

OJS User Group presents:

Quality Assurance in Open Access Journals

Lessons from Rejection

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Agenda

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- DOAJ Criteria
- Rejection
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Goals

- Understand how our journals measure up to common standards in the field
- Review and collect data to determine patterns
- Identify outstanding areas of improvement
- Discuss and learn about the ethical frameworks available to our community
- Identify areas where our community struggles in meeting these standards
- Learn about what you need to improve the quality of your journal or the journal publishing program at your institution

Directory of Open Access Journals

Journal Publishing Standards

- Open access without delay and displayed open access statement
- Dedicated URL accessible from any location
- Articles must be available individually in full-text form (HTML or PDF)
- “DOAJ does not approve of using Impact Factor or ranking metrics”
- Consistent language for provided information

Journal Publishing Standards - Journal Homepage

- Open access policy ★
- Aims and scope
- Editorial board (including institutional affiliations)
- Editorial process (peer review)
- Licensing terms ★
- Copyright terms ★
- Author charges
- Contact details
- ISSN (displayed) ★

Additional Criteria - DOAJ Seal

1. Digital preservation (Archiving policy) ★
2. Self-archiving (Repository policy)
3. Persistent article identifiers (Unique identifiers) ★
4. Metadata supply to DOAJ
5. License type - CC license must allow derivatives
6. License information in articles ★
7. Copyright and publishing rights remain with author ★

Lessons from Rejection

World Journal for Sand Therapy Practice

“The journal’s copyright policy
is unclear.”

