

A Summary of Manuscript submissions to the Journal of Health Research from 2018-2020

The content in this summary is divided into 2 sections:

- i. The Journal management aspect
- ii. Published articles in Scopus

All information is from the Journal of Health Research (J Health Res) database of the ScholarOne platform, Emerald Publishing Group's usage tracker database (RUBI) and Scopus. This ScholarOne platform has been implemented to support the manuscript submission and peer review process since 2018.

I. The Journal management aspect

1. Manuscripts submitted to J Health Res

Information based below is on original manuscripts whose submission date was between Jan 1, 2018 and Dec 31, 2020. The total number of 911 manuscripts submitted to the Journal in 2018-2020 (data as of 31 Dec, 2020) is separated by submitting author country and the number of manuscripts. There was a total of 142 papers submitted in 2018, 239 papers submitted in 2019 and 529 papers submitted in 2020 (Table 1).

We have received manuscript submissions from 47 different countries. A list of the most popular authors is from Thailand followed by Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Turkey, Bangladesh and other countries (Table 2 & 3).

Table 1: Information based on manuscripts whose submission date is Between Jan 1, 2018 and Dec 31, 2020.

Manuscript Type	Submission			Total
	2018	2019	2020	
Commentary	3	4	35	42
Editorial				
General Article			6	6
Original Research Article	127	212	402	741
Review Article	12	17	64	93
Short Report	1	6	22	29
Total	143	239	529	911

Table 2 Manuscripts submitted to J Health Res, by country in 2018

#	Submitting Author Country	# of Manuscripts
1	Australia	1
2	Bangladesh	5
3	Ethiopia	1
4	Ghana	1
5	India	4
6	Indonesia	9
7	Iran	6
8	Iraq	2
9	Italy	1
10	Kenya	1
11	Malaysia	5
12	Morocco	1
13	Nigeria	3
14	Philippines	1
15	Saudi Arabia	3
16	Sri Lanka	1
17	Thailand	93
18	Uganda	1
19	UK	2
20	USA	2
Total		143

Table 3 Manuscripts submitted to J Health Res, by country in 2019

#	Submitting Author Country/Region	# of Manuscripts
1	Algeria	1
2	Australia	2
3	Bangladesh	5
4	Brazil	1
5	Cambodia	1
6	Canada	2
7	Congo (the Democratic Republic of the)	1
8	Egypt	2
9	Ethiopia	5
10	Ghana	2
11	India	9
12	Indonesia	18
13	Iran	10
14	Japan	8
15	Jordan	1
16	Kenya	1
17	Malawi	2
18	Malaysia	11
19	Mexico	1
20	Myanmar	5
21	Namibia	4
22	Nigeria	5
23	Nepal	1

24	Pakistan	3
25	Philippines	5
26	Rwanda	1
27	Singapore	1
28	South Africa	1
29	Sri Lanka	1
30	Thailand	110
31	Turkey	10
32	UK	4
33	USA	3
34	Viet Nam	3
Total		239

Table 3 Manuscripts submitted to J Health Res, by country in 2020

#	Country/Region of Submitting Author	# Manuscripts
1	Armenia	1
2	Australia	1
3	Bangladesh	29
4	Bhutan	2
5	Canada	2
6	China	5
7	Croatia	2
8	Czech Republic	1
9	Egypt	3
10	Ethiopia	6
11	Georgia	1
12	Ghana	7
13	India	99
14	Indonesia	27
15	Iran (the Islamic Republic of)	15
16	Iraq	3

