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## Journals and book serials: a comparison

	Journals	Book serials
Content types	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Primarily original research articles</li> <li>All content is peer-reviewed (by two independent reviewers)</li> <li>Submitted content consists of full articles, but also short communications and review articles</li> <li>Invited content consists of review articles and special issues, the latter being themed issues dedicated to hot areas in the field</li> <li>Explored options for new article types (data articles, method articles, protocols)</li> <li>Specific technical writing style, written for experts by experts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comprehensive review articles</li> <li>Articles are commissioned and reviewed by a serial editor or volume editor</li> <li>Content consists of method and protocol articles, which provide a review of the latest content</li> <li>Review articles provide an account of an area's 'past, present, and future' and an overview of how to use specific research tools and approaches</li> <li>Writing style is accessible and easy to understand for non-expert readers</li> </ul>
Editors/editorial board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Editors are experts in their field and are committed to a journal for a long-term period (ca. 7–10 years)</li> <li>Board members (ca. 30–60 per journal) support editors by acting as reviewers, submitting articles and advising editors</li> </ul>	Small editorial teams comprising of one editor or a small group of editors, plus an editorial board
Authors	Global authorship with contributions from researchers at all stages of their career	Global authorship for all serials, with chapters generally led by senior researchers and career researchers



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