Table 1: general details

Preprint Server (date launched/content first posted; number of articles ^a)	Platform Description	Scope	Ownership (O)/Ownership Type (OT)/For Profit status (P)/Technology (T; name & openness of source code)	Time to publication (T) / Processing Charges (C)
OSF Communities				
AfricArxiv [1] (22 June 2018; 62)	"is a free, open source and community-led digital archive for African research"	All scientific fields	O ^b : Small group of enthusiasts OT: Academic community group; charity P: Non-profit or not-for-profit T: Open Science Framework (open source)	T: A few days C: No fee to author
AgriXiv [2] (15 February 2017; 212)	"Preprints for Agriculture and Allied Sciences"	Relating to agriculture and allied sciences, including life sciences, medicine and health sciences, social and behavioural sciences	Ob: Open Access India and small group of enthusiasts OT: Academic community group P: Non-profit or not-for-profit T: Open Science Framework (open source)	T: Unknown C: No fee to author
Arabixiv [3] (2 July 2018; 365)	"The Arabic Preprint Server"	All scientific fields	O ^b : Small group of enthusiasts OT: Academic community group P: Non-profit or not-for-profit T: Open Science Framework (open source)	T: Up to 48 hours C: No fee to author
EcoEvoRxiv [4] (21 March 2018; 112)	"A free preprint service for ecology, evolution and conservation"	Subject-specific, including ecology, evolution and conservation	O ^b : Transparency in Ecology and Evolution OT: Academic community group P: Non-profit or not-for-profit T: Open Science Framework (open source)	T: Up to 48 hours C: No fee to author
FocUS Archive [5] (20 September 2017; 41)	"A free preprint service for the focused ultrasound research community"	Relating to ultrasound, including life sciences, medicine and health sciences	Ob: Focused Ultrasound Foundation OT: Funding organisation (funder); medical research organisation P: Unknown T: Open Science Framework (open source)	T: Unknown C: No fee to author
Frenxiv [6] (06 July 2018; 59)	"The French server for Preprints in all the scientific fields"	All scientific fields	Ob: Small group of enthusiasts OT: Individual or community P: Non-profit or not-for-profit T: Open Science Framework (open source)	T: A few days C: No fee to author
INA-Rxiv [7] (17 August 2017; 10,573)	"a preprint server for Indonesian academia to provide an open, free and sustainable scientific repository"	All scientific fields	O ^b : Indonesia open science team OT: Academic community group P: Non-profit or not-for-profit T: Open Science Framework (open source)	T: Unknown C: No fee to author
MarXiv [8] (09 November 2017; 394) – note: no longer on the OSF	"The free research repository for the ocean and marine-climate sciences"	Relating to ocean and marine climate sciences, including life sciences, social and behavioural sciences	Ob: Open Communications for the Ocean (OCTO group) OT: Publishing organisation P: For profit T: Open Science Framework (open source)	T: Up to 48 hours C: No fee to author
MetaArXiv [9] (17 March 2017; 64)	"An interdisciplinary archive of articles focused on improving research transparency and reproducibility"	Relating to meta-science	Ob: The Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in the Social Sciences (BITSS), Centre for Effective Global Action, University of California, Berkeley OT: Academic institution P: Non-profit or not-for-profit	T: Unknown C: No fee to author

			T: Open Science Framework (open source)	
MindRxiv [10] (17 July 2017; 169)	"Open archive for research on mind and contemplative practices"	Relating to mind and contemplative practices, including medicine and health sciences, neuroscience and neurobiology, psychology, social and behavioural sciences	O ^b : Mind and Life Institute OT: Academic institution P: Non-profit or not-for-profit T: Open Science Framework (open source)	T: Same day C: No fee to author
NutriXiv [11] (11 September 2017; 43)	"A free preprint service for the nutritional sciences"	Relating to nutritional sciences	O ^b : Unknown OT: Unknown P: Unknown T: Open Science Framework (open source)	T: Unknown C: No fee to author
OSF Preprints [12] (23 May 2007; 8,962)	"OSF Preprints is a preprints discovery site, where you can search not only the preprints in all subjects hosted at OSF Preprints, but also preprints on partner sites such as arXiv, AgriXiv, engrXiv, PsyArXiv and SocArXiv"	All scientific fields	O ^b : Center for Open Science OT: Charity P: Non-profit or not-for-profit T: Open Science Framework (open source)	T: Unknown C: No fee to author
PaleorXiv [13] (18 August 2017; 146)	"is a free, open source and community-led digital archive for Paleontology research"	Relating to palaeontology and paleobiology research	O ^b : Small group of enthusiasts OT: Academic community group P: Non-profit or not-for-profit T: Open Science Framework (open source)	T: A few days C: No fee to author
PsyArXiv [14] (09 December 2016; 5,952)	"is designed to facilitate rapid dissemination of psychological research"	Relating to psychology and psychological sciences	Ob: Society for the Improvement of Psychological Science (SIPS) OT: Scientific society P: Non-profit or not-for-profit T: Open Science Framework (open source)	T: A few days C: No fee to author
SocArxiv [15] (16 June 2017; 4,222)	"open archive of the social sciences"	Relating to social sciences including social and behavioural sciences	O ^b : University of Maryland, College Park (UMD) OT: Academic institution P: Non-profit or not-for-profit T: Open Science Framework (open source)	T: Unknown C: No fee to author
SportRxiv [16] (01 April 2017; 121)	" is the first community-led and open access subject repository dedicated to sport, exercise, performance, and health research"	Relating to sports and exercise science, including rehabilitation and therapy, theatre, dance, physiology, physiotherapy, psychology, sociology	Ob: Society for Transparency, Openness, and Replication in Kinesiology (STORK) OT: Scientific society P: Non-profit or not-for-profit T: Open Science Framework (open source)	T: A few days C: No fee to author
Thesis Commons [17] (21 April 2017; 469)	"An open archive of theses"	All scientific fields	Ob: Center for Open Science and small group of enthusiasts OT: Academic community group; charity P: Non-profit or not-for-profit T: Open Science Framework (open source)	T: Unknown C: No fee to author
Open Research Bundles AAS Open Research [18] (18 April 2018; 52) – Verified	"is a platform for rapid publication and open peer review for researchers supported by AAS (African Academy of Sciences) and programs supported through its funding platform, AESA (Accelerating Excellence in Science in Africa's)"	Multiple scientific fields, including health and wellbeing ^c	O: African Academy of Sciences OT: Funding organisation (funder) P: Non-profit or not-for-profit T: Custom F1000 software (closed source)	T: Up to 1 week C: No fee to author (APC between £120-£800 typically paid by AAS)

