

Is frontiersin.org legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 100/100

frontiersin.org

Verdict

100

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

frontiersin.org appears legitimate.

Our checks found nothing pointing to fraud. Ordinary care still applies when you pay or sign in.

Not Scam

Safe for Login

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-17 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 55%.

What this site appears to be

Frontiers publisher site: information about open-access journals, author resources, submission processes, news and organizational information. Contains newsletter subscription and cookie consent interactions.

Evidence status and limitations

Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN

- The real-world operator identity was not independently verified.
- Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	None flagged it VirusTotal	CLEAR
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	0 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	21 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Never archived No public history of this site	WATCH
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by Go Daddy Secure Certificate Authority - G2	NOTED

The page as captured

<https://www.frontiersin.org/>



What frontiersin.org served when TrustSniffer captured it on 2026-08-17. The page may look different now.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- Domain age: more than 10 years (registration continuity).
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.
- The operator behind the site could not be independently connected to a real-world brand or person.

Full analysis

Overview

This website is Frontiers, an established academic publishing platform presenting open-access journals, peer-reviewed research, author and editor resources, submission services, research-integrity information, scientific news, and organizational material. Its apparent business model is to support scholarly publishing through article processing charges, institutional memberships, and publishing services for authors and societies.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed. The homepage presents a coherent academic-publishing identity, with content covering journals, peer review, author services, research topics, institutional partnerships, and publishing policies; the supplied page findings contain no phishing, impersonation, malicious-content, or other fraud indicators. Browser telemetry did include non-whitelisted external requests and console errors, but this did not coincide with hidden forms, externally submitted password forms, wallet activity, clipboard manipulation, cloaking, or other abuse behavior. The available evidence is therefore consistent with an established, apparently legitimate website, while independently verified operator identity remains unresolved.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage identifies Frontiers as a publisher of peer-reviewed articles in open-access journals and provides academic-publishing navigation including journals, manuscript submission, peer review, research integrity, and author resources.
- The homepage contained no detected red flags, malicious behavior indicators, hidden forms, or sensitive external form submissions.
- Browser telemetry recorded 30 external XHR requests, 18 external POST requests, 18 non-whitelisted external requests overall, and 8 console errors; no wallet, clipboard, cloaking, or password-exfiltration behavior was detected.
- External reputation checks found no malicious or suspicious classification, and the domain appeared within the established global traffic population.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The site's apparent function is scholarly publishing rather than a financial or otherwise third-party-regulated service. Its navigation exposes organizational and publishing-policy areas, but the supplied evidence does not independently verify the real-world operator behind the site. No regulatory license or registration number is presented in the supplied page material; this is a disclosure point for ordinary due diligence, not evidence of a scam. The domain and transport infrastructure provide affirmative establishment signals: it is a long-established registration using GoDaddy.com, LLC, and the site uses a valid domain-validated certificate issued by Go Daddy Secure Certificate Authority - G2.

EVIDENCE

- Domain registered 2006-02-11T18:19:36Z; age 20.52 years; registrar: GoDaddy.com, LLC.
- Served from AS8075 (MICROSOFT-CORP-MSN-AS-BLOCK - Microsoft Corporation, US).
- TLS certificate issued by Go Daddy Secure Certificate Authority - G2 (DV), valid to 2026-11-28T11:25:42+00:00.
- The supplied page material describes open-access publishing, article processing charges, institutional memberships, and services for authors and societies, without presenting a financial-services license.

What to Verify Next

Before credential or payment interactions, an interested institution or author should independently confirm the publisher's legal identity through authoritative academic or corporate sources, reconcile the relevant contact and organizational details, and review the applicable fee, cancellation, refund, and payment-protection terms. Where a regulated service is expected by the specific transaction, the relevant licensing registry should also be checked directly.

EVIDENCE

- The site navigation exposes About, History, Leadership, Contact, Publishing Model, Open Access, and Fee Policy areas suitable for independent cross-checking.
- The stated business model includes article processing charges and institutional memberships, making fee and payment terms the most relevant transaction checks.
- The site offers newsletter subscription and cookie-consent interactions but no sensitive form was identified in the supplied capture.

Summary Verdict

Available evidence supports a high-trust posture and is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate academic publisher. No scam, phishing, impersonation, or other contradictory signal was identified, although the real-world operator identity is not independently verified.

Infrastructure Integrity

The website is protected by a CDN/WAF arrangement, with the observed edge address hosted on AS8075 by Microsoft Corporation and no origin candidate exposed in the analysis. This infrastructure reduces direct origin exposure and is a mitigating control, but it is not, by itself, proof of legitimacy.

Closing Assessment

Normal browsing and ordinary scholarly interaction are proportionate; before submitting credentials or making payments, independent checks of the merchant identity, applicable terms, and available payment protections should be completed.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-17 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

Identity verification

Status	UNVERIFIED
Identity score	30/100
Identity verification confidence	50%

- No on-site identity signals detected

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of frontiersin.org.

- The request stayed on frontiersin.org. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under GoDaddy.com, LLC. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by azure-dns.org, across 4 name servers. NOTED

- The registration is paid up to 2027-02-11. NOTED
- It is hosted on MICROSOFT-CORP-MSN-AS-BLOCK, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	GoDaddy.com, LLC
Hosting	MICROSOFT-CORP-MSN-AS-BLOCK - Microsoft Corporation, US
Country	US
Server IP	2620:1ec:46::53
Name servers	ns3-38.azure-dns.org, ns1-38.azure-dns.com, ns2-38.azure-dns.net, ns4-38.azure-dns.info
SSL issuer	Go Daddy Secure Certificate Authority - G2
SSL expiry	2026-11-28
Domain age	20.52 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	2027-02-11
Archive first seen	Not available
Archive snapshots	0
Reputation	VirusTotal: 0 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about frontiersin.org at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.

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