

How Scopus helps research journals improve international impact?

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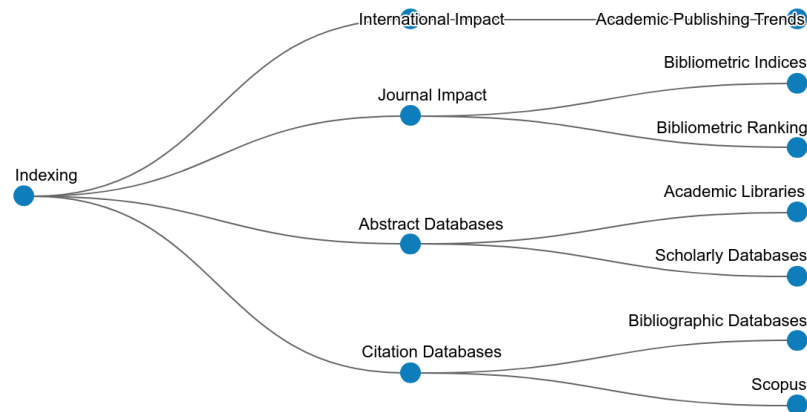


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how does indexing in citation and abstract database help improve journal international impact



Indexing in citation and abstract databases plays a crucial role in improving a journal's international impact

Summary

Based on the query about the role of indexing in citation and abstract databases in improving a journal's international impact, the following insights can be derived from the provided abstracts:

Role of Indexing in Improving International Impact:

- **Global Citation Indexes:** International abstract and citation databases, such as Scopus, play a crucial role in evaluating research performance and are used in international university rankings [1](#).
- **Impact on Journal Performance:** The inclusion of journals in international databases like Scopus and Web of Science is essential for improving their international impact and performance assessment [1](#) [2](#) [3](#) [4](#).
- **Journal Quality and Internationalization:** Various bibliometric indices and altmetrics are used to assess journal quality, internationalization, and editorial policies, which can contribute to improving a journal's international impact [3](#) [5](#) [6](#).

Strategies for Strengthening Journal Positions:

- **Editorial Board and Publication Policies:** Active policy regarding publishing activities, transparent peer review, and membership of prominent scientists in the editorial board can enhance the credibility and international visibility of academic journals [2](#) [4](#).
- **Keyword and Topic Analysis:** Utilizing keyword and topic analyses to select articles can potentially increase a journal's citation count and impact [6](#).
- **Global Coverage:** The globalization of business and economic activities is shown to positively impact journal performance, especially in economics [3](#).