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AMRC Open Research [19] (19 February 2019; 7)	"A platform for rapid author-led publication and open peer review of research funded by	Broad life & biomedical research, including basic scientific, translational, applied and clinical	O: Association of Medical Research Charities OT: Funding organisation (funder), membership	T: Up to 1 week C: Author fee applies
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vermed	Charities) member charities"	research	P: Non-profit or not-for-profit	£20 per poster, slide or
	chartees, member chartees		T: Custom F1000 software (closed source)	document)
Gates Open Research [20]	"is a platform for rapid author-led	Global health, global development, global growth	O: Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation	T: Up to 1 week
(06 November 2017; 165)	publication and open peer review of	and opportunity	OT: Funding organisation (funder)	C: No fee to author (APC
– Verified	research funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates		P: Non-profit or not-for-profit	between \$150-\$1500 ^d
	Foundation"		T: Custom F1000 software (closed source)	paid by the Gates
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HRB Open Research [21]	"is a platform for HRB-funded (Health	Broad life & biomedical research, including	O: Health Research Board Ireland	T: Up to 1 week
(28 February 2018; 50) –	Research Board) researchers to rapidly	exploratory, translational, biomedical, clinical,	OT: Funding organisation (funder)	C: No fee to author (APC
Verified	publish their research outputs in an open	epidemiological, health services research	P: Non-profit or not-for-profit	between €123-€818 ^d
	and accessible way"		T: Custom F1000 software (closed source)	paid by HRB)
MNI Open Research [22]	"is a platform for rapid publication and	Subject-specific, including brain imaging, cellular	O: Montreal Neurological Institute and Hospital,	T: Up to 1 week
(05 December 2017; 11) –	open peer review of research conducted by	and molecular neuroscience, cognitive	McGill University	C: No fee to author (APC
Verified	MNI (Montreal Neurological Institute) and	neuroscience, neurological diseases/disorders	OT: Academic institution	between £116-£775 ^e
	hospital researchers"		P: Non-profit or not-for-profit	paid by MNI)
			T: Custom F1000 software (closed source)	
Wellcome Open Research	"A new way for Wellcome-funded	Broad life & biomedical research, including basic	O: Wellcome Trust	T: Up to 1 week
[23]	researchers to rapidly publish any results	scientific, translational and clinical research	OT: Funding organisation (funder)	C: No fee to author (APC
(15 November 2016; 454)	they think are worth sharing"		P: Non-profit or not-for-profit	between £116-£775 ^d
– Verified			T: Custom F1000 software (closed source)	paid by Wellcome)
Others				
arXiv [24]	"Open access toe-prints"	Multiple scientific fields, including quantitative	O: Cornell University	T: A few days
(14 August 1991;		biology ^c	OT: Academic institution	C: No fee to author
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verilled			T: Custom Authorea software (proprietary software	
			with some open source components)	
bioRxiv [26]	"is a free online archive and distribution	Broad life & biomedical research (from animal	O: Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory (CSHL)	T: Up to 48 hours
(7 November 2013;	service for unpublished preprints in the life	behaviour and cognition to zoology)	OT: Academic institution	C: No fee to author
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			software with some open source components)	
Cell Press Sneak Peek [27]	"is an author opt-in preview of the papers	Subject-specific, including cancer; stem cell;	O: Elsevier	T: A few days
(02 April 2018; 1,530) –	under review in [Cell Press] primary research	neuron; cell development; biology; immunity	OT: Publishing organisation (publisher)	C: No fee to author
Verified	journals"	,,	P: For-profit	
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ChemRxiv [28]	"is a free submission, distribution and	Subject-specific, including biological and	O: American Chemical Society, German Chemical	T: Up to 48 hours
(15 August 2017; 360)	archive service for unpublished preprints in	medicinal chemistry	Society, and Royal Society of Chemistry	C: No fee to author
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			P: Non-profit or not-for-profit	
			T: Figshare (closed source)	
ChinaXiv [29]	"is an open repository of Chinese scientific	All scientific fields	O: Chinese Academy of Sciences	T: Unknown
(25 January 2016; 13,005)	research papers in the field of natural		OT: Academic institution	C: No fee to author
	sciences"		P: Non-profit or not-for-profit	
			T: Java, SQL server (closed source)	
Earth and Space Science	"is a community server established to	Relating to earth, environmental, and space	O: American Geophysical Union (AGU), Wiley	T: A few days
Open Archive (ESSOAr)	accelerate the open discovery and	sciences (subject-specific topics include biology,	OT: Scientific society; publishing organisation	C: No fee to author
[30]	dissemination of Earth and space science"	microbiology and public health)	(publisher)	
(11 February 2018; 61) –			P: Non-profit or not-for-profit	
Verified			T: Atypon/Literatum (closed source)	
F1000 Research [31]	"is an Open Research publishing platform	Broad life & biomedical research, including basic	O: F1000 Research Ltd.	T: Up to 1 week