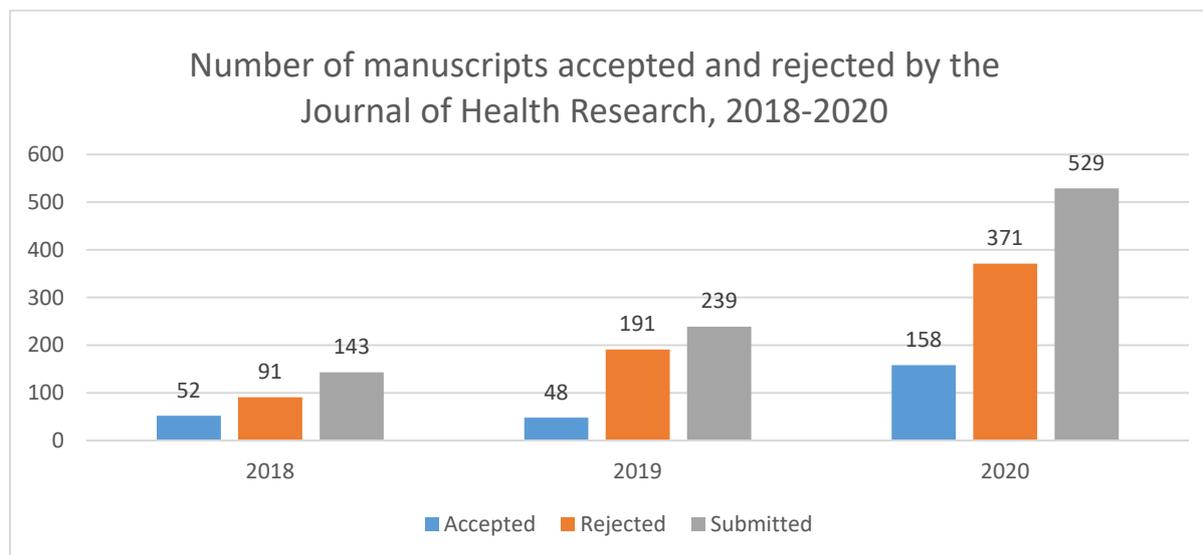
17	Italy	3
18	Japan	4
19	Jordan	3
20	Kenya	9
21	Korea (the Republic of)	4
22	Lebanon	1
23	Lesotho	1
24	Lithuania	1
25	Malaysia	40
26	Morocco	1
27	Myanmar	2
28	Namibia	1
29	Nepal	7
30	New Zealand	2
31	Nigeria	19
32	Oman	1
33	Pakistan	8
34	Philippines	5
35	Portugal	3
36	Saudi Arabia	11
37	Singapore	1
38	South Africa	7
39	Sri Lanka	2
40	Sudan	1
41	Tanzania, United Republic of	1
42	Thailand	123
43	Turkey	41
44	United Arab Emirates	2
45	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	10
46	United States	8
47	Viet Nam	3

Total	529
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2. Acceptance status of manuscripts

The acceptance rate for the year **2018** was **36%** from a total of 143 manuscripts. For the year **2019**, the acceptance rate was **20%** from 239 submissions. For the year 2020 the acceptance rate was **21%** from 529 (Table 4).

Table 4 Number of manuscripts accepted and rejected by Journal of Health Research, 2018-2020



3. Work flow

Information was tracked by Artificial Intelligence (AI). The Journal's information was used to benchmark management performance against the industry in UK.

There are 3 aspects to the workflow-management system;

- Average days from submission to final decision
- Average days of referee turnaround time
- Average days to invite reviewers

Results found that J Health Res is ahead of its publication schedule. This earlier publishing timing helps to lengthen the citable times for the content.

J Health Res's editorial timeframes are excellent. Articles are proceeded in a timely fashion (Table 5).

Table 5 The work flow in year 2020

Editorial timelines	Total of Days	
	Industry Benchmark	J Health Res
Average days from submission to final decision	120	68.2
Average days referee turnaround time	30	17.9
Average days to invite reviewers	14	7.9

II. Published articles in Scopus

- There are 158 articles in Scopus (51 articles in 2018, 57 articles in 2019 and 50 articles in 2020).
- There are 59 articles which are cited documents.
- Times cited is 126 times. JHR received 4 Scopus citations in 2018, 25 Scopus citations in 2019 and 82 Scopus citations in 2020 (and 15 as of Feb 2021).
- H-index value of Journal of Health Research is 5.
- Scopus journals which have cited JHR content at least twice are as follows:
 - BMC Public Health (5 times)
 - International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health (5 times)
 - Malaysian Journal of Medicine and Health Sciences (5 times)
 - International Journal of Innovation Creativity and Change (3 times)
 - Nutrition and Food Science (3 times)
 - Journal of Health Research (2 times)
 - Global Health Action (2 times)
 - Heliyon (2 times)
 - Indian Journal of Forensic Medicine and Toxicology (2 times)
 - Journal of Behavioral Science (2 times)
 - Nutrients (2 times)
 - Open Access Macedonian Journal of Medical Sciences (2 times)

1. Authorship of articles

Regarding authorship by country, results found that Thai authors were the most regular. The top institutions based on authorship of papers is Mahidol University followed by Chulalongkorn University, and Mae Fah Luang University (Fig. 1).

