

# Frontiers in Endocrinology

**Frontiers in Endocrinology** is a peer-reviewed, open-access journal launched in 2010 as part of the Frontiers Media platform. It publishes work in molecular, clinical, translational, and systems endocrinology, organized into 20+ specialty sections.

## Indexing and Metrics

- Indexed in: [PubMed/MEDLINE](#), [Scopus](#), Web of Science, DOAJ
- **Impact Factor (2024):**  $\approx 4.39$
- **CiteScore (Scopus):**  $\approx 6.1$
- **SJR (2024):** 1.472
- **Google Scholar h-index:**  $\sim 83$

## Strengths

- Mid-tier reputable journal with high visibility and citations.
- Fully open-access, improving dissemination.
- Transparent review: reviewers are named upon publication.
- Active editorial engagement across specialty sections.

## ⚠ Limitations and Criticisms

- Associated with Frontiers Media, which has drawn criticism for:
  1. **High publication volume** and rapid processing.
  2. **Previous listing** in Beall's (now defunct) list of predatory publishers (2015–2017).
  3. Internal conflicts in some other Frontiers journals (not this one).
- Concerns about:
  1. **Reviewer recruitment automation**, potential dilution of quality.
  2. **Special issue inflation**, guest-edited volumes with variable rigor.

## Peer-Review Model

- **Single-anonymized** and **interactive**: authors see comments; reviewers and editors are named.
- Review process includes direct discussion between reviewers and editors via a collaborative platform.
- Average time from submission to acceptance:  $\sim 90$  days.
- Authors may appeal decisions through structured editorial channels.

## Reputation and Scientific Standing

- Considered a legitimate, mainstream journal in the field of endocrinology.
- Rated as "Pro-Science" and "Mostly Factual" by independent watchdogs.
- No major retraction scandals or misconduct history specific to this journal.

## Final Verdict

- 'Frontiers in Endocrinology' is a **solid open-access journal** for endocrine research, with competitive metrics and broad reach.
- While affiliated with a publisher that has been criticized for scale and pace, the journal itself maintains standard scientific integrity.
- Suitable for well-structured original research, especially if rapid publication and open-access visibility are priorities.

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