(13 July 2012; 2,911) –	for life scientists, offering immediate	scientific, translational and clinical research	OT: Publishing organisation (publisher)	C: author fee applies
Verified	publication of articles and other research	within the life sciences and medicine	P: For-profit	(min \$150; max \$2000
	outputs without editorial bias"		T: Custom F1000 software (closed source)	US)d
JMIR Preprints [32]	"A preprint server for pre-publication/pre-	Broad life & biomedical research	O: JMIR Publications Inc.	T: Unknown
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available)	community review as well as ahead-of-print		P: Unknown	c. No ree to dathor
available)	(accepted) manuscripts"		T: Unknown	
MedRxiv [33]	"is a free online archive and distribution	Broad medical, clinical and related health	O: Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory (CSHL), Yale	T: A few days
(25 June 2019; 289) –	server for complete but unpublished	sciences	University and BMJ	C: No fee to author
(25 June 2019; 289) – Verified	manuscripts (preprints) in the medical,	sciences	OT: Academic institution	C: No ree to author
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	clinical, and related health sciences"		P: Non-profit or not-for-profit	
			T: Highwire Preprint & BenchPress (proprietary	
			software with some open source components)	
MitoFit Preprint Archives	"Open Access preprint server for	Subject-specific, including mitochondrial	O: Oroborus Instruments	T: Up to 1 week
[34]	mitochondrial physiology and bioenergetics"	physiology, bioenergetics, ergodynamics	OT: Life sciences tech company	C: No fee to author
(12 February 2019; 13)			P: Non-profit or not-for-profit	
			T: MediaWiki (open source)	
NeuroImage: Clinical -	"is an author opt-in preview of the papers	Subject-specific, including diseases, disorders and	O: Elsevier	T: A few days
First Look [35]	currently under consideration in	syndromes involving the nervous system,	OT: Publishing organisation (publisher)	C: No fee to author
(01 August 2018; 12) –	[NeuroImage: Clinical]"	neuroimaging	P: For-profit	
Verified			T: Unknown	
PeerJ Preprints [36]	"is the 'pre-print' area of PeerJ"	Biological, medical and environmental sciences,	O: PeerJ	T: Up to 24 hours
(04 April 2013, 4,847;	·	matching scope to <i>PeerJ</i> journal (excludes Clinical	OT: Publishing organisation (publisher)	C: No fee to author
NOTE: No new preprints		Trials, diagnostic, therapeutic or health	P: For-profit	
accepted after 30		implications)	T: Custom PeerJ Preprints software (closed source)	
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Preprints.org [38] (02 July 2016; 11,443)	"is a multidisciplinary preprint platform that makes scientific manuscripts from all fields of research immediately available"	All scientific fields	O: MDPI (Multidisciplinary Digital Publishing Institute) OT: Publishing organisation (publisher) P: Non-profit or not-for-profit T: Custom software (closed source)	T: Up to 24 hours C: No fee to author
Research Square [39] (15 October 2018; 5,785) – Verified	"lets you share your work early, gain feedback from the community, and start making changes to your paper prior to peer review in a journal"	All scientific fields	O: Research Square OT: Publishing services organisation P: For-profit T: Custom software (closed source)	T: A few days C: No fee to author
SciELO Preprints [40] (06 July 2018; 22) – Verified	"focus on manuscripts related to the main topics of the SciELO (Scientific Electronic Library Online) 20 Years Week agenda"	Multiple scientific fields including biological, health, human, applied social sciences ^c	O: SciELO and FAPESP Program OT: Research infrastructure program P: Non-profit or not-for-profit T: Open Journals System (open source)	T: A few days C: No fee to author
SSRN [41] (1994; Last 12 months: 66,501) – Verified	"is an open-access online preprint community providing valuable services to leading academic schools and government institutions"	Multiple scientific fields including applied sciences, health sciences, life sciences, social sciences ^c	O: Elsevier OT: Publishing organisation (publisher) P: For-profit T: Unknown	T: Up to 48 hours C: No fee to author
Surgery Open Science - First Look [42] (23 April 2019; 21) – Verified	"open access journal affiliated with the journal Surgery and striving to incorporate the strongest tenets of the open science movement including allowing author preprint"	Relating to surgery, matching scope to Surgery journal	O: Elsevier OT: Publishing organisation (publisher) P: Unknown T: Unknown	T: A few days C: No fee to author
Therapoid [43] (08 February 2017; 3) – Verified	"an open web platform for scientific collaboration by Open Therapeutics"	Relating to pharmaceutical, medical device, and medical/health diagnostic technologies	O: Open Therapeutics OT: Life sciences tech company P: For-profit T: Custom software (proprietary software with some open source components)	T: Same day C: No fee to author
ViXra [44] (25 February 2007; 31,271)	"An alternative archive in Science and Mathematics serving the whole scientific community"	Multiple scientific fields, including biology ^c	O: Small group of enthusiasts OT: Individual or community P: Non-profit or not-for-profit T: Custom viXra software with services from formsite.com and disqus.com (closed source)	T: Up to 48 hours C: No fee to author

