**Centre for Translational Medicine – Suggested publication policy for PhD students and their tutors.**

Dear Colleagues,

As we noted multiple times before, we expect that the first submission of a manuscript for publication should be directed to a **D1-level journal and published OPEN ACCESS**. However, most OPEN ACCESS options cost huge amounts of money (in the range of 3000-5000 Euros), and no funding is available to cover this at CTM.

Therefore, we strongly suggest submitting your manuscript to a D1 journal where the OPEN ACCESS is **covered 100% by the Library of Semmelweis University**, based on already set contracts. In the folder below, you can find the list of these journals. The tables also show the level of coverage (100%, 50%, or 0%) of the University:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1yx2QbH2Se9tuxOvn6SBho80z_Hnzod5L>

**Steps to follow when first submitted:**

1. Find at least 6-8 D1 journals in your research field from the lists above. Find journals with an impact factor above 3.
2. Send inquiry letter for journals (attach the abstract of your paper). Cover letter should include the importance of the topic, the problem addressed, and the influence that the results will have.
3. Choose your journal based on the received answer. However, also take into account the journal’s average review time.

Furthermore, the **general rules and process to be followed for open-access** coverage by Semmelweis University can be seen at:

<https://lib.semmelweis.hu/oaf>

**Other journals can be found at:**

<https://lib.semmelweis.hu/journals_catalogue/advanced>

and

<https://www.scimagojr.com/>

Lastly, if the **PhD student and/or the tutor has the financial capability**, they can publish in OPEN ACCESS, D1 journals that Semmelweis University does not cover.

Best regards,   
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