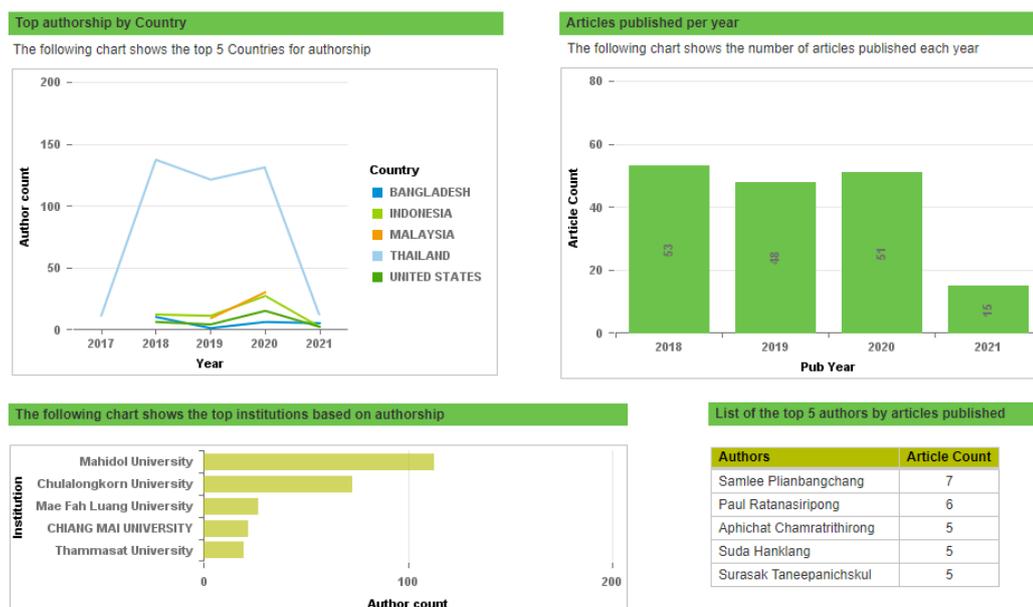


Figure 1 Authorship of articles in J Health Res

2. Usage and Downloading of Papers from Emerald Insight

A total of usage and downloading of papers have increased since 2018 especially since Feb of 2020 (Fig.2). The result also showed that Thai Universities downloaded the most articles with over 2500 downloads. The second country was Malaysia followed by Indonesia and China (Fig.3)

The usage still focused on Chulalongkorn University, Mahidol University and Universiti Teknologi MARA, Indonesia (Fig 4). Downloads show a reasonable internationality, but still concentrating on Asia.