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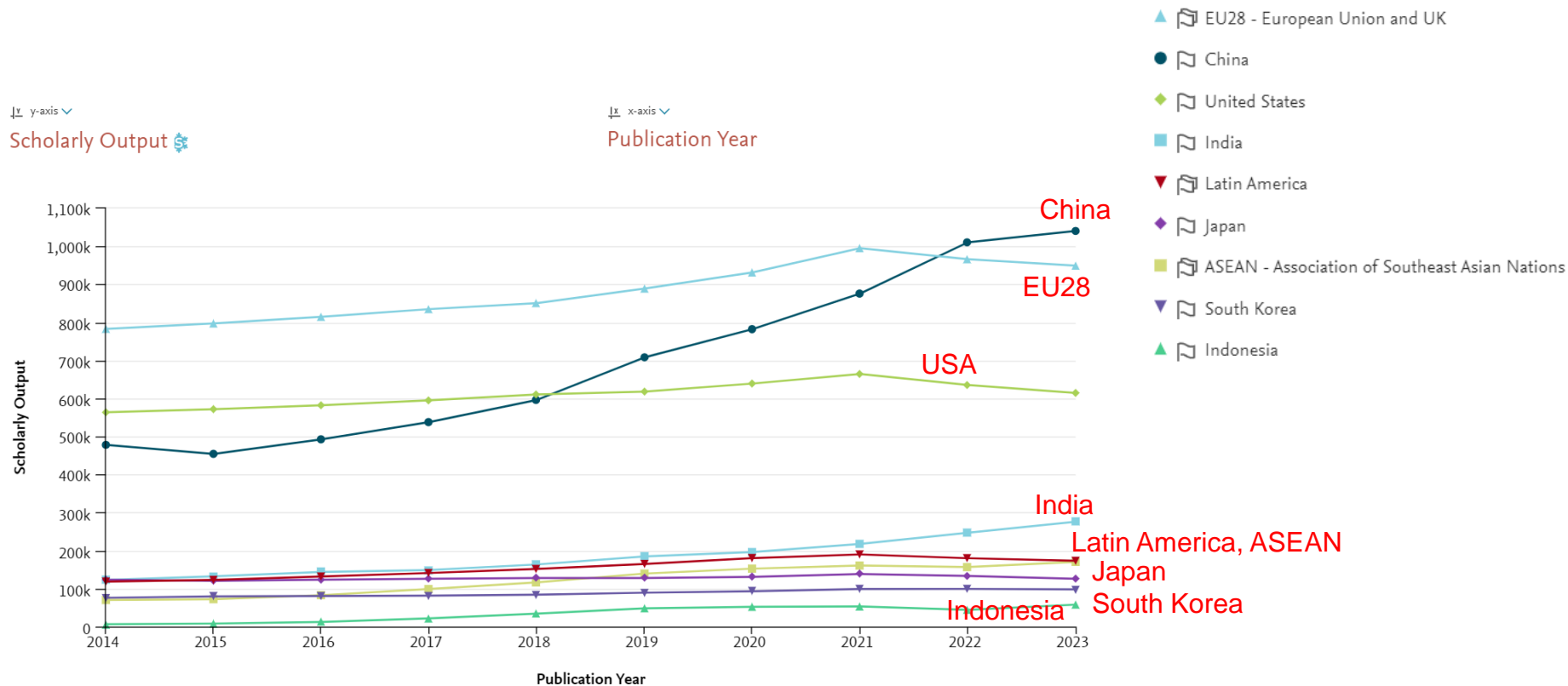
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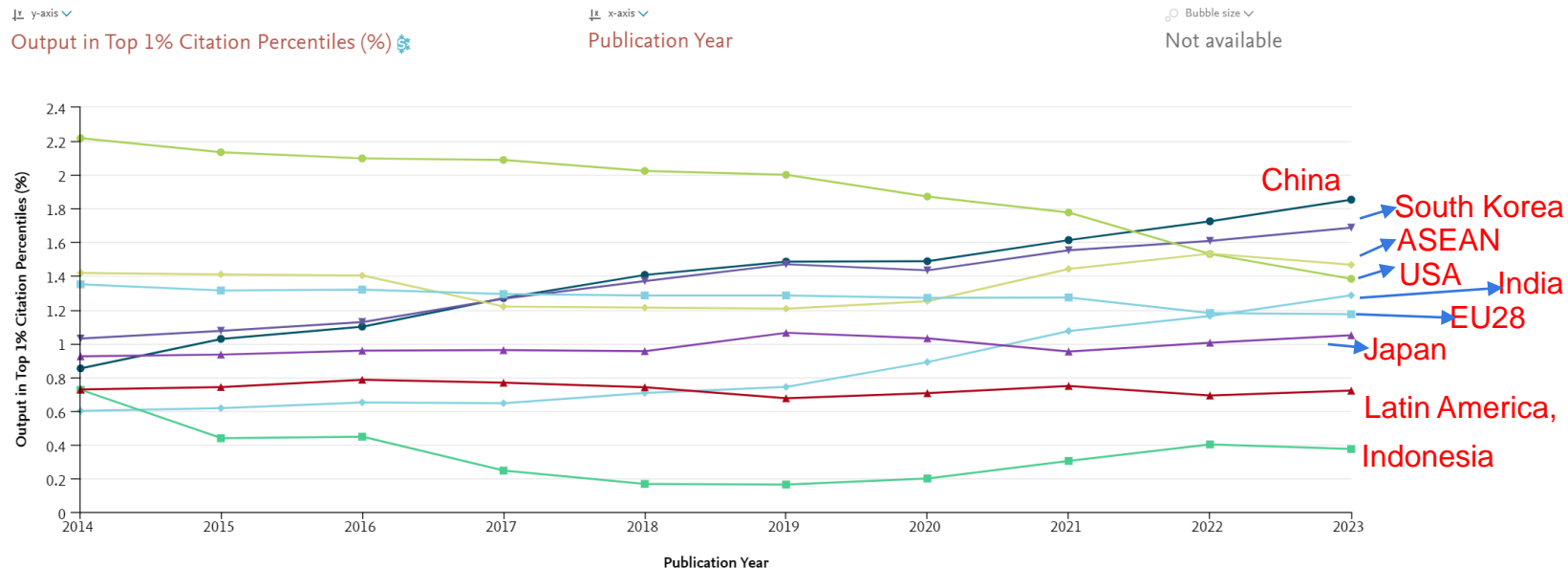
how does indexing in citation and abstract database help improve journal international impact