Stated on Submissions page:
authors retain copyright

Article landing pages: Included a
journal copyright statement

World Journal for Sand Therapy Practice

No clear OA Policy statement can be found on the website

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Journal Data

Overview

There are 75 TDL hosted journals

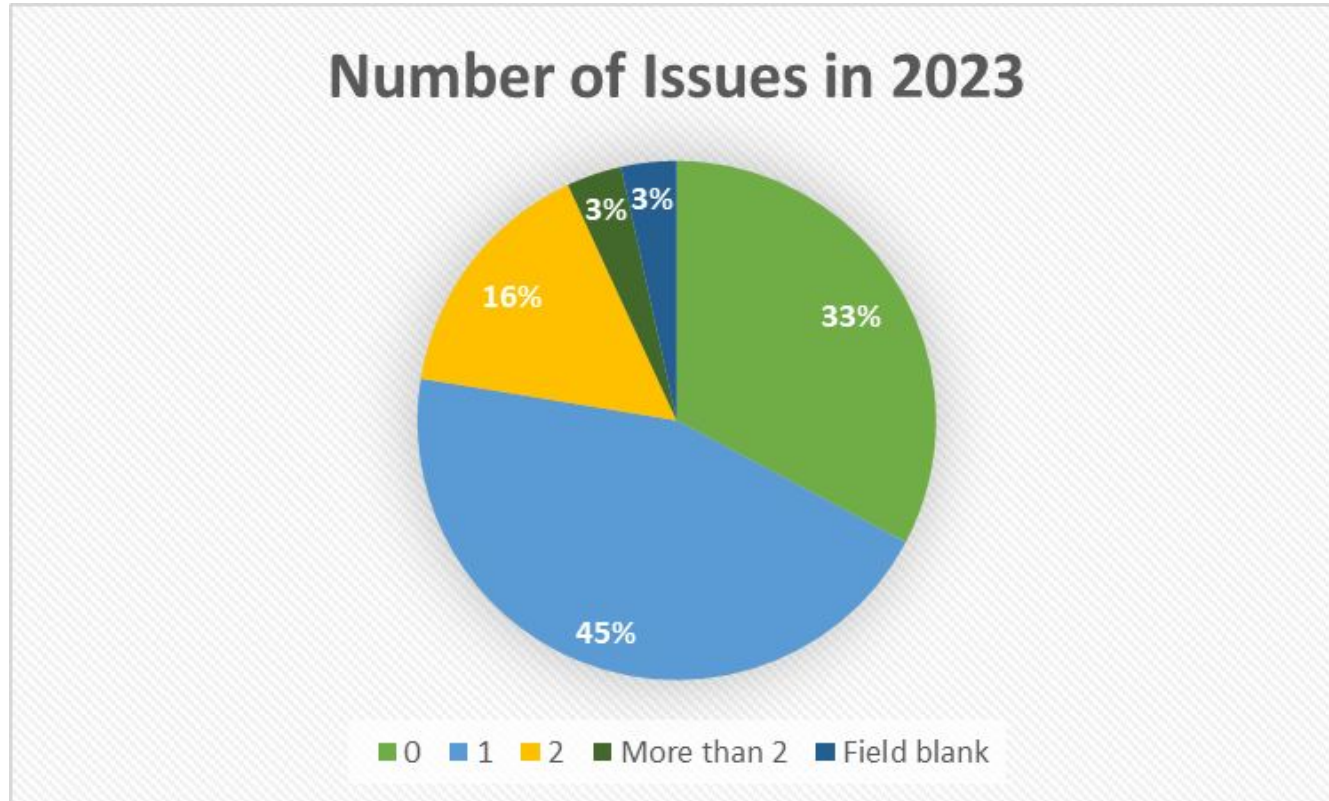
We have data for 58 of those journals

All data is for the year 2023

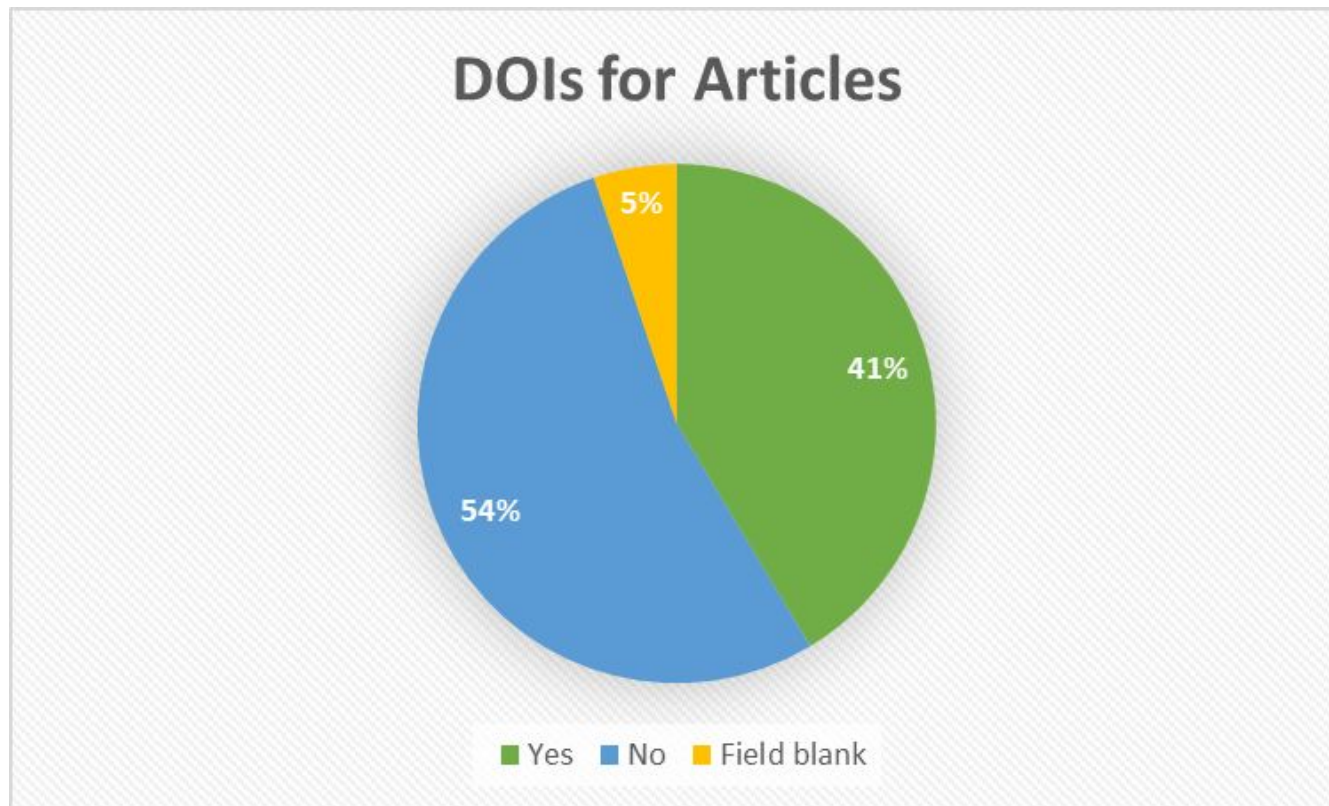
