

## Methodology for the selection of individual journals for 2018+

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### Introduction

The acquisition of individual journal titles is rather exceptional throughout most of the consortia and is usually limited to the most prestigious (and most expensive) journals such as Nature and Science (see e.g. FinELib).

Hence the CzechELib Methodology also contains a number of exceptions and qualified recommendations from the Expert Council.

### Principle:

Only the most prestigious titles from the upper percentile (determined according to the Scopus database) will be supported.

### Definitions:

**EIR** means an electronic information source approved by the Expert Council as a resource for science and research support.

**SJR** means the SCImago Journal Rank.

**PI** means a participating institution.

**Access to EIR** means institutional access to EIR (IP ranges; authentication via Shibboleth, where authorization is granted on the basis of affiliation). The possibility of remote access for users from other institutions based on an individual registration is **not considered** to be access to EIR.

The **number of PI votes** means the number of institutions that voted for a given EIR. If an institution secures **access to EIR** for multiple legal persons, its vote for this EIR is equal to the number of these institutions (note: this practically applies only to selected cases for the Library of the Czech Academy of Sciences and for the Institute of Physiology of the Czech Academy of Sciences) and these cases must be explicitly approved by the CzechELib Expert Council.

### Selection procedure

Journal category	Brief characteristics	Generally required number of PI votes



A	In the upper percentile according to the SJR in the Scopus database	3
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### Percentile and decile determination procedure

The upper percentile is determined as the unification of the upper percentiles from the individual years of 2012 to 2016 from the list of journals in the Scopus database.

### Exclusions

#### Excluded formats

Print only journals are excluded. Journals printed in combination with electronic version (print + online bundle) are excluded.

#### Excluded by collection coverage

Journals included in collections already acquired through CzechELib are also excluded (voting in 2017). Titles covered in aggregator/archive collections (ProQuest, EBSCO, JSTOR) may be included if these titles are embargoed in the aggregator collections.

Publisher differentiation is at the "Publisher" not "Publisher\_Imprint" level. This means that Cell Press is considered a separate publisher, as is Nature Publishing Group.

In 2018, Open Access publishers will not yet be supported.

### List compilation

The list of titles for category A is compiled by CzechELib with institutions indicating their interest. If the number of interested institutions equals or exceeds the 3+ limit, the journal proceeds to the next round (price survey).

### Exceptions

An exception is made for Nature Publishing Group (now labelled Nature Research Group at SpringerNature), AAAS (Science ad.) and Cell Press because the majority of the portfolio is in the upper percentile, consortium formation is allowed at the NPG (NRG), AAAS and Cell Press level, so the 3+ limit is not required for each individual title and the limit 3+ for any of these three publishers is sufficient.