Based on the insights from the abstracts, **it is evident** that indexing in citation and abstract databases, along with strategies such as editorial policies, keyword analysis, and global coverage, plays a crucial role in improving a journal's international impact. **However, it is important to note that** while the abstracts **provide valuable information** about the impact of indexing and strategies for journal improvement, **they do not explicitly discuss the direct impact** of indexing on a journal's international impact. Therefore, while the insights from the abstracts can be used to infer the importance of indexing, **a direct answer to the query is not explicitly provided in the abstracts.**

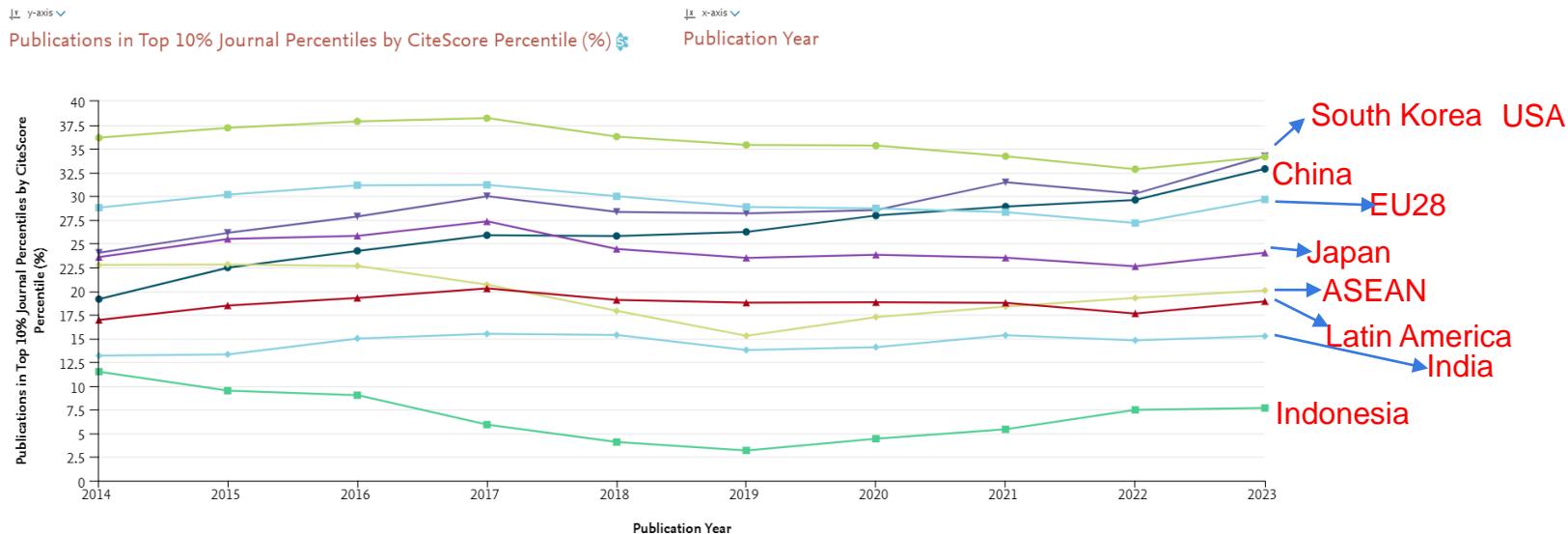
Global Scholarly output for past decade



Global Scholarly output in Top 1% Citation Percentiles for past decade



Global Scholarly output in Top 10% Journal CiteScore Percentiles for past decade



Agenda



- How is research content selected and curated in Scopus?
- How are inclusion, diversity and other bias minimized?
- How Scopus helps research journals improve international impact?