Total article abstract views: 361,363

Total article file downloads: 549,690

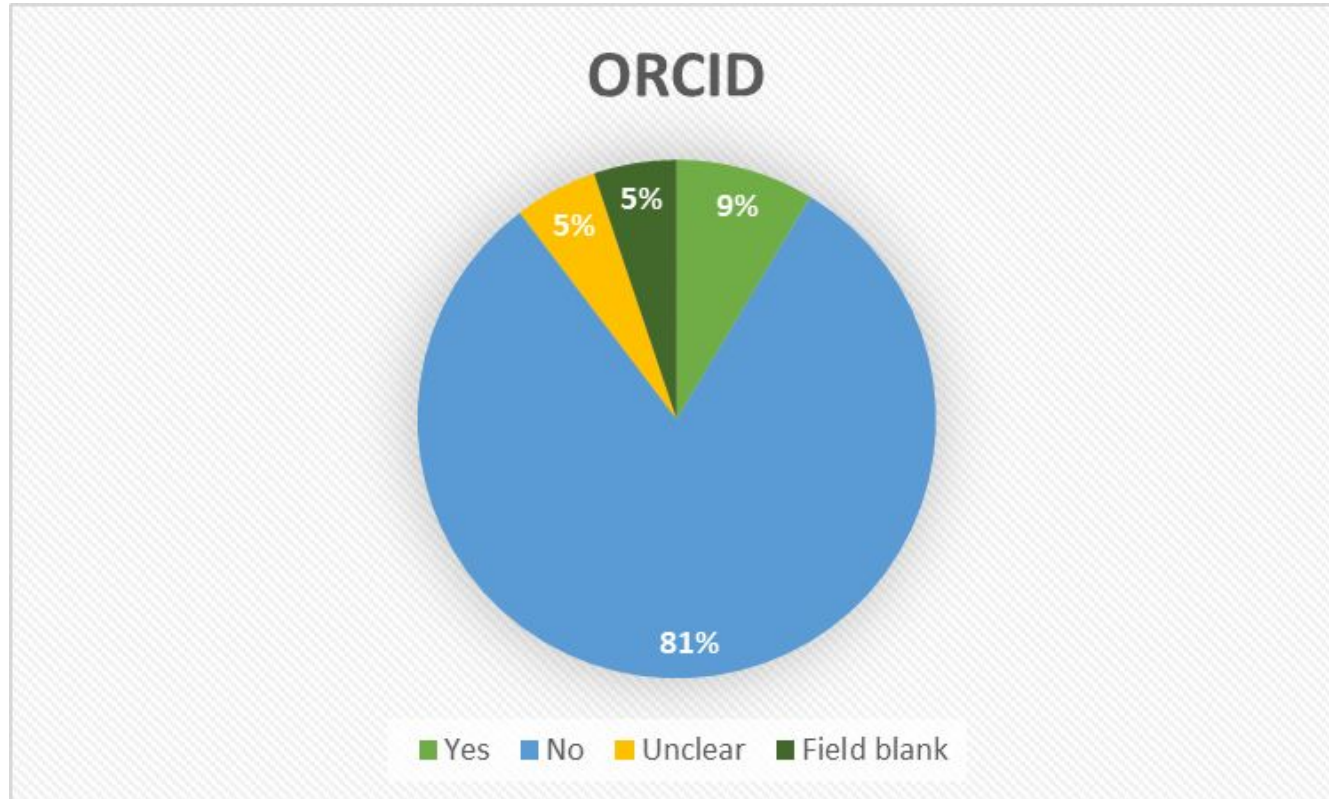
Number of published issues in 2023



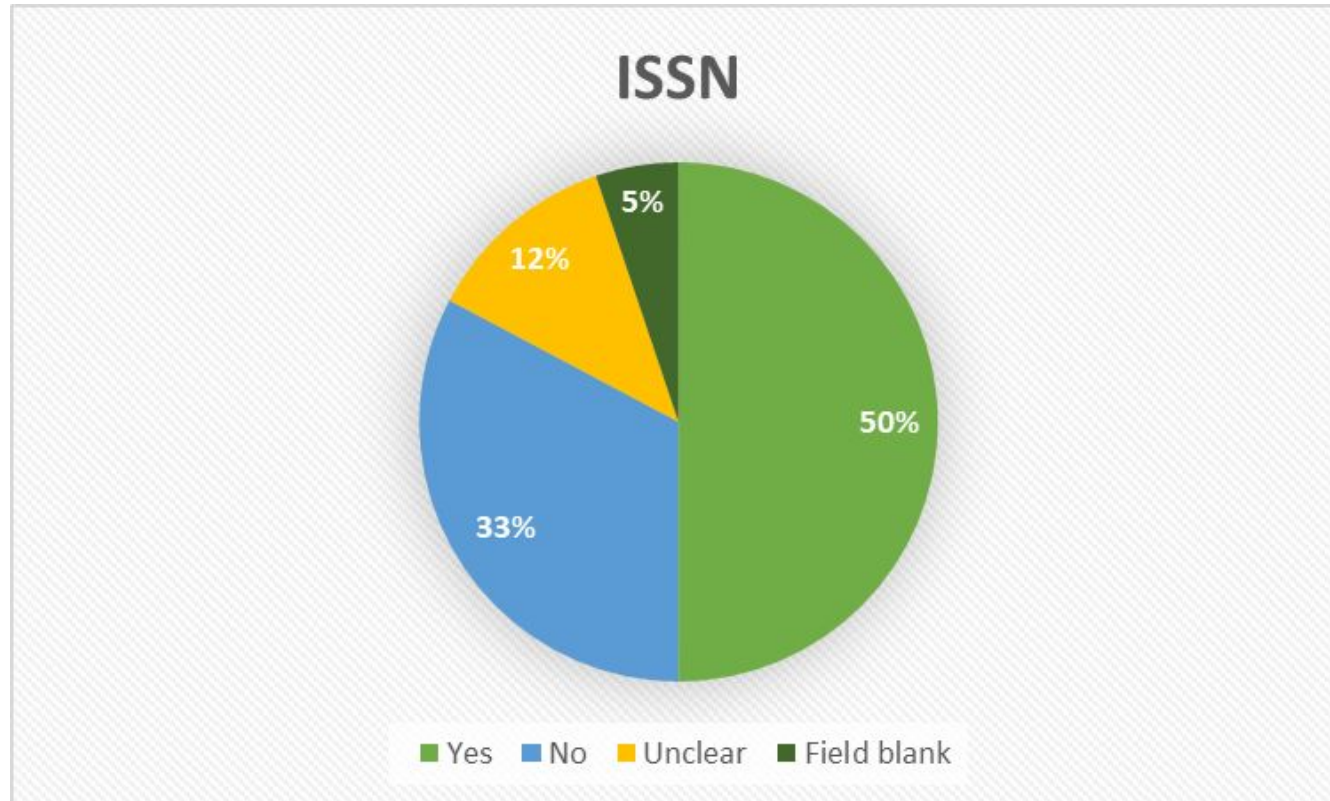
Are DOIs created for articles?



