

CNS Neuroscience & Therapeutics

□ Overview & Metrics

- **Name:** CNS Neuroscience & Therapeutics
- **Publisher:** Wiley-Blackwell
- **Founded:** 1995 (as *CNS Drug Reviews*), rebranded in 2008
- **Frequency:** Bimonthly
- **Scope:** Clinical, experimental, and translational neuroscience
- **Indexing:** SCIE, Scopus, DOAJ, PubMed Central
- **Impact Factor (JCR 2021):** 7.035
- **Estimated Impact Factor (2023-2024):** ~4.8
- **Scopus Impact Score:** ~5.6
- **H-index:** ~99
- **SJR:** ~1.67
- **Quartile:** Q1 in Neuroscience, Pharmacology, Psychiatry

→ **Summary:** A well-regarded mid-to-high-tier journal with strong indexing and influence in translational neuroscience.

□ Strengths

- **Top Quartile Rankings** in multiple domains (Neuroscience, Psychiatry, Pharmacology)
- **Broad Translational Scope:** From bench to bedside
- **Reasonable Review Times:** ~4-6 weeks to first decision
- **Rigorous Peer Review:** Thoughtful and constructive feedback
- **Hybrid Open Access:** Optional OA publication with some APC waivers

⚠ Limitations

- **Impact Factor Decline:** Dropped from 7.0 (2021) to ~4.8 (2023)
- **Moderate Selectivity:** Acceptance rate around 25%
- **Not Fully Open Access:** Hybrid model may limit visibility
- **Average Author Experience:** Rated ~3/5 on SciRev

□ Comparison with Peers

- **Vs. Neuroscience & Biobehavioral Reviews:** Higher impact but narrower in scope
- **Vs. Psychiatry & Clinical Neurosciences:** More clinically grounded, higher impact
- **Vs. Nature Neuroscience / Neuron:** Lower impact, but faster and more accessible

□ Suitability

Ideal for:

- Translational neuroscience studies
- Therapeutic trials or drug mechanism research
- Authors seeking Q1 visibility with moderate speed

Less ideal for:

- High-impact basic science without therapeutic focus
- Work aiming for top-tier journals in basic neurobiology

✓ Final Verdict

CNS Neuroscience & Therapeutics is a solid, Q1-ranked journal ideal for translational neuroscience with therapeutic implications. It offers respectable impact, rigorous review, and broad indexing—though not suitable for breakthrough basic science aiming for elite impact.

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