Subject Ontology – Instructions for BJC Authors

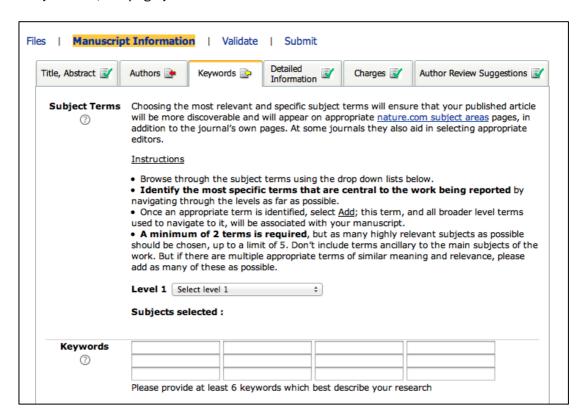
When you are submitting your manuscript to our online submission system, during the **Manuscript Information Stage** under the **Keywords Tab**, you will be asked to index your paper with NPG's subject terms.

You may choose up to five unique subject terms that describe the key subjects and concepts in your manuscript.

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Getting started

Before you start, the page you will see looks like this:



Browse through the drop down menu for **Level 1** terms and choose the one most appropriate for your manuscript. When a **Level 1** term has been selected, the **Level 2 term** selector will be displayed, as below

Level 1	Health sciences ‡
Level 2	Select level 2 ‡
Subjects	s selected :

When you have selected a Level 2 term, you will be offered the option of adding the selections you have made or of proceeding to the next level, Level 3.

Level 1	Health sciences ‡
Level 2	Diseases ‡
Level 3	Select level 3 ÷
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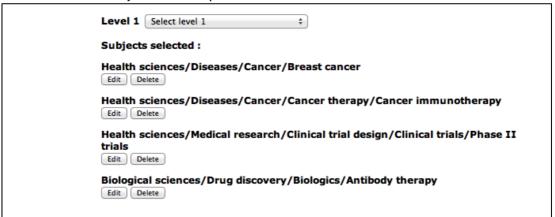
In most cases you should continue, by selecting a Level 3 term, as the aim is to proceed until you have reached the most specific term that is applicable to your manuscript. Work your way through the levels. When you have selected a Level 4 term, there may be no more specific terms (no Level 5) available, in which case you should click on the 'Add' button to save this selection.

Level 1	Health sciences
Level 2	Diseases ÷
Level 3	Cancer ‡
Level 4	Breast cancer \$
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Subjects	s selected :

Other **Level 4** terms will offer the choice of a **Level 5** term, please choose the most specific term that applies.

Level 1	Health sciences	
Level 2	Diseases ‡	
Level 3	Cancer ‡	
Level 4	Cancer therapy \$	
Level 5	Cancer immunotherapy \$	
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You may add a minimum of two terms and a maximum of five terms. They can be terms chosen at various levels, provided they are the most specific that are appropriate. Once a term is selected, all the broader terms in the tiers above through which you navigated to reach it, will also be associated with you manuscript.

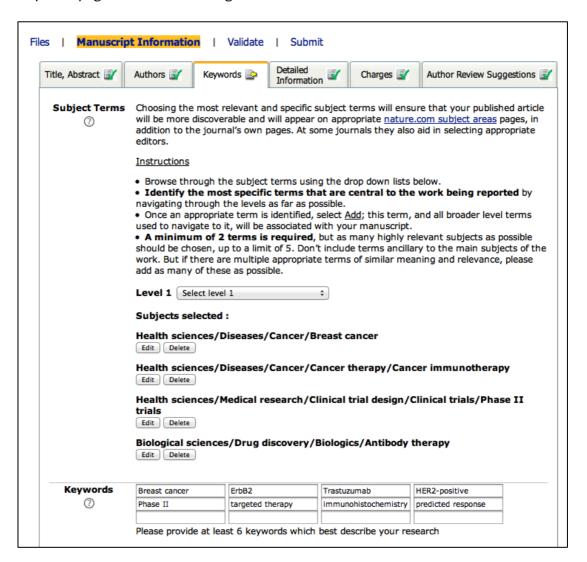


When you have selected the appropriate terms, you may review and revise your selection by editing or deleting terms at any stage before the manuscript is submitted. If you have selected the maximum five terms, although the **Level 1** selector continues to appear, you will not be able to add more terms without deleting or modifying one of the five already selected.

Keywords

Next please enter at least six and no more than twelve Keywords These can be freely chosen to reflect the subject of the manuscript and it may be appropriate to include the names of drugs and biological entities that you discuss.

A completed page will look something like this.



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