

Check the Authenticity of a Journal by Indexing It in the Web of Science

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Abstract

This paper describes how to check the authenticity of a journal using the Web of Science (formerly Thomson Reuters). The majority of researchers do not know how to check the indexing of a journal in the Thomson Reuter's database or in the Web of Science. In this study, we will use the research journal, Nature, as an example. The extensive indexing of the Web of Science includes ISI, SCI, SSCI, SCIE, ESCI, and AHCI.

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Procedure to Check Indexing in web of Science

A step-by-step procedure to check the indexing of a journal in the Web of Science (Thomson Reuter) database is show in Figures 1–6 below.

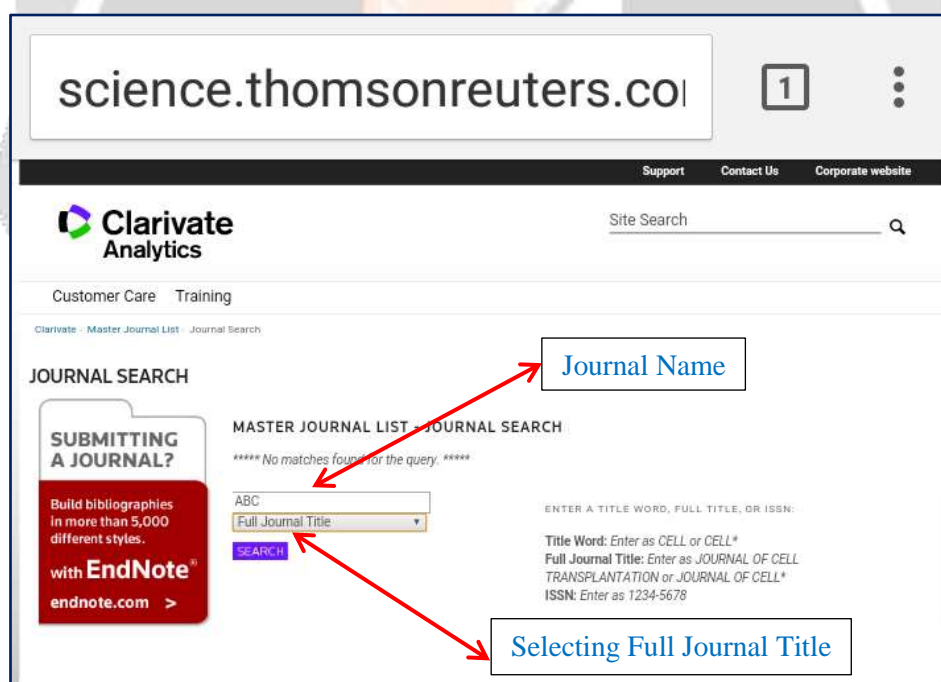


Figure 1

From the second tab, *Full Journal Title*, select the full title of the journal you wish to check, in this case, *ABC*. Next, click on blue search tab to see if the journal is indexed in the Web of Science.

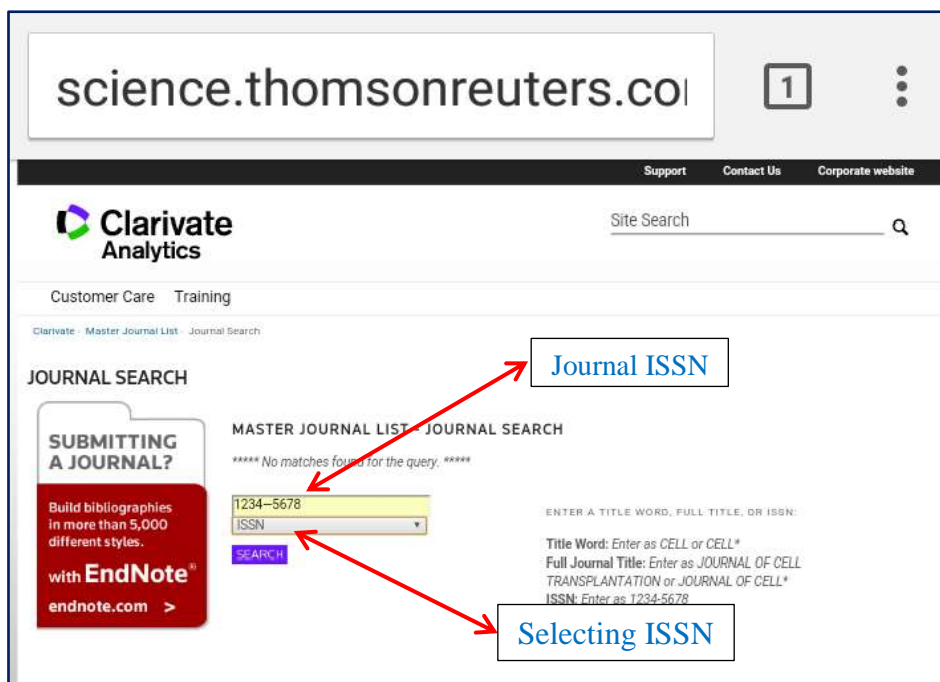


Figure 2

Figure 2 displays how a journal can also be searched by using its ISSN number. In this case, the ISSN number is entered. Next, ISSN is selected from the dropdown tab below the number, and then you simply click on the blue search tab to browse.

