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JOURNAL MATCH PRO

BEST JOURNAL SELECTION REPORT

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Journal Match Pro

Dashboard-style Journal Selection Pack (Sample)

What you get (scan-friendly)

- Ranked shortlist (3–5 journals) with Fit / Safety / Speed scoring
- Predatory-trap shield (verification checklist)
- Plan A / Plan B / Plan C route map + submission starter kit

Reference paper used (Open Access)

Title: Machine learning approach to student performance prediction based on online learning

DOI: 10.1371/journal.pone.0299018

Published in: *PLOS ONE (Open Access)*

As-of: 14 Feb 2026

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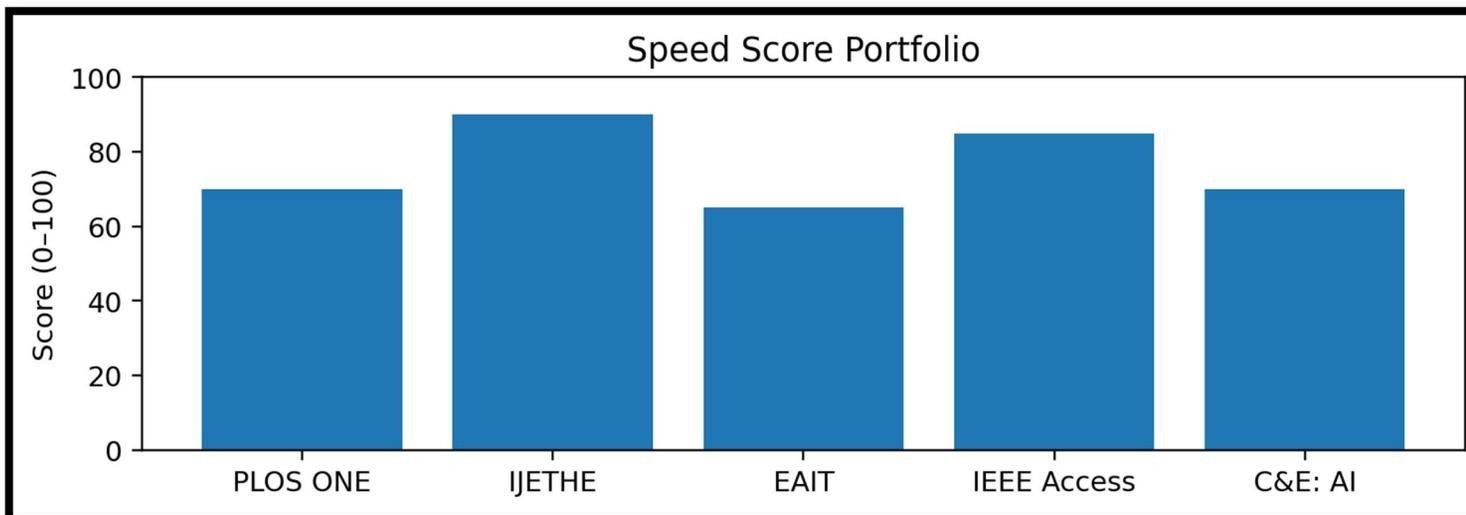
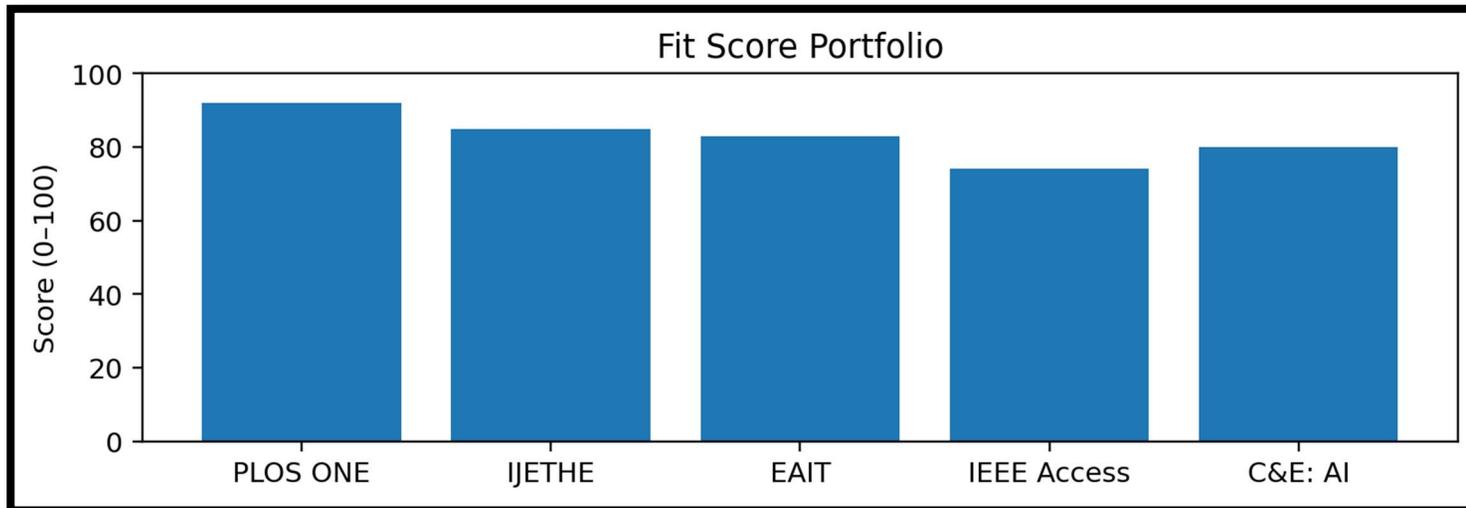
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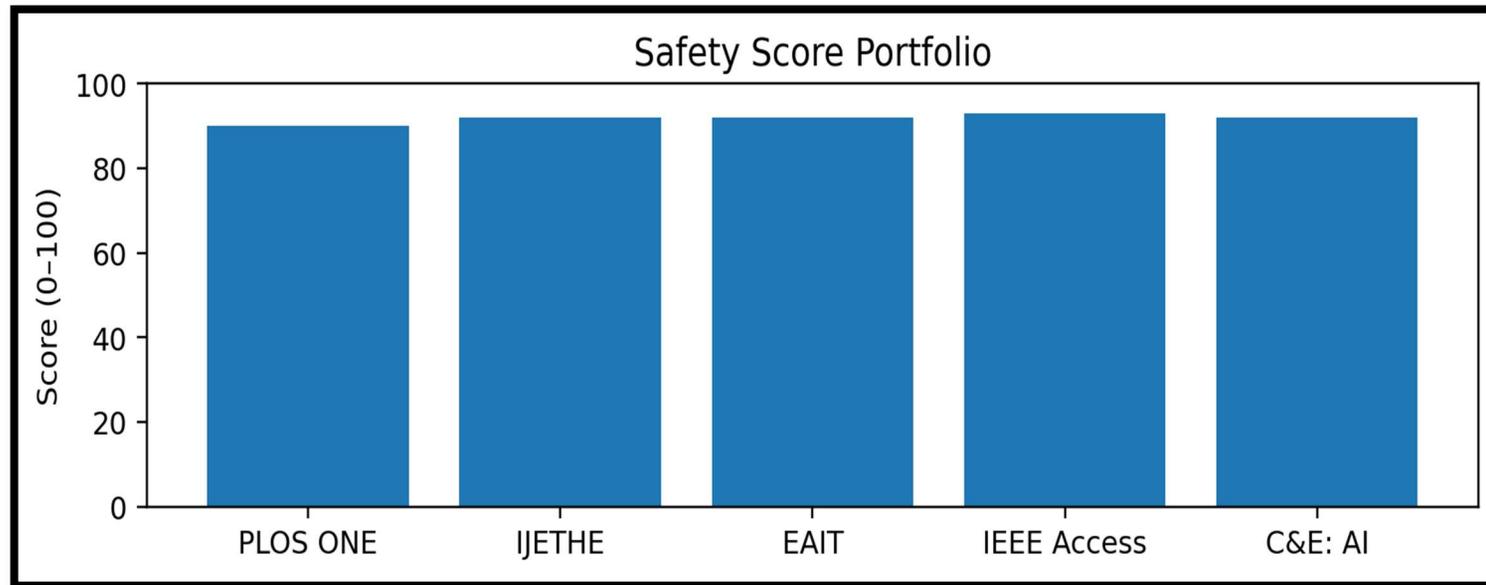
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1. Decision Dashboard (choose in 60 seconds)