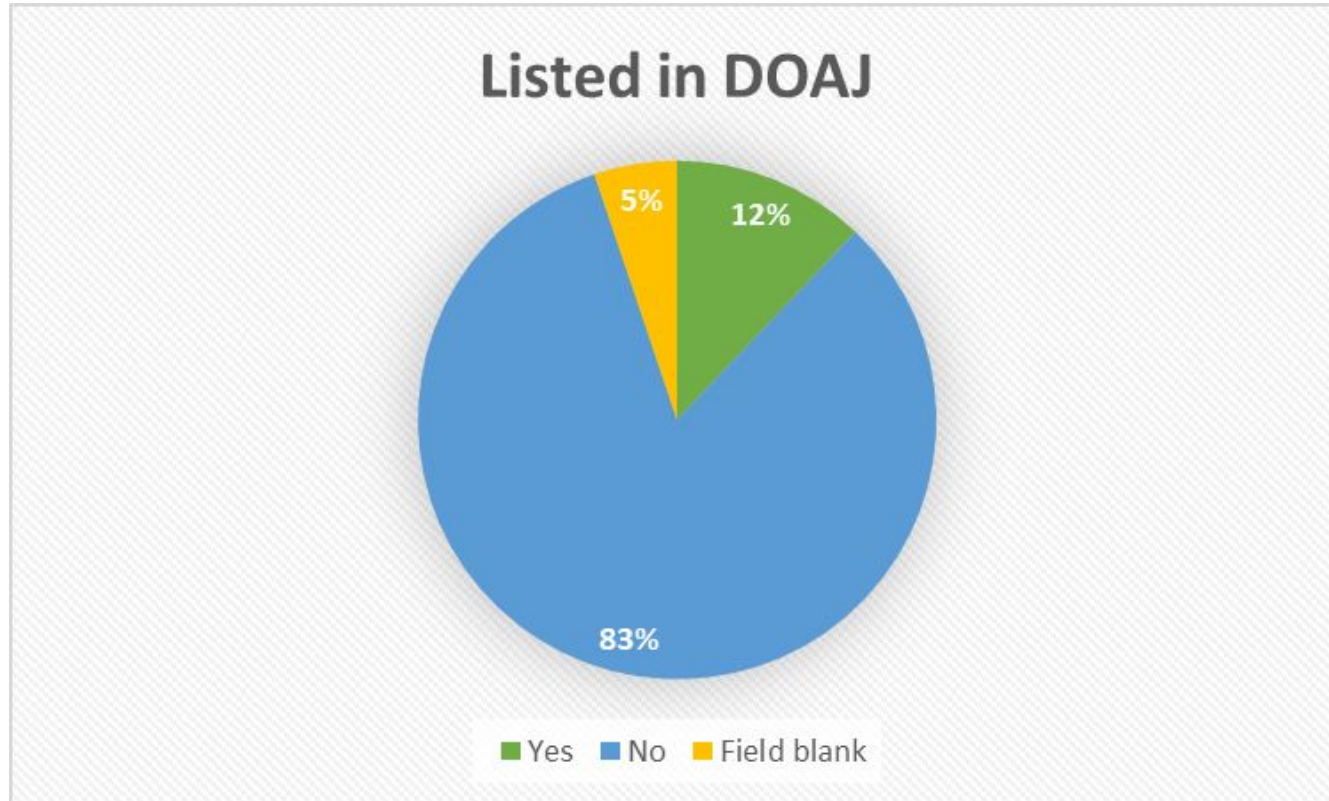
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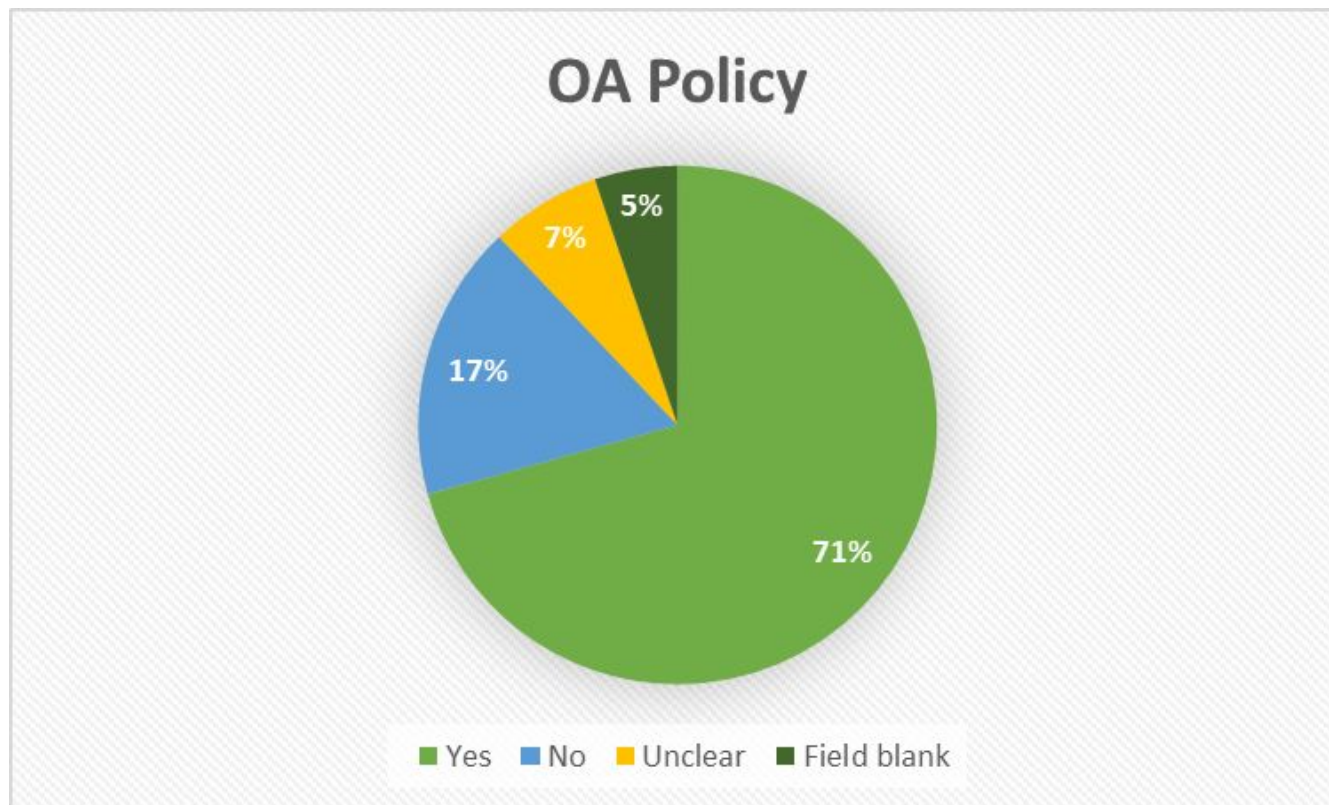
Does the journal have an ISSN?