Scopus Coverage Summary (April 2024)



Global representation means global discovery across all subjects and content types

96.1M records from **28.0K** serials, **158K** conferences and **351K** books

from more than **7,000** publishers in **105** countries

- Updated daily—**13,000+** new articles per day indexed
- **24.46M** open access documents
- **2.19M** preprints from multiple preprint servers

Number of journals by
subject area**

Physical sciences
15,151

Health sciences
14,940

**Social sciences
and humanities**
15,446

Life sciences
8,094

Journals

28,153* active peer-reviewed
journals

7,183 Gold OA Journals (Unpaywall)

21.7M fully-indexed funding
acknowledgements

2.19M preprints

- Full metadata, abstracts and cited references (refs post-1970 only)
- Citations back to 1970

Conferences

158K conference events

12.2M conference papers

12.9% of database items

Mainly Engineering and
Computer Sciences

Books

74.3K individual book
series volumes

351K stand-alone
books

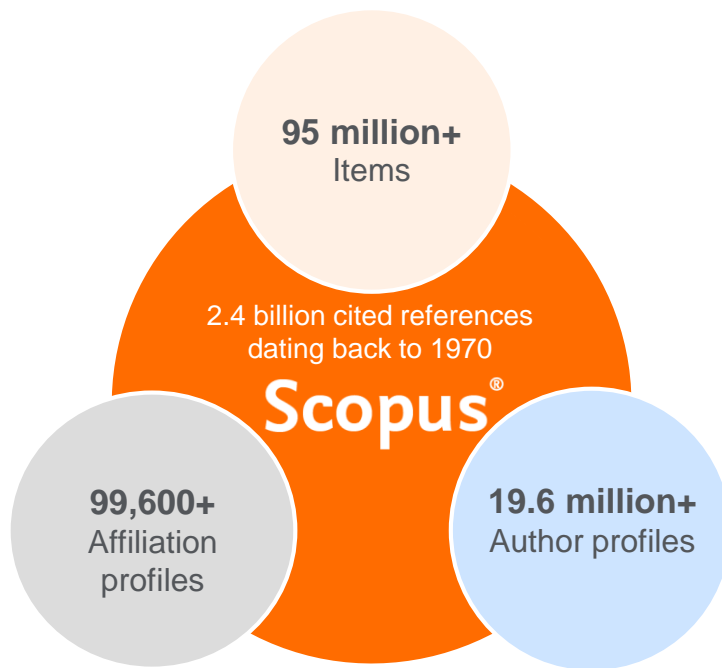
3.05M total book
items

Focus on Social
Sciences and A&H

*Journals may be classified in multiple subject areas: this count includes current actively indexed titles only

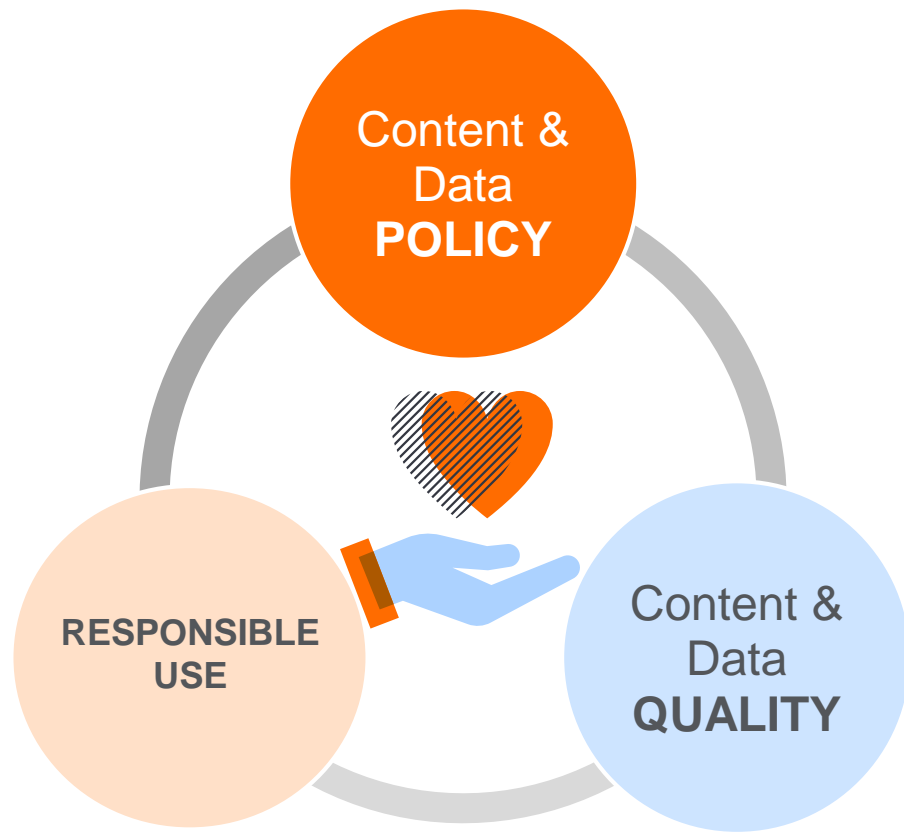
**These counts include both active and inactive titles; total number of Scopus journals in database including inactive titles is 45,192.01

