

Publication Item Types (PITs)PITs: Journal article publication item types

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PIT	Short	Description
abs	Abstract	Abstract of a paper or oral presentation or poster, published as a separate item. A better name would be “very short communication”. These mostly occur in fairly great numbers in conference proceedings, where not all authors are allowed to publish a full-length article. Note. Not to be confused with pit:LIT (q.v.). Note. pit:ABS refers to one single such thing.
add	Addendum	Publication item giving additional information regarding another publication item, mostly presenting additional results. Note. Needs a ce:document-thread.
adv	Advertisement	Advertisement (mostly commercial, but also including Elsevier’s own).
ann	Announcement	Informative statement with a scope within the context of the publication in which it appears.
brv	Book review	Book review. Note. pit:BRV can only be assigned to a single book

		review, not to a collection of book reviews which appear under the heading “Book reviews”.
cal	Calendar	List of forthcoming meetings, symposia, conferences and other events.
chp	Chapter	Complete chapter in a book series volume. Similar to pit:FLA .
cnf	Conference	Information about a conference (can be a description of the venue, but also a visit report of a scientist who has attended a conference). Note. A scientific article in a conference proceeding is not pit:CNF .
con	Contents list	List of publication items published in issue(s) or volume(s) of the publication at hand. Note. This includes volume contents. This PIT is only rarely used, in case a list of contents requires an XML delivery and is handled as a contents entry.
cor	Correspondence	Letter to the editor or a reply to the letter. Note. The reply needs a ce:document-thread.
cop	Copyright	Item detailing the copyright of the work, containing the information traditionally found on the copyright page in the frontmatter.
NEWLY ADDED crg	Corrigendum	A Corrigendum (pit:CRG) is a notice in which an author reports changes to their article that do not impact the findings or the integrity

		of the work. Corrigenda are issued after publication. Such an article requires a refers-to DOI or PII to link to the corrected version.
crp	Case report	A detailed report of the symptoms, signs, diagnosis, treatment, and follow-up of an individual patient.
dat	Data article	Publication item describing data; “Data in Brief” articles.
dis	Discussion	Argumentative communication, like papers in a discussion, but also perspectives, commentaries, etc. Note. Subsequent discussion papers need a ce:document-thread.
dup	Duplicate	Tombstone article, duplicate of a published article.
edb	Editorial board	List containing the scientific editors, the managing and executive editors, the board of directors, etc., of the publication.
edi	Editorial	From the (guest-) editor of the publication. Can be Foreword, Editorial, Guest-Editorial, Preface, etc.
eoc	Expression of Concern	An Expression of Concern sits somewhere between an Erratum and a Retraction and allows authors or editors to point out a minor form of scientific misconduct such as failure to fully report a conflict of interest.

err	Erratum	Article in which errors are reported that were made in an earlier publication in the same journal. <i>Note.</i> Such an article requires a refers-to DOI or PII to link to the corrected version.
exm	Examination	Examination or quiz, with questions and answers.
fla	Full-length article	Complete report on original research.
ind	Index	List of index terms, possibly cross-referenced against the location of occurrence. It can be an Author index, a Master index, a Subject index, a Materials index, etc.
ins	Insights	A publication item that is neither research article nor review of primary research; it is roughly comparable to an article in the popular science press.

lit	Literature alert	Publication item containing information on relevant literature. This includes lists of recently published books, and collections of abstracts of articles published, or to be published, elsewhere (in the same or another journal). <i>Note.</i> Such abstracts should not be confused with articles of type pit:ABS. Those are independent, small articles. These are sequences of abstracts of other articles whose bibliographic source is mentioned.
lst	List	List of figures, list of tables, etc.
mic	Micro article	A very short abstract-like article focusing on research data and methods.
mis	Miscellaneous	All publication items that do not fit in any of the other publication item types mentioned and that do not merit the introduction of a new type.
nws	News	Publication item containing new information relevant to the audience of the publication.
ocn	Other contents	Contents list of another, related journal. <i>Note.</i> Must be another journal.
osp	Original software publication	A publication item containing software or a description of software.
par	Perspective article	A Perspective Article is a scholarly article expressing a personal

		opinion or a new perspective about existing research on a particular topic. `PAR` may also briefly review and reference published work, but is distinguished from pit:SSU, which is a `Mini Review`, rather than a `Perspective Article`.
pgl	Practice guidelines	A report that describes guidelines for effective diagnosis or treatment of a medical condition. The report is generally authored by a society, government agency, or working group.
pnt	Patent report	Report on newly developed patents.
NEWLY ADDED pol	Policy article	A policy article is a peer-reviewed article that translates research into policy implications, examines how policies influence practice, and highlights successful policy adoption. It features diverse perspectives from those involved in policymaking, aiming to inform, critique, and improve policy and practice at various institutional levels.
NEWLY ADDED pra	Practice article	A practice article is a peer-reviewed piece that shares practical insights, methods, or case studies from practitioners and others working to improve implementation and sustainability in real-world settings. It emphasizes actionable

		knowledge, lessons learned and may include personal experiences or the application of policies, aiming to help professionals apply effective approaches in their work.
pro	Protocol	A publication item that provides the detailed procedures and materials needed to reproduce or replicate an experimental method. In essence, a Protocol is a regular article focusing on the materials and methods required to achieve a specified result.
prp	Personal report	Bit of a misnomer: it is in fact a report about one or more (living or deceased) persons, e.g. an obituary, a biography, an award ceremony, etc., but it can also include personal historical overviews or reminiscences of the author.
prv	Peer review report	A 'PRR' is a report from an independant researcher that assess the quality of a manuscript of an author before it is published. Prior to the creaton of 'PRR', sometimes pit:PRP was used to identify Peer Review Reports.
prv	Product review	Product review, i.e. a review of software, hardware, medical products, etc. Note. Not book reviews: see pit:BRV . Not conference review: see pit:CNE .
pub	Publisher's note	Publisher's note, which is a message from the Publisher to the

		readers.
rem	Removal	Tombstone article, removed. The article has been retracted and its original text is completely removed from public access.
req	Request for assistance	Publication item containing the description of a problem with an appeal to the audience for a solution.
ret	Retraction	Tombstone article, retracted.
rev	Review article	Substantial overview of original research, usually with a comprehensive bibliography, often with a table of contents. Note. Not a book review: see pit:BRV .
rpl	Replication studies	Replication Study. A replication of a scientific study.
rpr	Recognized peer reviewers	Items acknowledging journal referees. These items can be a simple list of reviewers, or they can be an Editorial-like item expressing thanks to reviewers. For Books, pit:LST is used. Avoid confusion with pit:PRR .
rra	Registered report article	A Registered Report Article is the second stage of a two stages submission process for empirical research. These reports are relatively new content in the publishing landscape in which research reports are submitted in two different phases. The first stage is pit:RRP .

rrp	Registered report protocol	A Registered Report Protocol is the first stage of a two stages submission process for empirical research. See pit:RRA for the second stage.
rti	Retired	Tombstone PIT assigned to a retired item. The workflow is identical to pit:RET but the stamp (`Retired`) is different.
sco	Short communication	Short report or announcement of research, usually claiming certain results, usually with a shorter publication time than other papers in the same publication. Appear under many names, such as letter papers, preliminary notes, notes, etc.
ssu	Short survey	Short or mini-review, in appearance much like a short full-length article.
tpg	Title page	Title page.
vid	Video article	Publication item whose prime content consists of a video accompanied by a description of that video.
NEWLY ADDED wdn	Withdrawal	Tombstone PIT (pit:WDN) is used to denote a withdrawn publication, serving as a placeholder indicating that the original article has been removed from the record. This includes Articles-in-Press that may be withdrawn prior to final publication if they represent an early version published

		prematurely due to an editorial or production error.
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