

## 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.

Please do this carefully, as choosing the most relevant and specific terms will ensure that your article will be more discoverable and will appear on appropriate subject specific pages on nature.com, in addition to the BJC's own pages. On the same page in the submission system, you may supplement this choice by adding your own choice of **Keywords** appropriate to your paper.

### Getting started

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

The screenshot shows the 'Manuscript Information' stage with the 'Keywords' tab selected. The page has a navigation bar with 'Files', 'Manuscript Information', 'Validate', and 'Submit'. Below this is a row of tabs: 'Title, Abstract', 'Authors', 'Keywords', 'Detailed Information', 'Charges', and 'Author Review Suggestions'. The 'Keywords' tab is active. The main content area is titled 'Subject Terms' with a help icon. It contains instructions on choosing subject terms, a link to 'Instructions', and a list of bullet points. Below the instructions is a 'Level 1' dropdown menu with 'Select level 1' as the current selection. Underneath is a section titled 'Subjects selected :'. At the bottom, there is a 'Keywords' section with a help icon and a table with four columns and three rows for entering keywords. A note below the table states: 'Please provide at least 6 keywords which best describe your research'.

**Subject Terms** ?

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[Instructions](#)

- Browse through the subject terms using the drop down lists below.
- **Identify the most specific terms that are central to the work being reported** by navigating through the levels as far as possible.
- Once an appropriate term is identified, select **Add**; this term, and all broader level terms used to navigate to it, will be associated with your manuscript.
- **A minimum of 2 terms is required**, but as many highly relevant subjects as possible should be chosen, up to a limit of 5. Don't include terms ancillary to the main subjects of the work. But if there are multiple appropriate terms of similar meaning and relevance, please add as many of these as possible.

**Level 1** Select level 1 ▾

**Subjects selected :**

**Keywords** ?


Please provide at least 6 keywords which best describe your research

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

This screenshot shows the 'Level 1' and 'Level 2' term selectors. The 'Level 1' dropdown menu is set to 'Health sciences'. Below it is the 'Level 2' dropdown menu with 'Select level 2' as the current selection. At the bottom is a section titled 'Subjects selected :'.

**Level 1** Health sciences ▾

**Level 2** Select level 2 ▾

**Subjects 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

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**Level 2**

Diseases

⌵

**Level 3**

Select level 3

⌵

Add

**Subjects selected :**

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

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**Level 2**

Diseases

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**Level 3**

Cancer

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**Level 4**

Breast cancer

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Add

**Subjects 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

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**Level 2**

Diseases

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**Level 3**

Cancer

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**Level 4**

Cancer therapy

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**Level 5**

Cancer immunotherapy

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Add

**Subjects selected :**

**Health sciences/Diseases/Cancer/Breast cancer**

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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.

**Level 1**

Select level 1

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**Subjects selected :**

**Health sciences/Diseases/Cancer/Breast cancer**

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**Health sciences/Diseases/Cancer/Cancer therapy/Cancer immunotherapy**

Edit Delete

**Health sciences/Medical research/Clinical trial design/Clinical trials/Phase II trials**

Edit Delete

**Biological sciences/Drug discovery/Biologics/Antibody therapy**

Edit Delete

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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Health sciences/Medical research/Clinical trial design/Clinical trials/Phase II trials

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Biological sciences/Drug discovery/Biologics/Antibody therapy

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Keywords

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Breast cancer	ErbB2	Trastuzumab	HER2-positive
Phase II	targeted therapy	immunohistochemistry	predicted response

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Thank you.