

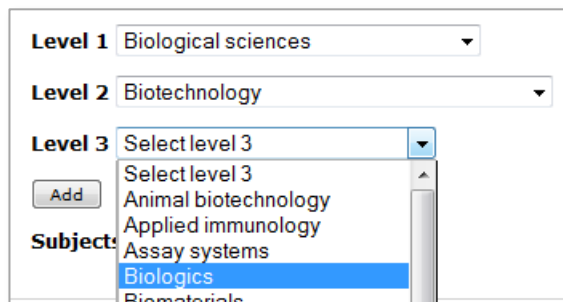
## Subject ontology – Instructions for Authors

Your article should be indexed with at least one, and up to four unique subject terms that describe the key subjects and concepts in your manuscript.

Choosing the most relevant and specific subject 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 journal's own pages.

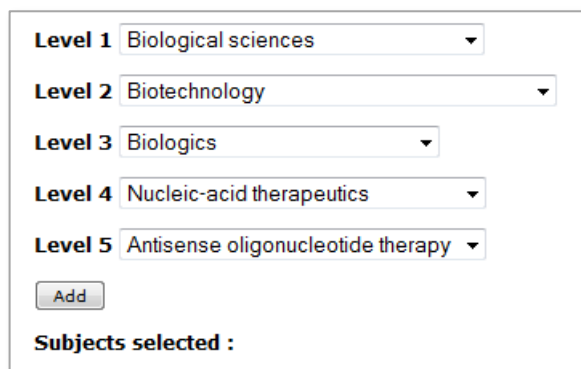
### Instructions

- Browse through the subject terms using the drop down lists. Once a subject is selected the next level terms will be displayed.



The screenshot shows a multi-level dropdown menu. Level 1 is 'Biological sciences', Level 2 is 'Biotechnology', and Level 3 is currently open, showing options: 'Select level 3', 'Animal biotechnology', 'Applied immunology', 'Assay systems', 'Biologics' (highlighted), and 'Biomaterials'. An 'Add' button is visible to the left of the Level 3 dropdown.

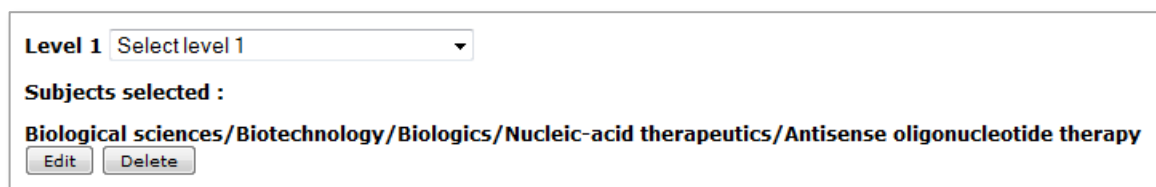
- **Identify the most specific terms available** by navigating through the levels as far as possible.



The screenshot shows the subject ontology interface with a fully navigated path: Level 1: 'Biological sciences', Level 2: 'Biotechnology', Level 3: 'Biologics', Level 4: 'Nucleic-acid therapeutics', and Level 5: 'Antisense oligonucleotide therapy'. An 'Add' button is located below the Level 5 dropdown. Below the dropdowns, the text 'Subjects selected :' is visible.

- 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.

*Note: Level 1 terms can't be added.*



The screenshot shows the final state of the subject ontology interface. The Level 1 dropdown is set to 'Select level 1'. Below the dropdowns, the text 'Subjects selected :' is followed by the path: 'Biological sciences/Biotechnology/Biologics/Nucleic-acid therapeutics/Antisense oligonucleotide therapy'. Below this path are 'Edit' and 'Delete' buttons.

- **Select as many terms as are relevant**, up to a maximum of 4.

*Note: A minimum of 1 subject is required.*

**Level 1**  ▼

**Subjects selected :**

**Biological sciences/Biotechnology/Biologics/Nucleic-acid therapeutics/Antisense oligonucleotide therapy**

**Health sciences/Diseases/Neurological disorders/Neurodegenerative diseases/Motor neuron disease**

**Biological sciences/Neuroscience/Motor control/Motor neuron**

**Biological sciences/Biological techniques/Experimental organisms/Model vertebrates/Mouse**

- If subjects are added in error, these can be edited or deleted. Select Edit to return to the level 2 term and continue from there. Select Delete to remove the subject pathway completely.