| Plan | Journal | Publisher | Fit | Safety | Speed | Best for | Avoid if |
|--------|-------------|--------------|--|---|--|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Plan A | PLOS ONE | PLOS |  92 |  90 |  70 | Broad scope, robust methods | Needs niche pedagogy focus |
| Plan B | IJETHE | SpringerOpen |  85 |  92 |  90 | EdTech + higher-ed focus | Weak edu contribution |
| Plan B | EAIT | Springer |  83 |  92 |  65 | Edu + information tech | Thin methods reporting |
| Plan C | IEEE Access | IEEE |  74 |  93 |  85 | Applied AI/ML framing | No technical validation |
| Plan C | C&E: AI | Elsevier |  80 |  92 |  70 | AI in education angle | No responsible AI note |

- Plan:** Which journal route it belongs to—**Plan A (best fit), Plan B (strong alternative), or Plan C (backup/strategic option)** based on your priority (fit vs speed vs risk).
- Journal:** The journal name you can submit to.
- Publisher:** The organization that owns/manages the journal and its policies (ethics, AI disclosure, fees, peer review).
- Fit:** How closely your paper matches the journal’s **aims/scope, audience, article type, and methods** (higher = better scope alignment).
- Safety:** How “safe/legitimate” the journal is based on **indexing verification + transparent policies + predatory-risk screening** (higher = lower risk).
- Speed:** How likely you are to get a **faster editorial decision cycle** based on published timelines/typical workflow (higher = generally quicker).
- Best for:** The most suitable scenario or manuscript type this journal works best for (quick cue).
- Avoid if:** A common mismatch condition where this journal is likely to be a poor choice (quick warning).





CLIENT → Plan A → Plan B → Plan C
Best fit → Faster decision → Backup safe route

Recommendation (sample)

Recommended primary: PLOS ONE (Plan A)

**Backup route: IJETHE / EAIT (Plan B) → IEEE Access /
C&E: AI (Plan C)**

2. Fit Proof Matrix (why this beats journal finders)

| Paper attribute | PLOS ONE | IJETHE | EAIT | IEEE Access | C&E: AI |
|-------------------------|----------|--------|------|-------------|---------|
| Topic alignment | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Methods alignment | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Population/context fit | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ⚠ | ✓ |
| Article type fit | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Reporting guideline fit | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ⚠ | ✓ |
| Word/structure fit | ✓ | ⚠ | ⚠ | ⚠ | ⚠ |

Published-neighbor proof (PLOS ONE)

Two recent learning-analytics style papers found in the same subject area (titles listed in client pack).

Published-neighbor proof (IJETHE)

EdTech + higher-ed positioning works when the manuscript highlights pedagogy and outcomes.

Abstract + keywords tuning (fast win)

Title tweak: add context + outcome (1 line).

Keywords (chips): learning analytics • performance prediction • online learning • machine learning • higher education • model transparency

Scope-fit sentence: “This study applies transparent ML models to predict student performance in online learning and discusses actionable educational implications.”

3. Safety Shield (anti-predatory verification)

PLOS ONE | Safety 90 

- Indexing claim checked
- Publisher policies visible
- Peer review described
- APC transparency

EAIT | Safety 92 

- Indexing claim checked
- Publisher policies visible
- Peer review described
- APC transparency

C&E: AI | Safety 92 

- Indexing claim checked
- Publisher policies visible
- Peer review described
- APC transparency

IJETHE | Safety 92 

- Indexing claim checked
- Publisher policies visible
- Peer review described
- APC transparency

IEEE Access | Safety 93 

- Indexing claim checked
- Publisher policies visible
- Peer review described
- APC transparency

Red-flag exclusions (sample)

No transparent peer review process
Indexing claims not verifiable on official sources
Hidden APCs or unclear fee policy
Aggressive solicitation / unrealistic promises

Verification note

This sample uses illustrative checks. In real delivery, we attach official policy links and an ‘as-of date’ per journal.