APC: Article Processing Charge

^a As of 11th September 2019; ^b OSF communities are still working out the balance of ownership between service leads and the Centre for Open Science; ^c Disciplinary scope of server is broader – we list only those relevant to biomedical and health sciences; ^d Based on article length, surcharges may apply for articles with unusually large word counts; ^e MNI will pay for one publication per lab only.

Table 2: scope & publishing practices: submission, viewing, discoverability & reuse

Preprint Server	Major content accepted (level of research ^a , where known)	Content Language(s)	Permitted submission formats (S) Viewing options (V) Unique identifier (I; if DOI, prefix in brackets) Versioning policy / version identifiers (VP) Licensing options (L) Reader registration required to view or download full content (R)	Journal submission options / External indexing / Preprint displays link to journal publication (PL)	External content indexing (EI) / Metadata availability (MA) / Machine-readable full-text content (MR)
OSF Communities					
AfricArxiv [1]	Any scholarly content	Afrikaans, Akan, English, French, Igbo, Swahili, Zulu, other unspecified native African languages — summary must be provided in English and French, non- English languages held in moderation queue awaiting verification	S: PDF, Word doc, other text formats V: By PDF download, PDF viewable in browser without download I: DOI (10.31730/osf.io) VP: Accepts any new versions / each version receives its own DOI L: Authors must use CC-BY license R: No reader registration required	Journal submission: Unrestricted - manuscript can be published in any destination Journals directly associated with platform: None Facilitated submission to other journals: Not available PL: Can be added by author or journal	EI: Google Scholar, SHARE MA: Openly available via API (application programming interface) MR: No (planned in development roadmap)
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EcoEvoRxiv [4]	All article types, datasets (primary and secondary research)	English	S: PDF V: By PDF download, PDF viewable in browser without download I: DOI (10.32942/osf.io) VP: Accepts any new versions / each version receives its own DOI L: Authors can use any license	Journal submission: Unrestricted - manuscript can be published in any destination Journals directly associated with platform: None Facilitated submission to other journals: Not available	EI: Google Scholar, SHARE MA: Unknown MR: No (planned in development roadmap)

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INA-Rxiv [7]	Multiple types	English, Indonesian	S: PDF, Word doc, LaTeX, MarkDown	Journal submission: Unrestricted - manuscript	EI: Google Scholar, SHARE
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MetaArXiv [9]	Multiple types	English	S: PDF, Word doc, WordPerfect, LaTeX	Journal submission: Unrestricted – manuscript	EI: Google Scholar, SHARE
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	manuscripts,		download	,	MA: Openly available via API
	theses, conference		I: DOI (10.31222/osf.io)	Journals directly associated with platform: None	
	proceedings,		VP: Accepts any new versions / single DOI retained for		MR: No
	tutorials)		all versions		