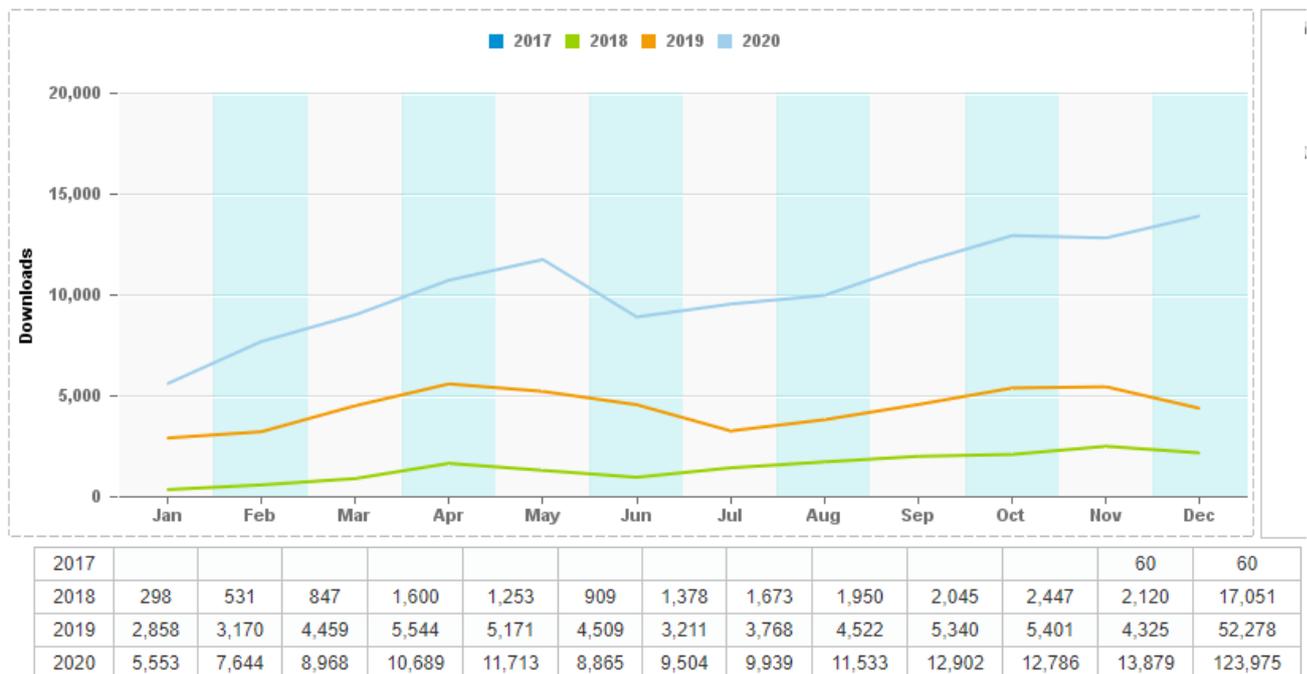


Figure 2 Usage and Downloads papers

Top Countries by Downloads:

The chart below shows the top 10 countries by the number of articles downloaded by customers in those countries:

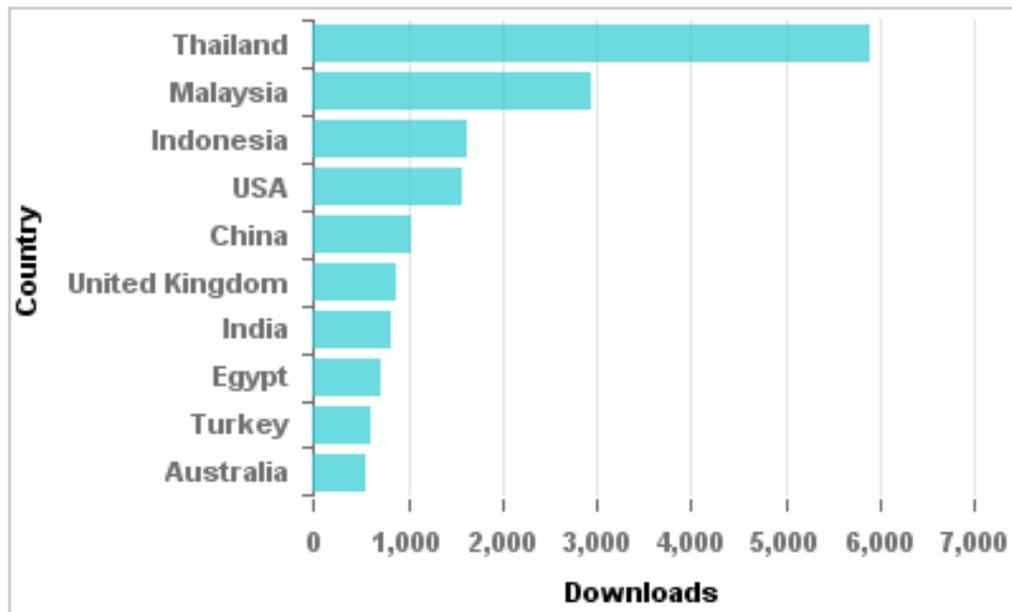


Figure 3 Top countries by Downloads

Top customers by Downloads:

The table below shows the top 10 customers by the number of articles downloaded.