Scopus uniquely combines curated content with enriched, linked data



Quickly find relevant and trusted research, identify experts, and access reliable data and metrics to **help the world of research make high value decisions with confidence**

Ingredients of trust for Scopus content and data



Content Selection & Advisory Board (CSAB)

Scopus is vetted by independent experts

- Independent board of subject experts from all over the world
- Comprised of **17 Subject Chairs**
- Chosen for their expertise in specific subject areas; most have (journal) Editor experience.
- Rigorous and transparent quality and ethics selection criteria used to evaluate potential titles
- Regularly re-evaluates Scopus content and discontinues titles no longer meeting the guidelines



Scopus and CSAB mandate and authority



Scopus is committed to creating a representative, curated dataset of scholarly content:

- Overall journal selection based on journal-level data and performance
- Monitoring and deselection of journals that are predatory or below standards

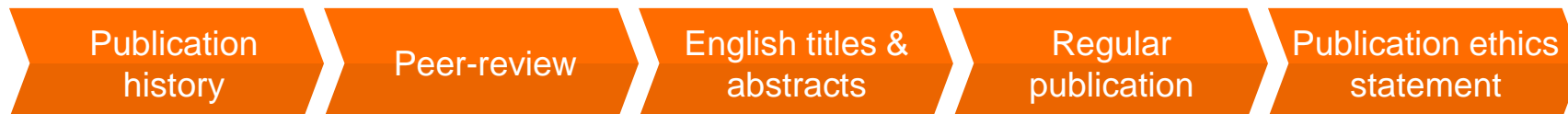


Scopus cannot interfere with editorial autonomy of journals:

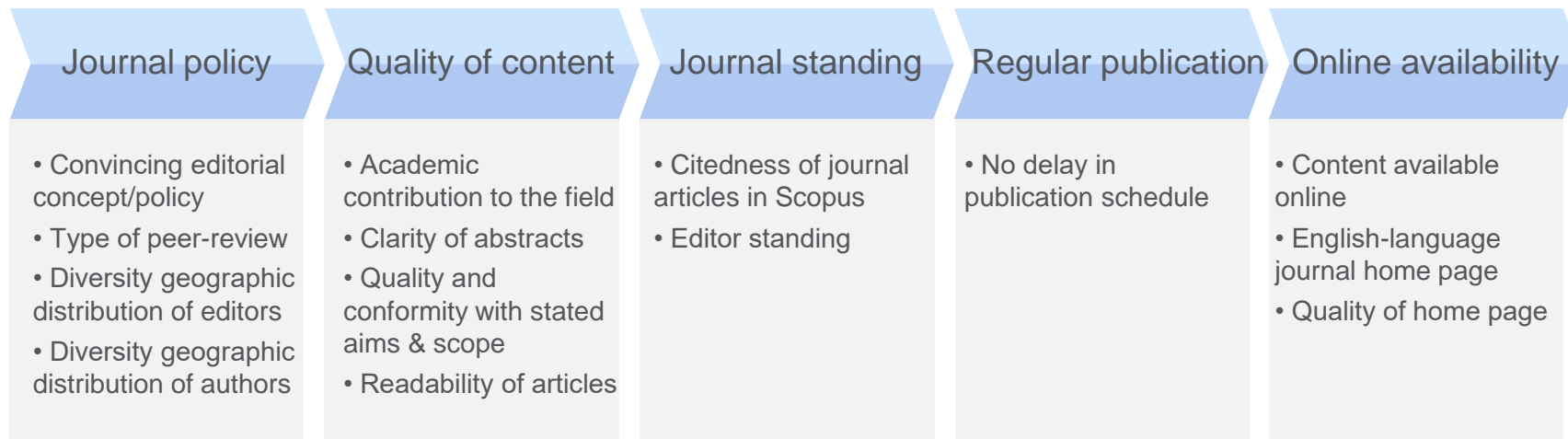
- Editorial decisions on quality of individual articles and conferences
- (Scientific) content of the articles and abstracts included in the database
- Plagiarism and other publication malpractice of individual articles
- Authorship of the paper

Transparent selection criteria

All titles should meet all minimum criteria to be considered for Scopus review:



Eligible titles are reviewed by the CSAB according to a combination of 14 quantitative and qualitative selection criteria:

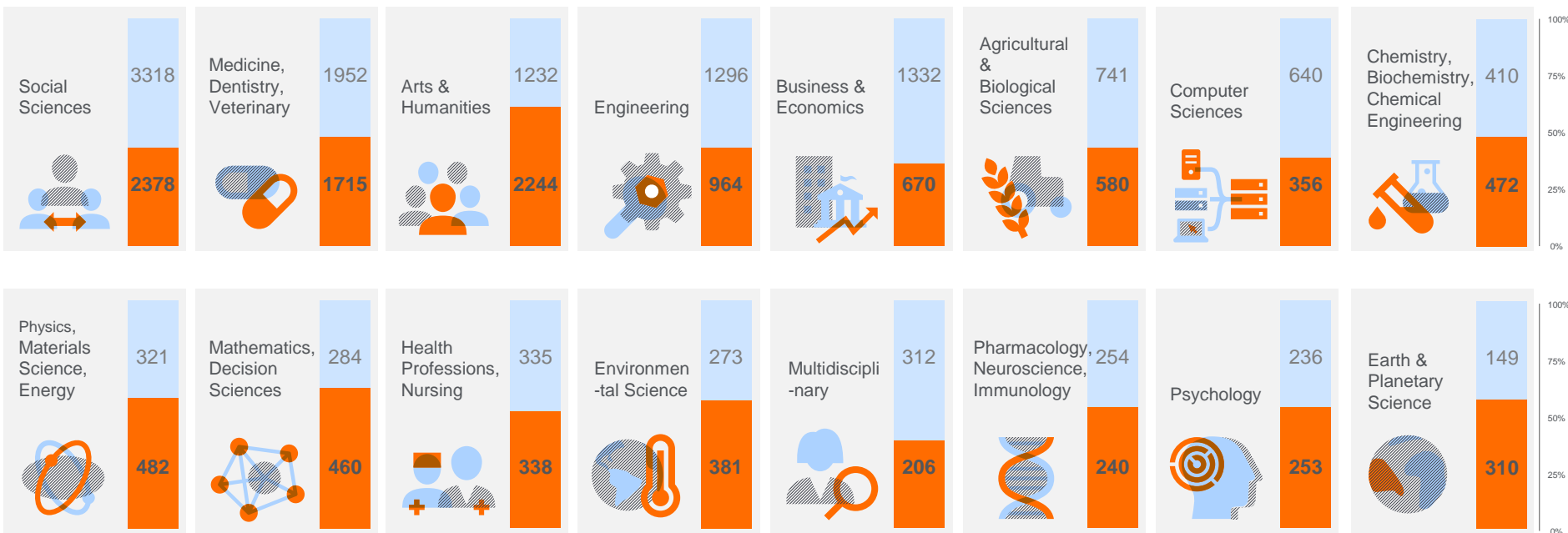


Less than 50% of reviewed titles are also accepted

Title review results by primary subject area (2011 – February 2024)

In total, **25,169** titles were reviewed by the CSAB of which **12,078 (48%)** accepted.

