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Below are details of the two journals that you have asked for information on related to the potential submission for publication of your article: “When Rational Decision-Making Fails: Examining the Psychological Limits of Criminal Punishment as a Successful Deterrent for White-Collar Offenders.”

**Journal Selection Report**

**International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology (IJO)**

Impact Factor: 1.645 / 5-Year Impact Factor: 1.914

*The International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology* (IJO) is peer-reviewed and published monthly. It is a well-established journal that provides therapists, counselors, researchers, forensic psychologists and psychiatrists, criminologists and policy makers with challenging research on topics including violent crime, sexual offending, domestic violence, juvenile delinquency, criminal profiling, and risk assessment. There is an emphasis on the treatment of the offender—both as it relates to theory and for clinical practice. Studies on various criminological theories are offered, including research on the possible neurobiological factors that may be at the basis of criminal behavior.

The journal promotes a unique approach to the research and practice of prisoner and offender treatment. It focuses on the central aspects of crime and delinquency, in particular the psychological (as some serious psychological disorders are common among offenders), genetic/biological, and environmental (the life history).

The journal takes an “international perspective” and encourages learning from the experiences, policies, programs and perspectives of their colleagues from around the world.

Bearing in mind the reviewers’ comments it is worth noting that this journal appears to publish empirical studies rather than discursive think pieces, including the two papers listed below (one is cited in detail in your paper). Therefore, per the reviewers’ comments, it might be worth rethinking your paper and reworking it as an empirical study before submission to this journal.

The journal has published papers relating to white-collar crime, albeit somewhat infrequently. The most recent was the work cited in your paper (Einat & Ben Moshe, 2022). Another relevant paper (which is also worth you considering for citation and input into your own paper is Ray and Jones (2011) which discusses psychopathic traits and how they relate to intentions to participate in white-collar crime (in this case, toxic dumping, which has been categorized as a white-collar crime). Again, this paper is an empirical study not a think piece.

Einat, T., & Ben-Moshe, L. (2022). White Collars, Dark Histories: The Factors That Lead Women to Commit Corporate Crimes. International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology, 0(0). <https://doi.org/10.1177/0306624X221124837>

Ray, J. V., & Jones, S. (2011). Self-Reported Psychopathic Traits and Their Relation to Intentions to Engage in Environmental Offending. International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology, 55(3), 370–391. https://doi.org/10.1177/0306624X10361582

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**SAGE Open**

SAGE Open is an open access publication from SAGE. It publishes peer-reviewed, original research and review articles in an open access format. Articles may span the full spectrum of the social and behavioral sciences and the humanities.

Unlike traditional journals, SAGE Open does not limit content due to page budgets or thematic significance. Rather, SAGE Open evaluates the scientific and research methods of each article for validity and accepts articles solely on the basis of the research. Likewise, by not restricting papers to a narrow discipline, SAGE Open facilitates the discovery of the connections between papers, whether within or between disciplines.

The journal levies an “article processing charge” of 1500 USD, payable when a manuscript is accepted after peer review (i.e., before it is published).

The journal is focused on publishing empirical research (rather than think pieces). It has not published many papers on white-collar crime. The best match is Tommasetti et al. (2021), which relates to accounting fraud. This is an empirical study that examines tweets referring to accounting fraud. The journal has also published several papers discussing various aspects of psychopathy and “dark triad” personality traits, which again are empirical studies.

Impact Factor: 2.032 / 5-Year Impact Factor: 2.100

Tommasetti, R., de Oliveira Leite, R., Mothé Maia, V., & da Silva Macedo, M. A. (2021). Revisiting the Accounting Fraud Components: A Bottom-Up Approach Using the Twitter Platform. SAGE Open, 11(4). <https://doi.org/10.1177/21582440211058190>

Garcia, D., Adrianson, L., Archer, T., & Rosenberg, P. (2015). The Dark Side of the Affective Profiles: Differences and Similarities in Psychopathy, Machiavellianism, and Narcissism. SAGE Open, 5(4). <https://doi.org/10.1177/2158244015615167>

**Journal of White Collar and Corporate Crime**

The Journal of White Collar and Corporate Crime is an international and a multidisciplinary, peer-reviewed academic journal featuring high quality contributions from a community of global scholars and researchers. It is published in Association with Division on White-Collar and Corporate Crime of the American Society of Criminology, and seems to be SAGE’s only journal devoted to corporate crime. **The journal does not list an impact factor, possibly because it is relatively new.**

The journal seeks to uncover “the interrelations of theoretical and empirical investigation of the crimes of powerfully organized people while advancing the knowledge of white collar and corporate crime as well as the practices of social intervention and policy change” and to study white collar and corporate crime vis-à-vis “power and the powerful, historical relations between law, criminology, economics, accounting, compliance, regulation, securitization, and financialization.”