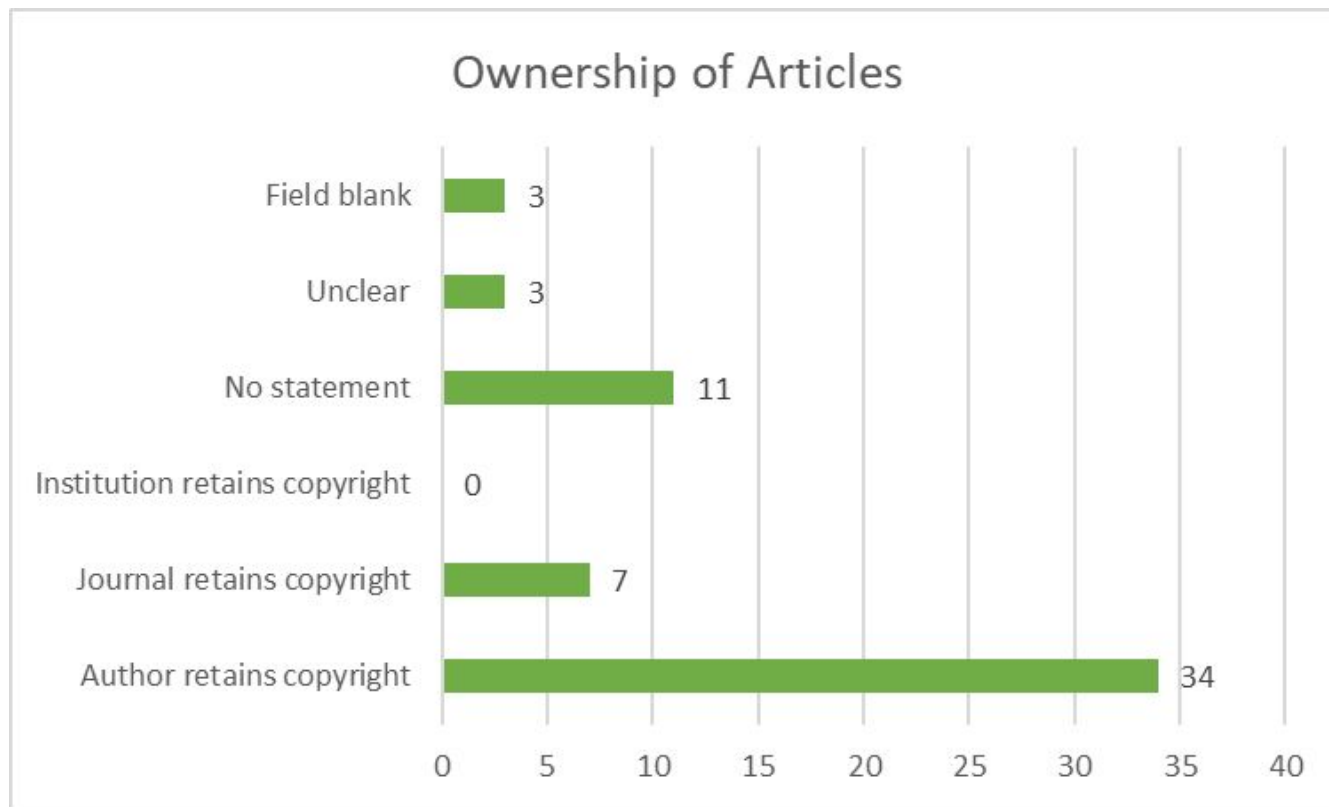
Is the journal indexed in DOAJ?