MindRxiv [10]	Research manuscripts only	English	L: Authors must use CC-BY license R: No reader registration required S: Any format supported by OSF platform (PDF preferred) V: By PDF download, PDF viewable in browser without download I: DOI (10.31231/osf.io) VP: Accepts any new versions / single DOI retained for all versions L: Authors are provided with a choice of licenses: CCO, CC-BY, no license required; with CCO preferred	Facilitated submission to other journals: Not available PL: Can be added by author or journal Journal submission: Unrestricted – manuscript can be published in any destination Journals directly associated with platform: None Facilitated submission to other journals: Not available PL: Can be added by author or journal	EI: Google Scholar, SHARE MA: Openly available via API MR: No
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Others							
arXiv [24] – Verified	M: No S: Yes	A: Yes R: Yes	None as yet DAS: Not requested or required	arXiv moderators (including active researchers) check for: plagiarism, misconduct or integrity checks, authors are genuine, ethical and legal compliance, relevance of material	P: Permanent with no removal options (as long as archive exists) R: None W: Not applicable	Social media or direct with authors (except copyright violations or significant issues)	S: External financial support (grants and membership program: libraries, research labs, philanthropy, government funding) P: Persistent access through mirror sites, no external preservation services used as yet
Authorea [25] – Verified	M: No S: Yes	A: No R: Not applicable (no advisory board)	Yes, in process of becoming compliant, without stating on website DAS: Not requested or required	Submissions are checked for spam	P: Content maybe removed by operator/owner only R: Policy not yet in place W: Not applicable (at this time)	Email administrator	S: Other business model not based on direct preprinting charges or associated journal (acquisition and investment from Atypon, part of Wiley) P: Preprints permanently archived in Portico
bioRxiv [26] – Verified	M: Yes S: Yes	A: Yes R: Yes	None as yet DAS: Not requested or required	bioRxiv staff and scientific affiliates (including active researchers) check for: plagiarism, misconduct or integrity checks, ethical and legal compliance, clinical trial	P: Permanent with withdrawal options and (rare) removal in extraneous circumstances R: Removal: Legal or biohazard reasons; Withdrawal: Plagiarism,	Email administrator	S: Internal (Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory) and external financial support (multiyear grant funding from Chan Zuckerberg Initiative)

Cell Press Sneak Peek [27] – Verified	M: Yes S: Yes	A: Yes R: Yes	Unknown	registration, submission is within scope No information	false or inaccurate content, ethical and legal issues, co-author(s) did not consent to posting W: Withdrawn articles remain visible; For removed articles, basic information remains on a tombstone page P: Unknown R: Unknown W: Unknown	Unknown	P: Preprints permanently archived in Portico S: Unknown P: Unknown
ChemRxiv [28]	M: Yes S: Yes	A: Yes R: Yes	Yes, compliant, without stating on website DAS: Not requested or required	PhD-level chemists (including active researchers) check for: competing interests declared, plagiarism, misconduct or integrity checks, authors are genuine, all authors provide permission to post, ethical and legal compliance, funder acknowledgment, external data/code availability	P: Permanent with some removal options in extraneous circumstances R: Contravention of copyright, plagiarism, ethical and legal issues W: Basic information remains on a tombstone page	Email administrator, or contact ethics departments of governing partners	S: Nothing to report from server P: Agreement to dark archive content with TIB (Leibniz Information Centre for Science and Technology University Library)
ChinaXiv [29]	M: No S: No	A: Yes R: Yes	Unknown DAS: Not requested or required	Project team and scientists (including active researchers) check for: plagiarism, misconduct or integrity checks, authors are genuine	P: Permanent with no removal options R: Contravention of copyright, plagiarism, false or inaccurate content, ethical and legal issues W: Basic information remains on a tombstone page	None	S: Nothing to report from server P: Long term preservation in local
ESSOAr [30] – Verified	M: Yes S: Yes	A: Yes R: Yes	Yes, without stating on website DAS: Not requested or required	Editorial board members (including active researchers) check for: plagiarism, misconduct or integrity checks, authors are genuine, all authors provide permission to post, submission is scholarly and within scope	P: Permanent with some removal options in extraneous circumstances R: Copyright infringement or other ethical or legal issues the Advisory Board deems critical W: Unknown	Email administrator	S: Internal financial support (investment from Wiley and AGU) P: On roadmap: preprints to be permanently archived in Portico
F1000 Research [31] – Verified	M: Yes S: Yes	A: Yes R: Yes	Yes, compliant, stated on website DAS: Required	F1000's in-house editorial team check for: competing interest declaration, plagiarism, authors are genuine and at least one eligible for platform, authors provide permission to post, ethical and legal compliance,	P: Permanent with some removal options in extraneous circumstances R: Contravention of copyright, false or inaccurate content, ethical and legal issues	Email administrator	S: Nothing to report from server P: Preprints permanently archived in Portico

JMIR Preprints [32]	M: No S: Yes	A: Unknown R: Unknown	Unknown	funder acknowledgment, clinical trial registration, data/code availability, minimum reporting standards, relevance of material Unknown	W: Basic information remains on a tombstone page P: Unknown R: Unknown W: Unknown	Unknown	S: Unknown P: Unknown
MedRxiv [33] – Verified	M: Yes S: Yes	A: In formation (January 2020) R: Yes	None as yet DAS: Required	Submission is checked for: competing interests declared, plagiarism, misconduct or integrity checks, minimal reporting standards, ethical and legal compliance, clinical trial registration, funder acknowledgment, submission is within scope and no danger to human health	P: Permanent with withdrawal options and (rare) removal in extraneous circumstances R: Removal: Legal or biohazard reasons; Withdrawal: Plagiarism, false or inaccurate content, ethical and legal issues, co-author(s) did not consent to posting W: Withdrawn articles remain visible; For removed articles, basic information remains on a tombstone page	Unknown	S: Supported by CSHL P: Preprints permanently archived in Portico
MitoFit Preprint Archives [34]	M: Yes S: Yes	A: Yes R: Yes	Yes, endorses, stated on website DAS: Encouraged	Scientific Advisory Board members (including active researchers) check for: competing interests declared, misconduct or integrity checks, authors are genuine, funder acknowledgment	P: Permanent with some removal options in extraneous circumstances R: Plagiarism, ethical and legal issues, no appropriate declaration of conflicts of interest W: Basic information remains on a tombstone page	Community moderation via commenting	S: Other business model not based on direct preprinting charges or associated journal (maintained by MitoFit DOI Data Center) P: Backup kept in secondary server
NeuroImage: Clinical - First Look [35] – Verified	M: Yes S: Yes	A: Unknown R: Unknown	Unknown	No information	P: Unknown R: Unknown W: Unknown	Unknown	S: Unknown P: Unknown
PeerJ Preprints [36] — Verified	M: Yes S: Yes	A: Yes R: Yes	None DAS: Encouraged	PeerJ staff check for: competing interests declared, misconduct or integrity checks, ethical and legal compliance, funder acknowledgment	P: Permanent with some removal options in extraneous circumstances R: False or inaccurate content, additional reasons not stated W: Basic information remains on a tombstone page	Email administrator	S: Supported by associated journal publishing (PeerJ) P: Preprints permanently archived in Portico and EuropePMC