These do fit with the themes of your paper, but the journal does predominantly publish empirical studies and says that it “welcomes qualitative and quantitative studies of white collar, corporate, organized, transnational, state, nonstate, and state-corporate crime.”

The following papers cover similar themes to yours, although they are empirical studies (including one meta-analysis).

Pusch, N., & Holtfreter, K. (2021). Individual and Organizational Predictors of White-Collar Crime: A Meta-Analysis. Journal of White Collar and Corporate Crime, 2(1), 5–23. <https://doi.org/10.1177/2631309X19901317>

Amos, B., Longpré, N., & Roos, M. de. (2022). The Dark Triad of Personality: Attitudes and Beliefs Towards White-Collar Crime. Journal of White Collar and Corporate Crime, 0(0). <https://doi.org/10.1177/2631309X221120002>

Peixoto, Â., Gouveia, T., Sousa, P., Faria, R., & Almeida, P. R. (2023). Dark personality traits and tolerance towards unethical behaviors on entrepreneurship: A comparison between entrepreneurs and non-entrepreneurs. Journal of White Collar and Corporate Crime, 4(1), 5–13. https://doi.org/10.1177/2631309X211029877

**Crime & Delinquency** Impact Factor: 2.307 / 5-Year Impact Factor: 2.851

Crime & Delinquency is peer-reviewed, policy-oriented journal offering a wide range of research and analysis for the scholar and professional in criminology and criminal justice. It focuses on issues and concerns that impact the criminal justice system, including the social, political and economic contexts of criminal justice, as well as the victims, criminals, courts and sanctions. In line with its mission as a “policy-oriented” journal, it seeks to serve as a “valuable resource for policy-makers, scholars, administrators, and researchers in the criminal justice field” and delivers “sound, practical policy and program analyses.”

It focuses on the following areas of crime: the social, political and economic context; the victim and the offenders; the criminal justice response; and the setting and implications of sanctions. These areas do fit with your themes, and the journal has, over the decades, published a number of papers on white collar crime—however these are empirical studies. The below more recent papers are particularly relevant to your work.

Craig, J. M., & Piquero, N. L. (2017). Sensational Offending: An Application of Sensation Seeking to White-Collar and Conventional Crimes. Crime & Delinquency, 63(11), 1363–1382. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0011128716674707>

Piquero, N. L. (2012). The Only Thing We Have to Fear Is Fear Itself: Investigating the Relationship Between Fear of Falling and White-Collar Crime. Crime & Delinquency, 58(3), 362–379. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0011128711405005>

Gupta, C. M., & Gottschalk, P. (2022). To What Extent Is White-Collar Crime Understandable? An Empirical Study of Determinants Based on the Theory of Convenience. Crime & Delinquency, 0(0). https://doi.org/10.1177/00111287221131492

**Journal of Financial Crime**

The Journal of Financial Crime (Emerald Publishing) is (alongside its sister journal, the Journal of Money Laundering Control) the official journal of the Cambridge International Symposium on Economic Crime. The journal publishes “authoritative, practical and detailed insight in the most serious and topical issues relating to the control and prevention of financial crime and related abuse.”

In terms of focus, it has a wide base, covering law, criminology, economics, criminal justice and compliance, and describes the research it publishes as “perceptive, evidence-based and [having] policy impact.” The journal has published papers on white collar crime (see samples below) but does not specifically mention the topic in the list of those it covers, although these do include: insider dealing prosecutions, Tracing through the civil law of the proceeds of fraud, and specialized anti-corruption investigations. The papers listed below include a systematic review and one is an empirical study (published in the Journal of Money Laundering Control, these two journals are interrelated).

**The journal does not provide an impact factor metric but states that its 2022 Scopus CiteScore tracker is 2.1.**

Le Maux, J. and Smaili, N. (2022), "Fighting against white-collar crime: criminology to the aid of management sciences", Journal of Financial Crime, Vol. ahead-of-print No. ahead-of-print. <https://doi.org/10.1108/JFC-07-2022-0165>

Filstad, C. and Gottschalk, P. (2012), "Characteristics of white‐collar criminals: a Norwegian study", Journal of Money Laundering Control, Vol. 15 No. 2, pp. 175-187. https://doi.org/10.1108/13685201211218199

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