For example, in Figure 3, we will use the well-known journal, *Nature*.

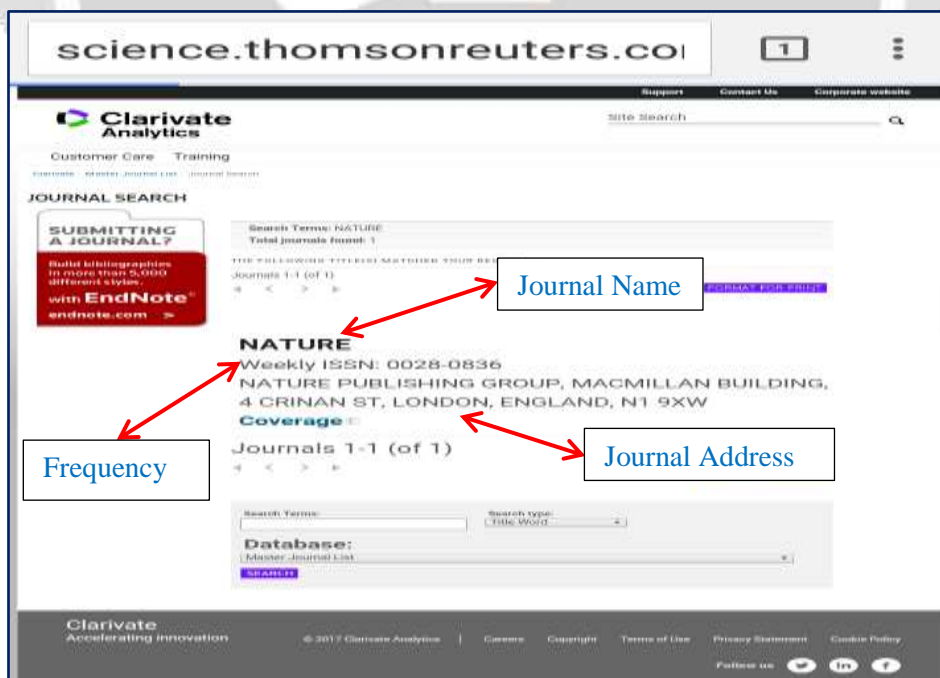


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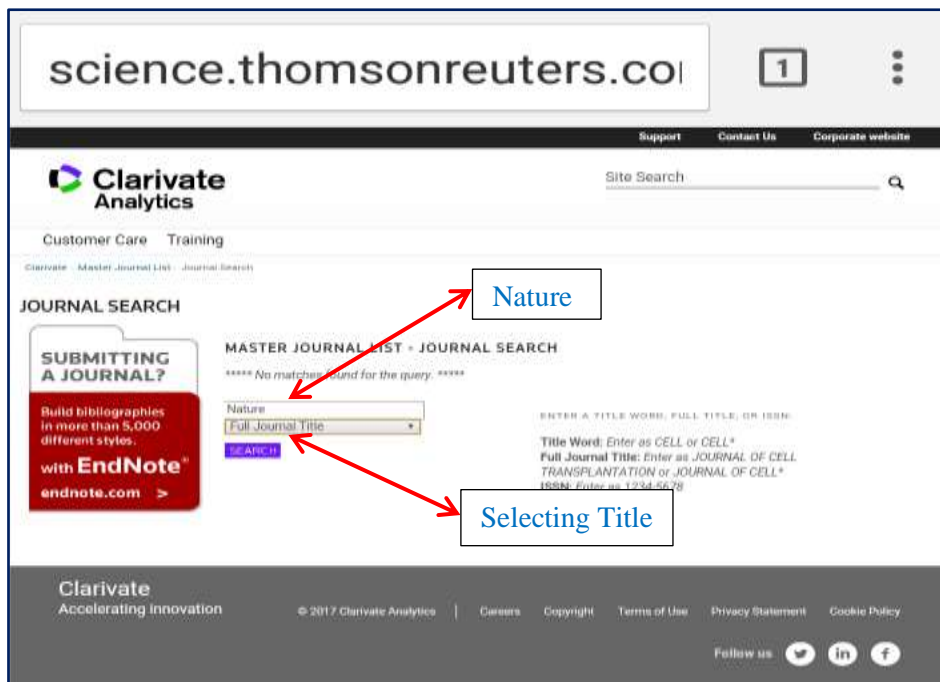