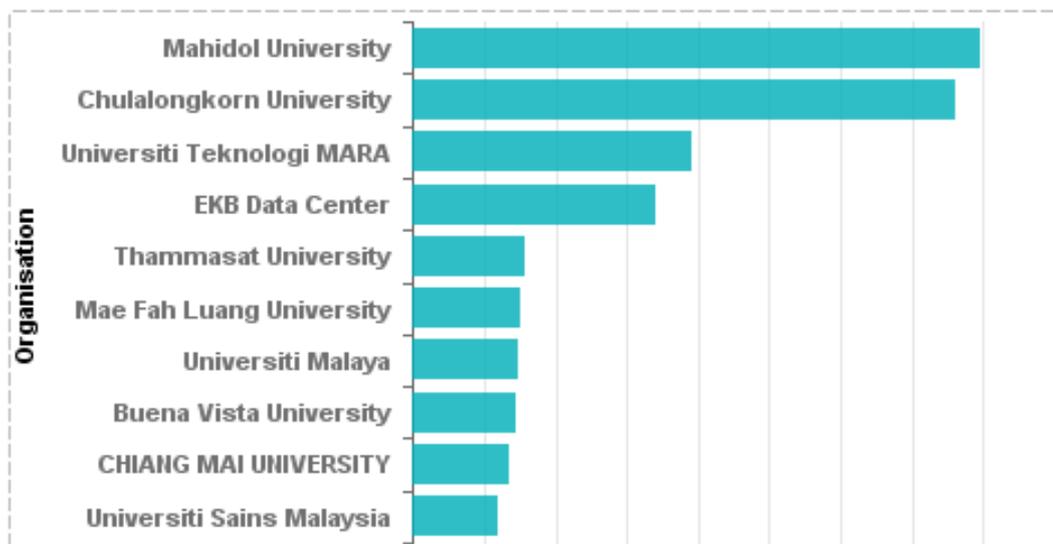


Figure 4 Top Organization by Downloads

3. Downloads & Citations

The results found that the highest download was 11,771 downloads and the second highest was 5,102 downloads as described in (Table 6).

Table 6 Downloads & Citations of papers in Scopus

No	Articles	J Health Res (Volume, issue & year of publication)	Downloads
1	Knowledge, attitude and practice of municipal solid waste management of highland residents in northern Thailand.	2018;32(2)	11,771
2	Determinants of compliance with child immunization among mothers of under-five children in Ekiti State Nigeria J Health Res.	2018;32(3)	5,102
3	Public Health Challenges during the COVID-19 Outbreak in Nepal	2020;34(4)	4,849
4	Knowledge and attitude of essential newborn care among postnatal mothers in Bangladesh.	2019;32(6)	4,395
5	The impacts of community-based HIV testing and counselling on testing uptake – a systematic review	2018;(32)2	3,288

Table 7 shows the citations in 2 metrics; Google Scholar and CrossRef(a collaboration between scholarly publishers, researchers, and other interested parties to promote the unrestricted availability of scholarly citation data).

Articles on “Knowledge, attitude and practice of municipal solid waste management among highland residents in Northern Thailand” proved to be an impactful article in Google Scholar. While “The impacts of community-based HIV testing and counselling on testing uptake – a systematic review” was the most cited article in CrossRef.

Table 7 Citations in Scopus

No	Articles	J Health Res (volume, issue & year of publication)	Total of Citation	
			Google Scholar	CrossRef
1	The impacts of community-based HIV testing and counselling on testing uptake – a systematic review.	2018;32(2)	10	8
2	Knowledge, attitude and practice of municipal solid waste management of highland residents in northern Thailand	2018;32(2)	25	7
3	Sociodemographic determinants of insufficient fruit and vegetable consumption: A population-based household survey of Thai people	2020;34(5)	5	5
4	Vulnerability to domestic physical violence among married women in Indonesia	2019;33(2)	9	3
5	Factors influencing the decision to choose a birth center by pregnant women in Gombe state Nigeria: baseline survey	2019;33(3)	4	3

The Journal is currently abstracted and indexed by international databases such as ASEAN Citation Index (ACI), Cabell's Directories, Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ), EBSCO Discovery Service, Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI), Google Scholar, ISSN Directory of Open Access Scholarly Resources (ROAD), Scopus, Summons (ProQuest), and WorldCat.