Accepted Rejected

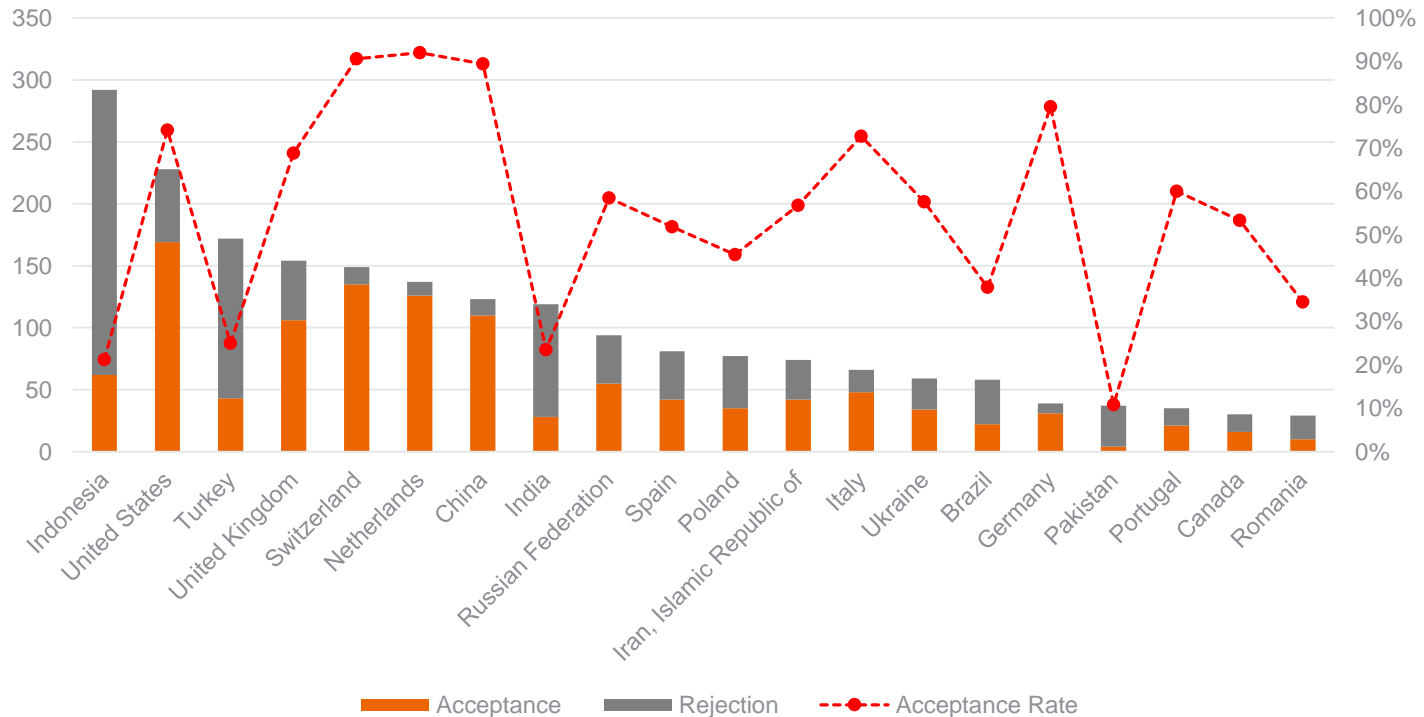


Journal Reviews

Journal reviews in 2023.

In total 2699 decisions made. 1429 titles were accepted (53% acceptance rate)

Top 20 countries/territories ranked by total number of CSAB review decisions.



Journal Reviews



Journal A

Decision: **Rejection**

Embargo: 2 years

The journal consistently includes articles that are sound and relevant to an academic or professional audience from the region. In general, the content of the articles is consistent with the scope and aims of the journal. The geographical reach of authorship and content is appropriate for an Indonesian journal, although there are many good international journals that already cover this subject area, so it is hard to attract the most innovative of papers. This makes many appear rather descriptive.

It has been published for just a short time, so articles in this title have attracted only a few citations by other titles currently covered by Scopus. However, there are indications that this will improve. The website has a good feel and there is a sense it is attracting authors from across the region. I really hope in future this journal can be admitted to Scopus as it seems likely to improve over the next few years and attract a broader international readership. At the moment there is not enough evidence of its trajectory.

Journal Reviews



Journal B

First Decision: **Rejection**

Embargo: 1 year

Decision letter (snipped): The journal now only publishes papers in English language but **citations are minimal**, although there is a developing citation base which is a positive development. There is a clear editorial structure in terms of editors and Board members and it is very good to see an annual list of reviewers.

The journal **needs to be much clearer on international contributions in its aims and scope section**. The current aims and cope is simply a list of topics which cover a large field of nursing which implies that any kind of paper is considered but also that it only publishes research papers and results .

