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Chronic wounds are a major global health issue, significantly affecting patients' quality of life. These wounds arise when healing fails to restore skin integrity after three months, often impacting adults with conditions like venous insufficiency, pressure ulcers, and diabetes. Approximately 18.6 million diabetics suffer from diabetic foot ulcers (DFUs), which have a five-year mortality rate of 30%, rising to over 70% with major amputations. DFUs are highly susceptible to infection, with around 60% becoming infected and 20% developing severe infections, often leading to limb loss. A key factor in their persistence is the presence of polymicrobial biofilms in nearly 70% of DFUs, which shield bacteria from antibiotics. Common pathogens include *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and MRSA. Recent studies indicate that blue light photoactivated Ber-Gen may be a promising treatment for these biofilm-associated DFUs, though further research is needed to evaluate its effectiveness.

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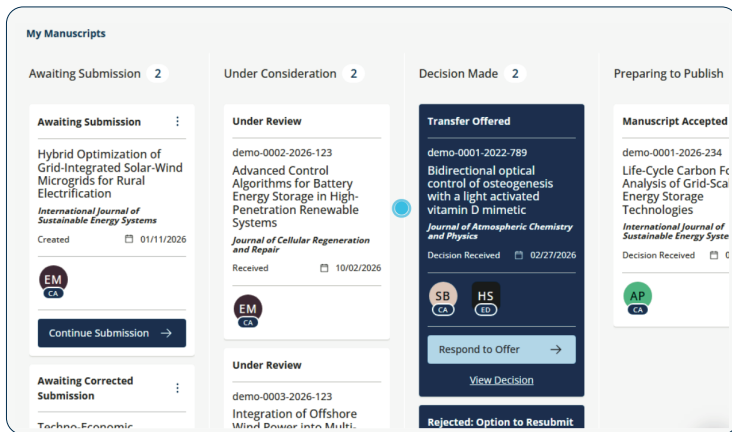
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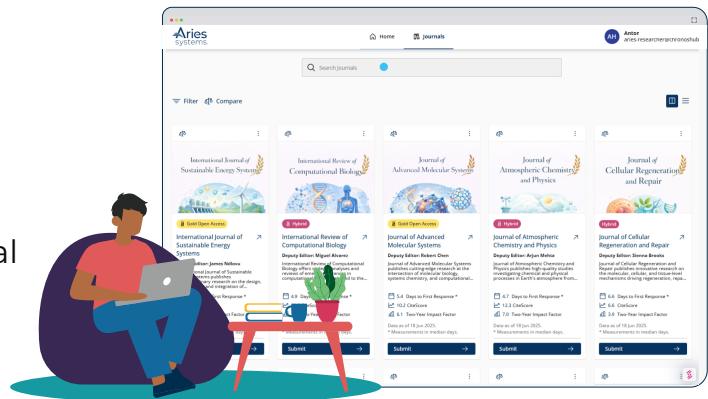


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