### Belcher Journal Evaluation Form

**Journal title**

**Editor's name/email**

**Managing ed. name/email**

**Journal web address**

1. Peer reviewed  
   - Yes  
   - No  
   - Not sure (find out)

2. Publishing outlet  
   - Preferred  
   - Nonrecommended  
   - Debatable

   **Preferred category**  
   - Field-based  
   - Interdisciplinary  
   - Regional  
   - Newer  
   - Disciplinary

3. Reputation  
   - Solid  
   - Medium  
   - My department favors it  
   - High  
   - Low

4. Metric  
   - Has a JCR IF ________  
   - Has an SJR ________  
   - Has a GSM ________

   **Impact Factor**  
   - >1  
   - .5 to 1  
   - <.5

5. Rejection rate  
   - <80%  
   - >80% but worth it  
   - >90%  
   - >95%  
   - Don't know

6. Publisher type  
   - Strong (e.g., univ., commercial, assn. press)  
   - Not as strong (e.g., dept.)

   **Publisher name**

7. Longevity  
   - >3 years  
   - <3 years

8. Production  
   - Well produced  
   - Okay, can't tell  
   - Sloppy

9. Punctuality  
   - On time  
   - <1-year delay  
   - >1-year delay

10. Fee-based  
    - No fee to publish  
    - Requires assn. membership  
    - Requires author to pay fee to publish

11. Contributors  
    - Open (often outsiders)  
    - Insular (mostly insiders)  
    - Rarely people like me  
    - Mixed  
    - High (prof's only)  
    - Low (mostly grad. students)

12. No. of articles  
   - >10 articles per year  
   - <10 articles per year

13. US ed. office  
   - Yes  
   - No, based in ______________________________

14. Available online  
   - Yes  
   - No  
   - Not sure (find out)

15. Available in print  
   - Yes  
   - No  
   - Not sure (find out)

16. Time to publication  
   - <3-month turnaround  
   - >4-month turnaround  
   - Can't tell

   - No backlog  
   - <2-year backlog  
   - >2-year backlog  
   - Can't tell

17. Transition  
   - No  
   - Yes  
   - Can't tell

18. Audience  
   - The right audience for me & this article  
   - Not quite right

19. Themed issues  
   - Sometimes  
   - Never  
   - Frequently  
   - Can't tell

   **Upcoming on my topic of ________________________________**

20. Relevant prizes  
    - Yes, for ________________________________  
    - No

21. Topic match  
    - The journal and article match in topic  
    - No  
    - Not sure (find out)

22. Word/page limits  
   - ________________ Shortest article: ________________ Longest article: ________________

   **Match my article**  
   - Require a little change  
   - Require big changes

23. Editors/board members I know  
   - ________________________________

24. Style  
   - Chicago  
   - MLA  
   - APA  
   - Other

   **No./length of notes**  
   - ________________ **No. of Cites**  
   - ________________ **No. of subheadings:**  

   **Other**

25. Submission  
   - Electronic submission  
   - Email submission  
   - Print submission  
   - Other

   **Judgment**

   **Total checked**  
   - Great journal = 22+ checked boxes; Good = 10–21; Bad = 0–9

   **Total checked**  
   - Terrible journal = 22+ checked circles; Weak = 7–21; Good = 0–6