Preprints with The	M: Yes	A: Unknown	Unknown	SSRN staff and a Lancet editor	P: Unknown	Unknown	S: Unknown
Lancet [37] – Verified	S: Yes	R: Unknown		check for: competing interests declared, ethical and legal compliance, funder acknowledgment, clinical trial registration, relevance of material	R: Unknown W: Unknown		P: Unknown
Preprints.org [38]	M: Yes S: Yes	A: Yes R: Yes	None as yet DAS: Encouraged	Preprints staff and advisory board members (including active researchers) check for: plagiarism (as needed), authors are genuine, ethical and legal compliance, basic scientific content, data/code availability	P: Permanent with some removal options in extraneous circumstances R: Contravention of copyright, plagiarism, false or inaccurate content, ethical and legal issues, misconduct W: Basic information remains on a tombstone page if DOI has been issued, otherwise no web presence retained	Email administrator	S: Supported by associated journal publishing (MDPI) P: Currently no long-term preservation strategy
Research Square [39] – Verified	M: Yes S: Yes	A: Not yet R: Not applicable	None as yet DAS: Not requested or required	In-house editorial team checks for: competing interests declared, plagiarism (only for submissions to BMC), ethical and legal compliance, funder acknowledgment, clinical trial registration, relevance of material, basic scientific content, language, potential for harm	P: Permanent with some removal options in extraneous circumstances R: Contravention of copyright, ethical and legal issues W: Basic information remains on a tombstone page	Email administrator	S: Other business model not based on direct preprinting charges or associated journal (publishing services by Research Square) P: Preprints permanently archived in Portico
SciELO Preprints [40] – Verified	M: No S: No	A: Yes R: Yes	Yes, endorses, without stating on website DAS: Not requested or required	[when fully launched] SciELO editors (including active researchers) will check for: competing interests declared, plagiarism, misconduct and integrity checks, ethical and legal compliance, authors are genuine, all authors provide permission to post, clinical trial registration, funder acknowledgment, data/code availability	P: Permanent with some removal options in extraneous circumstances R: Contravention of copyright, plagiarism, false or inaccurate content, ethical and legal issues W: No web presence retained	Email administrator	S: Internal financial support (SciELO program) P: Plan to use LOCKSS-compatible preservation strategy [once full operation launched]
SSRN [41] – Verified	M: No S: No	A: Yes R: Yes	Unknown	SSRN staff check for relevance of material	P: Content maybe removed by author (or operator/owner) R: Contravention of copyright, plagiarism, false or inaccurate content, ethical and legal issues	Email administrator	S: Unknown P: Unknown

Surgery Open Science - First Look [42] - Verified	M: No S: No	A: Unknown R: Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	W: Unknown P: Unknown R: Unknown W: Unknown	Unknown	S: Unknown P: Unknown
Therapoid [43] – Verified	M: No S: No	A: Yes R: Yes	None as yet DAS: Not requested or required	There is no pre-moderation of submissions; any checks are performed by site users (including active researchers) after posting	P: Permanent with some removal options in extraneous circumstances R: Contravention of copyright, plagiarism, false or inaccurate content, ethical and legal issues W: No web presence retained	Not yet in place: expect community moderation via forum	S: Unknown P: All content is preserved – no further information reported by server
ViXra [44]	M: Yes S: Yes	A: Yes R: Yes	Mostly compliant, without endorsing, without stating on website DAS: Not requested or required	Administrators do not perform formal screening checks but reject submissions in response to issues relating to: plagiarism, misconduct and integrity checks, ethical and legal compliance, format (PDF)	P: Content maybe removed by author (or operator/owner) R: Contravention of copyright, plagiarism, false or inaccurate content, ethical and legal issues W: No web presence retained	Email administrator	S: Sustainable low-cost web hosting service secured, previously run on donations P: Long-term archiving provided by mirror site and cloud storage of database