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APPENDIX

For Scopus submission

There have been 4 Journal submissions to Scopus since 2010. The submission and evaluation process of the Journal takes about 8 years for inclusion in Scopus. A fast track submission for inclusion in Scopus is that J Health Res is a member of TCI – TRF-Scopus Collaboration Project in 2016.

The *project* aims to improve the quality of 40 *Thai journals* to meet the required international standard for *inclusion in the Scopus* database within 3 years (2017-2019).

Therefore, it is a great opportunity and great effort to improve our *journal* in order to *meet standard of* international journal and also to be a Thai based journal in Scopus.

The timeline of Journal of Health Research submission to the International database and domestic database since 2010

Databases	Time of submission				Submission Date	Response	Indexed		Re-submit	Note
	1	2	3	4			Yes	No		
1.Scopus	/				20-Jan-2010	6-Jun-2011		/		
		/			03-Jan-2013	12-Mar-2013		/	Jan-15-2010	
			/		11-Dec-2013 Emailed Scopus and CC to TCI	01-Apr-2014 (TCI sent to Scopus for evaluation)		/		
						2-Apr-2014 (Scopus has 4 questions for editor)				
					30-Oct-2014 Emailed Aj Narongrit to follow up the progress	Prof. Narongrit forwarded mail to Scopus representative		/		
					16-Dec-2014 emailed Aj Narongrit, response to Scopus's comment. Also sent printed version	22-Dec-2014 Prof. Narongrit suggested JHR for Scopus committee to be considered in Scopus		/		
						16-Jan-2015 Derrick from Scopus replied JHR will be reviewed per the regular process.		/		
					05-Jun-2015 Emailed Derrick for the progress	08-Jun-2018 Auto reply will be response shortly		/		
					25-Aug-2015 Emailed Scopus	28-Aug-2015 Response that it's on final process of evaluation and will keep us informed		/		
					04-Jan- 2016 Emailed Scopus	05-Jan-2016 It is still being evaluated & will take at least several		/		

Databases	Time of submission				Submission Date	Response	Indexed		Re-submit	Note
	1	2	3	4			Yes	No		
						months up to about half a year				
					11-May-2016 Emailed Prof. Narongrit	Prof. Narongrit will meet subject chairs and will ask the Scopus team		/		
					02-Aug-2016- Emailed from Scopus	<u>The CSAB has advised not accept the title for Scopus inclusion</u>		/		REASON: However, it is very unclear as to the main aims and scope or policy of the journal, with a brief introduction only which appears to imply that any article related to health research and any discipline can be submitted. There is no clear guidance as to how that is managed by any editor nor guarantee that a submitted paper in one discipline will be considered by a reviewer with expertise in that area e.g. medicine or nursing .This links clearly with a need to inform readers who the members of the boards are and what is their affiliation , their title and / or area of expertise .This would partly support the view then that the journal does have the expertise for considering the wide variety of discipline papers . There are some interesting papers being published in the journal which in some cases could easily have been seen in international journals. It is very unclear how post graduate master's papers and doctorate level papers are managed through the review process and also their links to having to have these stated articles from authors: "prepared toward fulfillment of government and/or academic requirements for receipt of graduate-level degrees'. There needs to be a very clear and open statement about these as there is often pressure on editors in these circumstances to publish papers where authors are in this situation. It is admirable however to see a journal supporting the

