

□ Critical Review — Folia Biologica (Prague)

Journal: Folia Biologica **Publisher:** First Faculty of Medicine, Charles University (Prague, Czech Republic) **ISSN:** 0015-5500 **Access:** Open Access (CC-BY) **Founded:** ~1955 **Website:** foliabiologica.lf1.cuni.cz

□ Indexing & Visibility

- Indexed in: Web of Science (SCIE), Scopus, PubMed/MedLine, EMBASE, DOAJ
- Estimated h-index: ~36–38
- Recognized in biomedical research and academic libraries

□ Impact Metrics

Metric	Value	Notes
Clarivate Impact Factor (2023)	1.1	According to official site
Scopus CiteScore	~1.4	Scopus database
SJR (2024)	0.229–0.294	Places it in Q4 for most categories
Quartile Ranking	Q3–Q4	Varies by subject area

□ Peer Review & Publication Time

- Time to first decision: ~7 days
- Total review process: ~30 days
- External peer review claimed, though turnaround speed raises concerns about depth

□ Article Processing Charges (APC)

- Publication fee: **€500**
- Considered affordable compared to typical OA journals (€1000–3000)

□ Strengths

- Long-standing, non-predatory journal
- Indexed in top biomedical databases
- Open access under Creative Commons license
- Rapid peer review and decision process
- Relatively low publication fees

☐ Limitations

- Modest impact factor and citation profile
- Low international prestige
- Speed may compromise rigorous review
- Past isolated editorial conflict (e.g., retracted paper in 2010 due to authorship dispute)

☐ Reputation & Community Feedback

“Not predatory, but low impact. Compared to not publishing, yes. But there are many more reputable journals.”

— Reddit user on [r/AskAcademia](https://www.reddit.com/r/AskAcademia)

☐ Final Recommendation

Folia Biologica is a **legitimate and indexed open-access journal** with a long publishing history. It is best suited for:

- Regional studies
- Niche or exploratory biomedical research
- Early-career researchers needing rapid, affordable publication

Not recommended if:

- Targeting high-impact journals
- Prestige and citations are a priority
- Journal quartile matters (e.g., for grants or tenure)

Bottom line: Solid but modest. Use strategically.

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