4. AI Policy Dashboard (per journal)

| Journal | AI writing | Disclosure | Where | AI images |
|-------------|---|---------------|------------------------|---|
| PLOS ONE |  | Yes (if used) | Manuscript disclosure |  |
| IJETHE |  | Yes (if used) | Per publisher policy |  |
| EAIT |  | Yes (if used) | Per publisher policy |  |
| IEEE Access |  | Yes (if used) | Acknowledgments |  |
| C&E: AI |  | Yes (if used) | AI declaration section |  |

Copy-paste AI disclosure template

Declaration of Generative AI and AI-assisted Technologies:

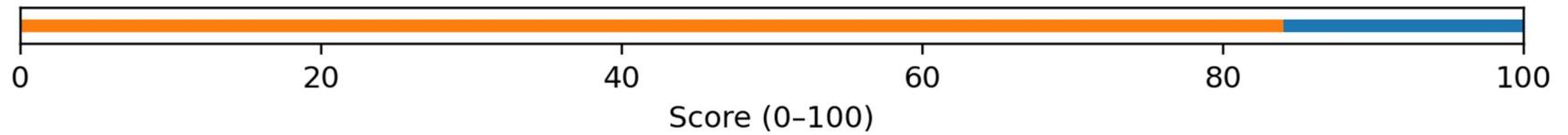
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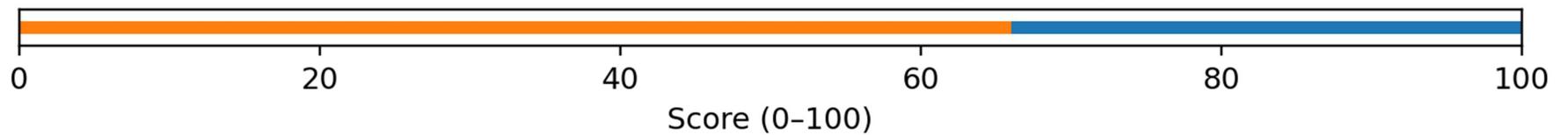
5. Desk-Reject Risk Heatmap + Fix-First

| Risk area | PLOS ONE | IJETHE | EAIT | IEEE Access | C&E: AI |
|---------------------------|---|--|---|---|---|
| Scope mismatch risk |  |  |  |  |  |
| Methods transparency risk |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ethics/disclosure risk |  |  |  |  |  |
| Reporting checklist risk |  |  |  |  |  |
| Figures/tables risk |  |  |  |  |  |
| Over-claim risk |  |  |  |  |  |
| Formatting risk |  |  |  |  |  |

Submission Readiness Score (After Fix-First)



Submission Readiness Score (Current)



Fix-first checklist (max impact)

- Tighten scope-fit sentence + keywords (journal-aligned)
- Add variables table + missing data handling note
- Report validation transparently (split/CV/metrics)
- Add disclosures: COI/funding/data availability + AI declaration (if used)
- Clean tables/figures: legends, rounding, definitions

6. Submission Starter Kit (minimal, ready-to-use)

Cover Letter (10 lines)

- One-line problem + one-line contribution
- 3 bullets: scope fit
- Methods in 2 lines + disclosures

Pre-submission Email

- Topic + method + context (3 lines)
- Ask if article type fits

Reviewer Response Skeleton

- Thank reviewer
- What changed + where
- Evidence/citation support

Final recommendation card (sample)

Primary: PLOS ONE (Plan A)

Alternate: IJETHE / EAIT (Plan B)

Backup: IEEE Access / C&E: AI (Plan C)

CTA

Stuck choosing a journal? We'll shortlist safer targets with proof + a fix-first plan.

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THANK YOU

**JOURNAL MATCH PRO — YOUR SAFER SUBMISSION ROUTE STARTS
HERE.**

You don't need "more journals."

**You need the right 3–5 journals with scope-fit proof,
safety verification, and a clear Plan A/B/C route—so
you submit with confidence and avoid preventable
desk rejection.**

**Integrity note: We support clarity, compliance, and
readiness. Final decisions remain with authors and
journals.**

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