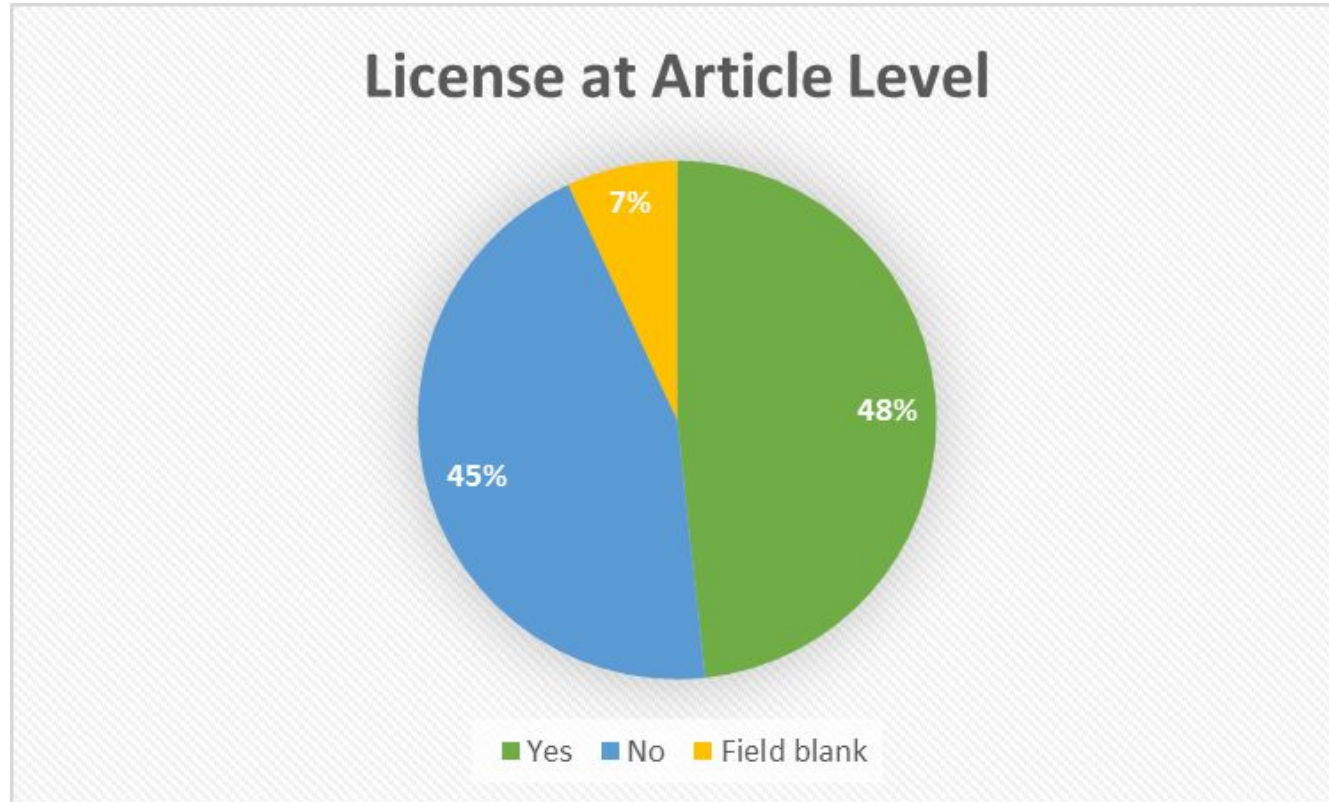
Does journal have a clear OA policy stated?



