

The Quick Screen Evaluation Form

Publisher _____

Representative Journal Title _____

1 Offers e-only subscription option? YES ___ NO ___

IF NO, STOP

2 Offers discount for e-only option vs. print? YES ___ NO ___

IF NO, STOP

3 Ownership of content options

A. Electronic back files after ___ years are available for free on the Internet YES ___ NO ___

B. Electronic back files can be purchased YES ___ NO ___

___ Accessed on the publisher's web site, or

___ Physical media (CD-ROM/DVD) sent annually to subscriber

4 Assurances of continued access to content

___ Third-party mirror site ___ Escrow arrangements

___ Contract language Other _____

KEY QUESTION If you pay for an e-only subscription for ten years and then drop the subscription, what happens to your access to those ten years?

___ All access to those ten years is cut off

___ Access to those ten years on the publisher's web site continues without charge

___ Access to those ten years on the publisher's web continues with a small maintenance fee

___ Publisher will send e-version of subscription for those ten years to subscriber in a current appropriate format to mount locally, upon request

Journal Publisher Evaluation Sheet: How safe is converting to electronic only?

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ITEM	POINTS	SAFE	IFFY	UNSAFE
Are back files free or available for purchase if subscription is terminated in future?	8	Free or affordably priced	Expensive	Not available; license (rental) only
Where are back files available?	3	At multiple third-party sites	At a single third-party site	At publisher's web site
Third-party archive/mirror/escrow in case of failure	4	Yes	No, but organization on solid foundation	No, uncertain business future
Type of publisher	2	Scholarly Society/SPARC	Other nonprofit	Commercial
Library/publisher relationship	2	Library-friendly	Mixed	Library-unfriendly
Color available in electronic copy	5	Yes	Electronic b/w only; color unimportant	No
Copy of record	2	Electronic	Not specified	Print
All print items in electronic version	8	Yes	All technical and most news items	Missing technical items
Additional content in electronic version	2	Yes, significant	Yes, minimal	None
Interlibrary lending/Fair Use Rights	4	Yes	Limited	No
Cost savings	3	15% or more	7%–14%	0%–6% or premium
Regional holdings	1	Commonly available	Few	Our library sole regional source
Impact on consortia arrangements	2	None	Minimal	Significant
TOTALS		SAFE <input type="checkbox"/>	IFFY <input type="checkbox"/>	UNSAFE <input type="checkbox"/>