Table 4: Usage metrics & features

Preprint Server				cs on abstract			Other features			
OSF Communities	Number of views	Number of downloads	Number of citations (e.g. Google Scholar)	Number of comments	Altmetrics	Social media interactions (from platform not Altmetric)	Commenting (including annotation plug-ins)	Onsite search	Alerts (e.g. RSS (Really Simple Syndication) feeds, email alerts)	Other
AfricArxiv [1]		8					8	8		
AgriXiv [2]		8					8	8		
Arabixiv [3]		8					8	8		
EcoEvoRxiv [4]		8						8		
FocUS Archive [5]		8						8		
Frenxiv [6]		8					8	8		
INA-Rxiv [7]		8					8	8		
MarXiv [8] — note: no longer on the OSF		8					8	8		
MetaArXiv [9]		8					8	8		
MindRxiv [10]		8					8	8		
NutriXiv [11]		8					8	8		
OSF Preprints [12]		8					8	8		
PaleorXiv [13]		8					8	8		
PsyArXiv [14]		8					8	8		
SocArxiv [15]		8					8	8	8	
SportRxiv [16]		8					8	8		
Thesis Commons [17]		8					8	8		
Open Research Bundles										

AAS Open Research [18] – Verified	8	\otimes	8		⊗		8	8		'Link to Google Scholar citations, Blog and gateways'
AMRC Open Research [19] – Verified	\otimes	8	8		8		8	8		'Link to Google Scholar citations'
Gates Open Research [20] – Verified	8	8	8		8		8	8		'Link to Google Scholar citations, Gateways'
HRB Open Research [21] – Verified	8	8	8		8		8	8		'Link to Google Scholar citations, Blog'
MNI Open Research [22] – Verified	8	8	8		8		8	8		'Link to Google Scholar citations'
Wellcome Open Research [23] – Verified	8	8	8		8		8	8		'Link to Google Scholar citations, Blog and gateways'
Others										
arXiv [24] – Verified								8	8	
Authorea [25] – Verified	8	8				⊗	8			'Forking (copying an article that may or may not be authored by you), follow the article'
bioRxiv [26] – Verified	8	⊗		8	⊗	8	8	⊗	8	'Channels, PREreview reviews linked, PreLights blog linked, Pingbacks to blog, PCI, biOverlay and Twitter thread embedded'
Cell Press Sneak Peek [27] – Verified	\otimes	8								
ChemRxiv [28]	8	8	8		8					
ChinaXiv [29]	8	8					8		8	'News, Author blacklist'
ESSOAr [30] – Verified		8			8			8	8	'Plaudit, QR code, bookmarks, reference management tools'
F1000 Research [31] – Verified	8	8	8		8		8	8	8	'Link to Google Scholar citations'
JMIR Preprints [32]						8	8	8		
MedRxiv [33] – Verified	8	8		8	8	8	8	8	8	

MitoFit Preprint Archives [34]										
NeuroImage: Clinical - First Look [35] – Verified	8	8								
PeerJ Preprints [36] – Verified	8	8		8		8	8	8	8	
Preprints with The Lancet [37] – Verified	8	8								
Preprints.org [38]	8	8		⊗	8		8	8	8	Embedded bookmark tabs for reading and reference management tools
Research Square [39] – Verified	\otimes	8		8	8		8	8		Email alerts with comments
SciELO Preprints [40] – Verified	8	8			8	(when regular operation launches in 2020)	(when regular operation launches in 2020)	(when regular operation launches in 2020)		
SSRN [41] – Verified	\otimes	8								Plum metrics
Surgery Open Science - First Look [42] – Verified	8	8						8	⊗ (SSRN subscription)	
Therapoid [43] – Verified		'metrics coming soon'					8	8	8	'Blockchain technology being implemented'
ViXra [44]	\otimes						8		8	

Table 5: Metadata contents

Preprint Server	Title	DOI or identifier	Publication or deposition date	Author name(s)	Author affiliation(s)	Funder acknowledge- ment(s)	Subject category	License	Abstract	Full-text content	References	Relational link to journal publication version (where it exists)	Other
OSF Communities													
AfricArxiv [1]	8	8	8	8	8		8	8	8			8	
AgriXiv [2]	8	8	8	8			8	8	8			8	
Arabixiv [3]	8	8	8	8			8	8	8			8	
EcoEvoRxiv [4]	8	8	8	8			8	8	8				
FocUS Archive [5]	8	8	8	8			8	8	8			8	
Frenxiv [6]	8	8	8	8			8	8	8			8	
INA-Rxiv [7]	8	8	8	8			8	8	8			8	
MarXiv [8]	8	8	8	8			8	8	8			8	
MetaArXiv [9]	8	8	8	8			8	8	8			8	
MindRxiv [10]	8	8	8	8			8	8	8			8	
NutriXiv [11]	8	8	8	8					8				
OSF Preprints [12]	8	8	8	8			8	8	8			8	
PaleorXiv [13]	8	8	8	8			8	8	8			8	
PsyArXiv [14]	8	8	8	8			8	8	8			8	
SocArxiv [15]	8	8	8	8			8	8	8			8	
SportRxiv [16]	8	8	8	8			8	8	8			8	
Thesis Commons [17]	8	8	8	8			8	8	8			8	

