesn't prove to be useful then we would consider removing the requirement.

I don't really understand what 'all invited evaluations are received' means? ResearchHub as I understand it just offers ongoing peer-review, and reward-functions different from pure bibliometric assessments.

Some of the evaluation services we've partnered with are slightly changing their SOPs to participate in Lifecycle Journal. With ResearchHub in particular, Lifecycle Journal submissions will be submitted to ResearchHub by LJ staff on behalf of the authors and will be tagged as LJ submissions. ResearchHub will place a bounty on those submissions and once a minimum of two evaluations are received (and pass ReserachHub vetting) that evaluation will be considered "complete" for LJ. The paper and evaluations would remain on the RH website, but subsequent evaluations would not be captured by Lifecycle Journal if they fell outside the evaluation window.

Is it possible to publish in Spanish?

Unfortunately, only English at this time.

In which way is this different than Registered Reports?

Lifecycle Journal does not require initial submission of a Research Plan, ie. authors may submit a Outcomes Report without first having published a Research Plan or other registration. Additionally Lifecycle Journal does not issue accept/reject decisions, removing the IPA barrier.

If the evaluation agencies start to take into account this kind of scholarly communication model, do not you think that Publishers can statart their own "lifecycle journals" and put them again in the oudious JIF game?

The goal here is to eventually shift the rewards associated publishing for researchers so that JIF becomes less important to authors, shifting the reward to meaningful evaluation of rigorous research.

In what way is Lifecycle Journal different from uploading about our research to the OSF?

In terms of sharing, the main differences are in the evaluations and in that authors will have the option to declare a Version of Record with Lifecycle Journal. Authors are welcome to submit work to Lifecycle Journal that has already been registered or shared as a preprint elsewhere.



What subject areas are available?

Natural sciences, medical and clinical research, social-behavioral sciences, and humanities, that report empirical research. Scope is dependent upon available evaluation services and may expand in the future as our network of evaluation services expands.

Will material sharing (such as data or code) as well as the CRediT taxonomy be recommended or required? And can data and code be uploaded directly or will it be via repositories?

Sharing is recommended, but a disclosure statement is required. The OSF has limited storage so large data and code files should be shared via repository. Small data files (e.g. excel spreadsheets) can be included as supporting information files.

Is it possible to publish non-typical research outputs (ie not paper or Registered Report) but others e.g. replication studies.

Yes, replication studies will be considered, but should be submitted as an Outcomes Report and refer to/discuss the original work and provide appropriate context for the replication.

Metascience — could you add an option for interdisciplinary or transdisciplinary research? It doesn't seem to fit well under the current choices.

Most metascience would be within scope. Authors are welcome to submit questions to [lifecyclejournal@cos.io](mailto:lifecyclejournal@cos.io) before submission if it is unclear whether the work would be within scope or not.

Will there be any community features such as comment options?

Not yet, but increased community involvement is something we'd like to add and we have discussed commenting. Some of the evaluation services have commenting features which readers could also use

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