Online journals with articles published one at a time
(How to record the 310, 362, 515, and 588 fields)

Typically, electronic serials are either ‘born-digital’ (the serial is originally published online) or are reproductions, republications, or simultaneous editions of print titles. A ‘born digital’ serial may also be issued in print. ‘Born-digital’ serials may not contain traditional volume and issue numbering and sometimes the only designation available is the numbering on individual articles (CCM 31.1.1.). When electronic serials are published one article at a time, these articles may or may not be cumulated into annual volumes, depending on the provider. Here are a few general rules to follow when describing such online journals, keeping the provider-neutral record in mind:

1. **310**: Unless otherwise noted, the publication frequency for online journals following this publication pattern is “Irregular.” You may see “Annual” on some records but this is not technically correct since not all providers will cumulate articles into annual volumes.

2. **362/588**: Use the numbering on the articles since this is the numbering that appears on the PDF and is consistent across providers.

   Samson et al. *EPJ Nonlinear Biomedical Physics* 2013, 1:1
   http://www.epjnonlinebiomedphys.com/content/1/1/1

   Orsucci et al. *EPJ Nonlinear Biomedical Physics* 2013, 1:6
   http://www.epjnonlinebiomedphys.com/content/1/1/6

   Not all providers will cumulate articles into annual volumes. The annual volume enumeration is usually supplied by the provider and not the publisher.

   588 __ Description based on: 1:1 (5 April 2013); title from journal home page (SpringerOpen website, viewed October 28, 2013).


3. **515**: If applicable, add a 515 note to reflect an “Irregular” publication pattern.

   Some 515 note examples:

   515 __ Articles are published online one at a time.
   515 __ Published one article at a time on the Internet.
   515 __ Articles added on an individual basis as accepted.
   515 __ Articles added consecutively to current annual volume.
   515 __ Articles are published online one at a time and cumulated into annual volumes.
   515 __ Articles are published online one at a time. Some providers cumulate articles into annual volumes.
Example of an online journal that is published one article at a time and cumulated into annual volumes: