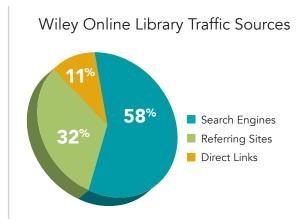


# Search Engine Optimization: For Authors

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## Top Tips to Make Your Article Discoverable Online

#### 1. Make sure you have an SEO-friendly title for your article

The title needs to be descriptive and <u>must</u> incorporate a key phrase related to your topic. Put your keywords within the first 65 characters of the title.

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- a. Choose the appropriate keywords and phrases for your article. Think of a phrase of 2-4 words that a researcher might search on to find your article.
- b. Consider looking up specific keywords on Google Trends or the Google Adwords keywords tool to find out which search terms are popular
- c. Repeat your keywords and phrases 3-4 times throughout the abstract in a natural, contextual way.
- d. BUT don't go overboard with repetition as search engines may un-index your article as a result.

#### 3. Provide at least five keywords or phrases in the keywords field

Include the keywords and phrases you repeated in your abstract. Provide additional relevant keywords and synonyms for those keywords as they relate to your article. Keywords are not only important for SEO, they are also used by abstracting and indexing services as a mechanism to tag research content.

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#### 6. Cite your own, or your co-authors, previous publications

Cite your previous work as appropriate because citations of your past work factors into how search engines rank your current and future work.

# Example of Well-Optimized Abstract

Title includes and leads with important keywords

# Ocean Acidification and Its Potential Effects on Marine Ecosystems

#### Keywords

ocean acidification, climate change; carbonate saturation state; seawater chemistry; marine ecosystems; anthropogenic CO<sub>2</sub> Search term-style keywords provided

#### **Abstract**

Ocean acidification is rapidly changing the carbonate system of the world oceans. Past mass extinction events have been linked to ocean acidification, and the current rate of change in seawater chemistry is unprecedented. Evidence suggests that these changes will have significant consequences for marine taxa, particularly those that build skeletons, shells, and tests of biogenic calcium carbonate. Potential changes in species distributions and abundances could propagate through multiple trophic levels of marine food webs, though research into the long-term ecosystem impacts of ocean acidification is in its infancy. This review attempts to provide a general synthesis of known and/or hypothesized biological and ecosystem responses to increasing ocean acidification. Marine taxa covered in this review include tropical reef-building corals, cold-water corals, crustose coralline algae, *Halimeda*, benthic mollusks, echinoderms, coccolithophores, foraminifera, pteropods, seagrasses, jellyfishes, and fishes. The risk of irreversible ecosystem changes due to ocean acidification should enlighten the ongoing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions debate and make it clear that the human dependence on fossil fuels must end quickly. Political will and significant large-scale investment in clean-energy technologies are essential if we are to avoid the most damaging effects of human-induced climate change, including ocean acidification.

Search terms contextually repeated throughout abstract

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