Where to submit my manuscript? A flow chart.

Who is your target audience? What topic areas would they read in?
Make a list of topic areas.

Make a list of 2-10 journals in each topic area. When adding journals to the list, ask yourself:

- Do I need/want to publish open access? Do I have $ to do it? Do I care about policy on pre-prints + embargos?

- What journals did I cite? Can JANE or other resources help? https://beckerguides.wustl.edu/c.php?g=648201&p=4545487

- Can my paper meet the journal's requirements for word limits or reference limits? Do I want to?

- Does the journal have formatting requirements at submission? Am I willing to format it they way they want me to?

- Do they publish work like mine? Review Author guidelines, Scope, Table of Contents in last 6 months.

- What do I know about the journal's review process and timelines? Have I had good/bad experiences with it?

- What is the journal's business model? (e.g., for profit vs. society, university or open science initiatives)

Prioritize the journals on the list. For each journal:
- ✓ Rank each according to chance of acceptance of this paper (considering fit, acceptance rate) and perceived awesomeness, remove journals that are not likely to accept because of fit or very low acceptance rate
- ✓ Select journal that strikes the best balance between high awesomeness and realistic chance of acceptance