Databases	Time of submission				Submission Date	Response	Indexed		Re-submit	Note
	1	2	3	4			Yes	No		
										development of future academics, practitioners and researchers. It is advised that the editorial team consider the Scopus FAQ's for journal submission and the role of editor and consider the guidance to support this next stage of development.
					15-May-2018 Emailed Scopus kept informed that message "coverage discontinued in Scopus"	11-Jun-2018 NOT inclusion in Scopus		/		Scopus replied; Please be advised that the "Journal of Health Research" in which your article was published is no longer indexed in Scopus, therefore your paper cannot be added to our database. Unfortunately, due to technical issue 40 article has appeared in Scopus. These articles will be removed shortly.
				/	7-Dec-2018 Submitted J Health Res to Local Board of Scopus in TH			/		J Health Res must add 3 points; Publication ethics, link to archive in Emerald, Contact address. Then, add cover of J Health Res in Thai (Archive), ISSN & eISSN in Journal banner.
				/	24-Dec-2018 Submitted J Health Res Local Board of Scopus in TH	28-Feb- 2018 INCLUSION in Scopus		/		J Health Res is inclusion in Scopus. It takes about 2 moths for consideration.
2.ISI	/				27-Jul-2011	07-Aug-2012 Not inclusion in ISI		/		Not inclusion in ISI with the reason; a low cited and area was well covered. Embargo for 2 years of submission. Also waiting for the citation increasing.
3.Medline					19-Apr-2012 Online submitted to Medline			/		
					09-Apr-2013 Sent printed journal			/		
					08-Jul-2013 Emailed for the progress			/		
					04-Oct-2013 Found J Health Res in NLM catalog			/		
					11-Dec-2013			/		

Databases	Time of submission				Submission Date	Response	Indexed		Re-submit	Note
	1	2	3	4			Yes	No		
					Emailed for the progress					
					20-Jan-2014 Emailed for the progress		/			
					09-Apr-2014 Emailed the progress	10-Apr-2014 Refuse to inclusion in Medline	/		Reason: not high enough of score by LSTRC to be recommended for inclusion in Medline	
					11-May-2018 Re-submit	09 Nov-2018 Refuse to inclusion in Medline	/		Reason: this journal did not score high enough by the LSTRC to be recommended for inclusion in Medline.	
						24-Dec-2018 Emailed rating scores to J Health Res	/		<p>Currently, a journal must receive a score of 3.75 or greater to be recommended for Medline. The final score given to the journal is not based on any mathematical formula. The LSTRC assessment of journals is based on several critical elements that serve as a general guide for recommending a journal title to be indexed in MEDLINE. There is no one element by itself that tends to disqualify a journal from being recommended. The overall appraisal of a journal's scientific content, quality, importance, editorial policies, and subject coverage in MEDLINE determine the LSTRC scoring and recommendation.</p> <p>Overall comments: Editorial staff page (advisory board, editor-in-chief, co-EIC, co-editors, assistant editors, editorial teams (national & international), biostatistics advisors, has no institutional affiliation so question whether all these people are from the same university. The scope of this journal is very broad; hence there is a great deal of variability in the presentation, methods, and interpretation of the research and reviews. The guidelines for authors are relatively non-specific and allow for considerable flexibility in presentation. Funding of research</p>	

Databases	Time of submission				Submission Date	Response	Indexed		Re-submit	Note
	1	2	3	4			Yes	No		
										needs to be added. Informed consent was not consistently documented. Human subjects and animal rights policies documented in author guidelines/also reference to COPE. Only 24% unsolicited manuscripts with a high acceptance rate of 76%. In the issues reviewed about 25-30% are first-authored by individuals from the same university that publishes the journal.Relevant editorials would be an appropriate addition. Peer review process is not described in detail.
4.ACI	/					10-Sept-2015 Inclusion in ACI	/			Tracked Journal data from TCI Inclusion starting from year 2015-2019
		/				10-Jan-2020 Inclusion in ACI	/			Tracked Journal data from TCI Since J Health Res is in TCI, it is directly inclusion.
5.TCI	/				1-Dec-2011 (2554) Submitted for the 1 st evaluation	22-Feb-2012 Inclusion in Group 1	/			Accredited since 2012 - 2014 (2554-2557)
			/		20-Feb 2014 (2557) Submitted for the 3 rd evaluation	31-May-2015 Inclusion in Group 1	/			Accredited since 2015-2019 (2558-2562)
				/	02-Jul-2019 (2562) Submitted for the 4 th evaluation	10-Jan-2020 Inclusion in Group 1	/			Accredited since 2020-2024 (2563-2566)

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