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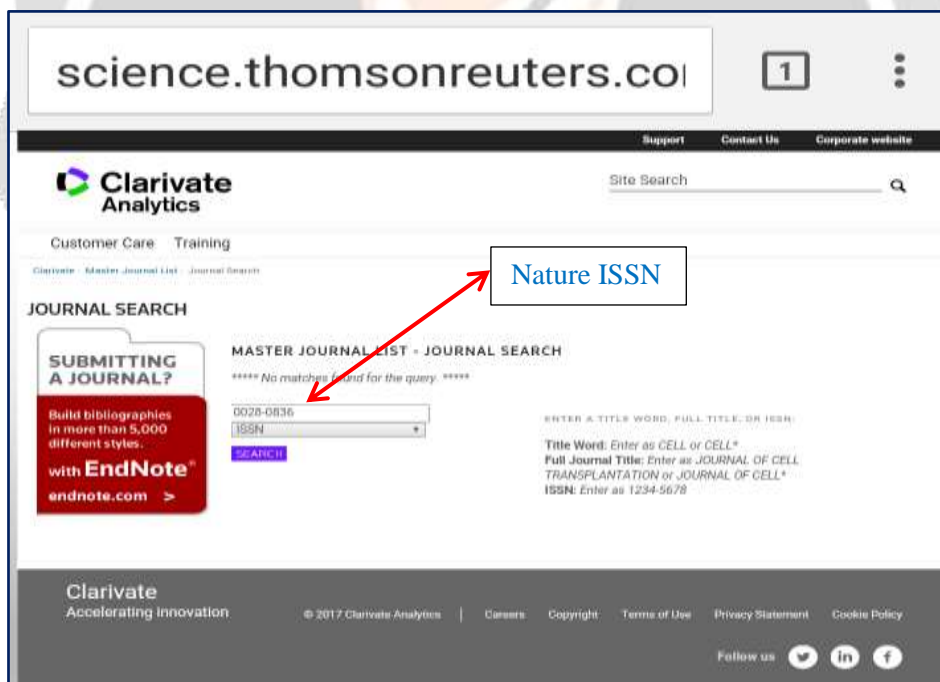


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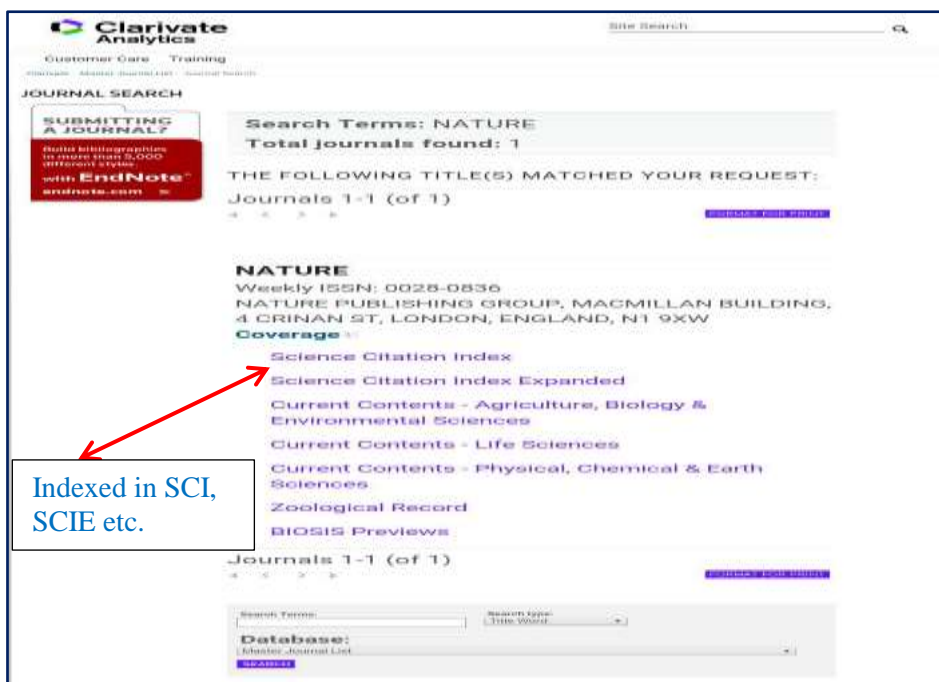


Figure 6

In the figure 6, coverage shows the Nature Journal is indexed in Science Citation Index (SCI), Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE), Current Contents - Agriculture, Biology & Environmental Sciences, Current Contents - Life Sciences, Current Content - Physical, Chemical & Earth Sciences, Zoological Record and BIOSIS Previews.

Abbreviations

- ISI International Scientific Indexing
- SCI Science Citation Index
- SSCI Social Science Citation Index
- SCIE Science Citation Index Expanded
- ESCI Emerging Sources Citation Index
- AHCI Arts and Humanities Citation Index
- ISSN International Standard Serial Number

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