Open Research													
Bundles													
AAS Open Research [18] — Verified AMRC Open Research [19] — Verified Gates Open Research [20] — Verified HRB Open Research [21] — Verified MNI Open Research [22] — Verified Wellcome Open Research [23] — Verified	8	8	8	8	8	8	8		8	8			Competing interests, Referee (name, affiliation, report), Commenter (name, affiliation, comment text), Study type, Article type
Others													
arXiv [24] — Verified	\otimes	8	8	8					8			⊗	
Authorea [25] – Verified	8	8	8	8	8		8		8	⊗			Keywords
bioRxiv [26] – Verified	8	8	8	8	8		8	8	8	8	8	8	
Cell Press Sneak Peek ^b [27] – Verified													No information
ChemRxiv [28]	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8		
ChinaXiv [29]	\otimes	\otimes	8	8			\otimes		8				
ESSOAr [30] – Verified	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8			8	ORCID, keywords
F1000 Research [31] – Verified	8	8	8	8	8	8	8		8	8			Competing interests, Article is a Faculty Review (yes/no), Referee

JMIR Preprints [32]	8	8	8	8				8	8				(name, affiliation, report), Commenter (name, affiliation, comment text), Study type, Article type Journal currently submitted to
MedRxiv [33] – Verified	8	8	⊗	8	8	8	8	8	8		8	8	
MitoFit Preprint Archives [34]	\otimes	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8				ORCID if provided, Language, Version
Neurolmage: Clinical - First Look ^b [35] – Verified													No information
PeerJ Preprints [36] – Verified	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8			8	
Preprints with The Lancet ^b [37] – Verified													No information
Preprints.org [38]	8	8	8	8				8	8			8	
Research Square [39] – Verified	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	
SciELO Preprints [40] – Verified	8		8	8	8		8	8	8				Language
SSRN [41] – Verified	8	8	8	8					8		8		
Surgery Open Science – First Look ^b [42] – Verified													No information
Therapoid [43] – Verified	8	8	8	8			8		8				"Anything else the author provides"

ViXra [44]	\otimes	\otimes	\otimes	\otimes			\otimes		

Preprint platform websites

- 1. AfricaArxiv https://info.africarxiv.org/
- 2. AgriXiv https://agrixiv.org
- 3. Arabixiv https://arabixiv.org/
- EcoEvoRxiv https://ecoevorxiv.org
- 5. FocUS Archive https://osf.io/preprints/focusarchive/
- 6. Frenxiv https://frenxiv.org
- 7. INA-Rxiv https://osf.io/preprints/inarxiv
- 8. MarXiv https://marxiv.org
- 9. MetaArXiv https://osf.io/preprints/metaarxiv/
- 10. MindRxiv https://mindrxiv.org
- 11. NutriXiv https://osf.io/preprints/nutrixiv
- 12. OSF Preprints https://osf.io/preprints/
- 13. PaleorXiv https://paleorxiv.org
- 14. PsyArXiv https://psyarxiv.com
- 15. SocArXiv https://osf.io/preprints/socarxiv
- 16. SportRxiv https://osf.io/preprints/sportrxiv
- 17. Thesis Commons https://thesiscommons.org
- 18. AAS Open Research https://aasopenresearch.org/
- 19. AMRC Open Research https://amrcopenresearch.org/
- 20. Gates Open Research https://gatesopenresearch.org/
- 21. HRB Open Research https://hrbopenresearch.org/
- 22. MNI Open Research https://mniopenresearch.org/

- 23. Wellcome Open Research https://wellcomeopenresearch.org/
- 24. arXiv https://arxiv.org
- 25. Authorea https://www.authorea.com
- 26. bioRxiv https://www.biorxiv.org/
- 27. Cell Press Sneak Peek https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/Jeljour_results.cfm?form_name=journalBrowse&journal_id=3184889
- 28. ChemRxiv https://chemrxiv.org
- 29. ChinaXiv http://chinaxiv.org
- 30. ESSOAr https://www.essoar.org
- 31. F1000 Research https://www.essoar.org
- 32. JMIR Preprints https://preprints.jmir.org/
- 33. MedRxiv https://www.medrxiv.org
- 34. MitoFit Preprint Archives https://www.mitofit.org/index.php/MitoFit_Preprint_Archives
- 35. NeuroImage: Clinical First Look https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/JELIOUR_Results.cfm?form_name=journalBrowse&journal_id=3178959
- 36. PeerJ Preprints https://peerj.com/preprints/
- 37. Preprints with The Lancet https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/JELJOUR Results.cfm?form name=journalBrowse&journal id=3184962
- 38. Preprints.org https://www.preprints.org/
- 39. Research Square https://www.researchsquare.com
- 40. SciELO Preprints https://repository.scielo20.org/documents (current; new site to launch in 2020)
- 41. SSRN https://www.ssrn.com
- 42. Surgery Open Science First Look https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/Jeljour results.cfm?form name=journalBrowse&journal id=3303309
- 43. Therapoid https://therapoid.net
- 4. ViXra http://vixra.org