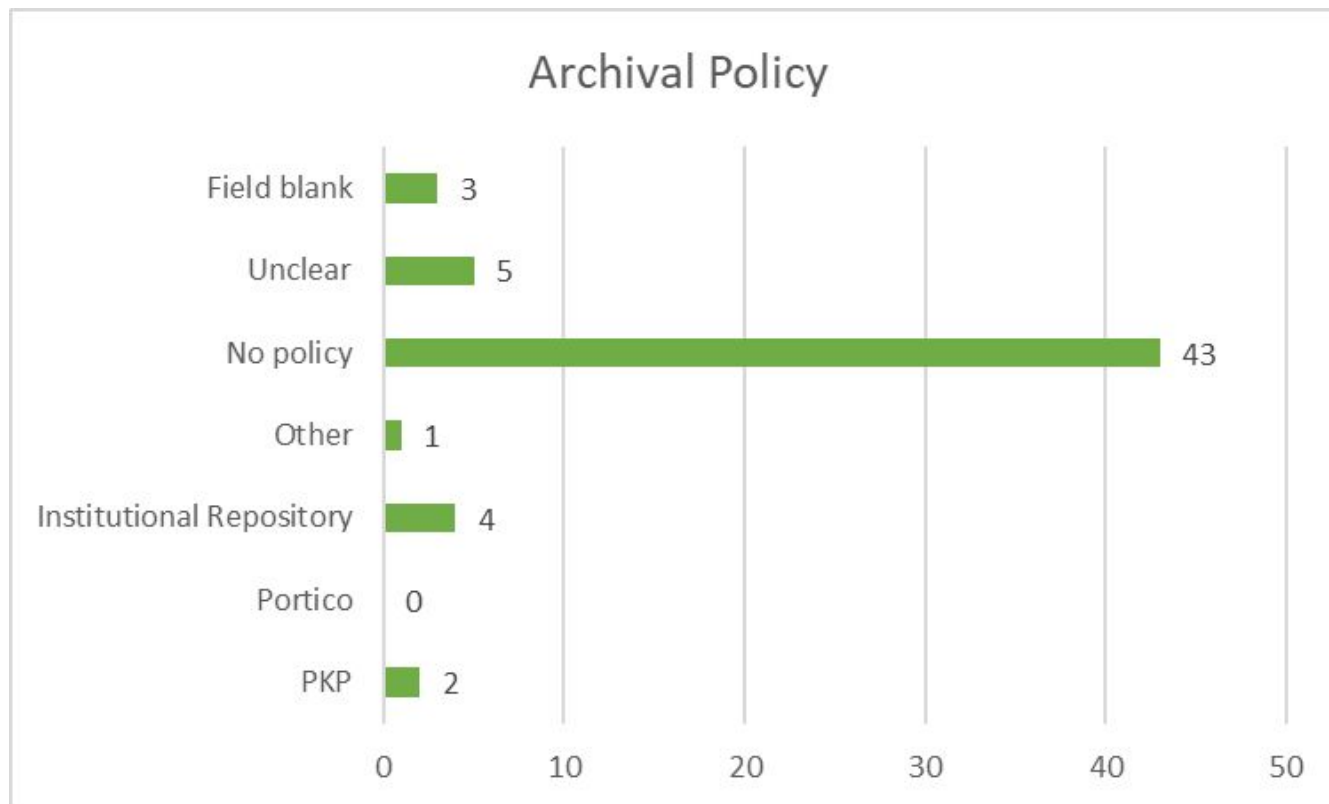
Does journal clearly address ownership of articles?



Is there a licensing statement at the article level?



Is there an archival policy?



Data summary

83% are not in DOAJ (yet)

- 41% have DOIs for articles
- 50% have an ISSN
- 61% clearly state author retains copyright
- 48% include licensing at the article level
- 13% have an archival policy

Discussion

New Statement

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Discussion

1. What is your experience in the journal publishing landscape?
2. How engaged with policy work are your journals?
3. Have you worked with journals that have unclear policies?
4. How can TDL support strengthening your journals?
 - a. Template language?
 - b. Best practices?
 - c. Recommendations?

Resources

DOAJ Guide to Applying: <https://doaj.org/apply/guide/>

LPC Journal Best Practices Checklist:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OcdU1MHHdYHbdk-p8o92J4uO7lIaplImRu2c8-IJvqU/edit?usp=sharing>

Open Access Journals Toolkit: <https://www.oajournals-toolkit.org/>

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More questions?