The editorial team may wish to consider looking at this statement ... **Offering potential authors some additional information on possible topics** in ... is another option which will offer xxx etc.

It appears that the Editorial Board makes decision on article feasibility - **but unclear what role Editors have in this final decision making process.**

Second Decision: **Acceptance**

Decision letter (snipped): Thank you for re-submitting ... **The response to feedback decision was very helpful. Some very innovative papers published and use according to the author guidance as well. Citations are increasing as well in international journals and a positive development and clarity in the revised aims and scope.**

There is one change that is advised to the Plagirasim Checking: Every article will be checked for plagiarism using Turnitin prior to publication with the maximum number of 20% originality report

The second part of this sentence is a concern as it implies that papers can have 20% score on similarity report and be published . It is advised that there should be no plagiarism in an article that is classed as deliberate similarity . Plagiarism is not the only unethical practice to be checked for in a submitted article and there are of course internal journal guidance on how to manage these reports between editors etc. It is advised that the Editorial team ensure ongoing access to the COPE et al (2018) Principles of Transparency and Best Practice in Schoalalry Publishing to enhance their content and policies .

Comprehensive global coverage

Diversity and bias are addressed through

Representation in the CSAB

- CSAB comprises of members from all continents **Asia, Europe, North America, South America, Africa, Oceania** representing all subject disciplines

Local boards

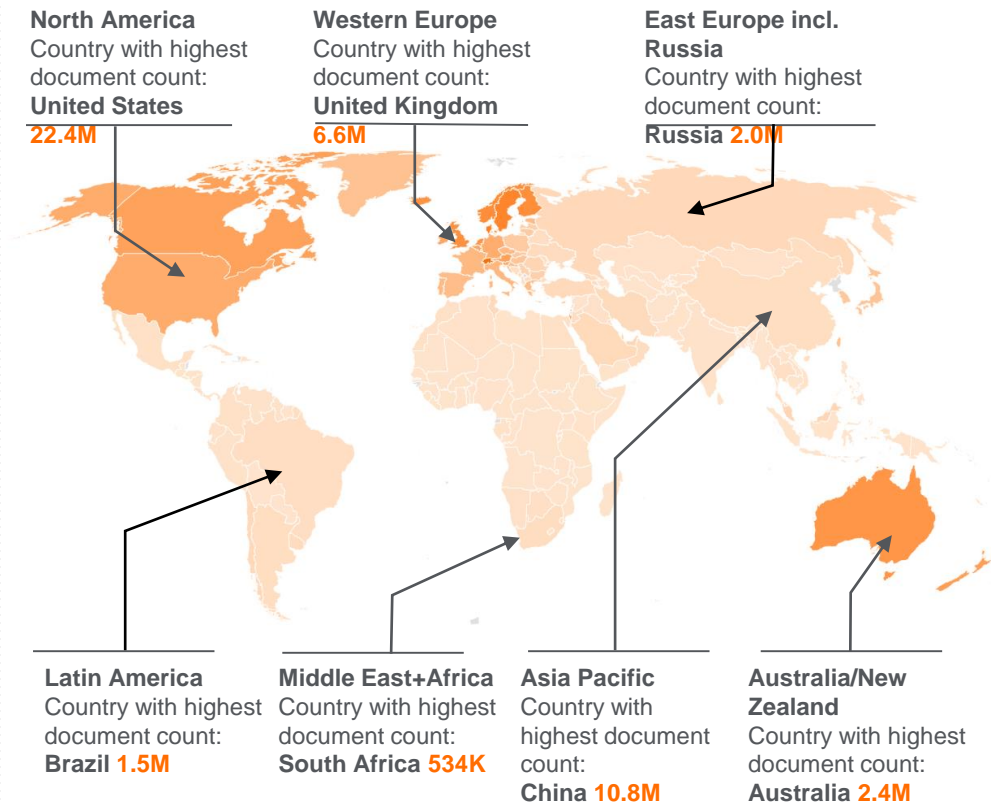
- Local boards advising the CSAB in: **Thailand, China, South Korea and Russia.**

Analyse gaps and proactively invite for review.

- Examples: **African Journals Online, SciELO (Latin America), Korean Citation Index, JSTOR, Australia Business & Economics recognized titles, AUPress(Project MUSE), etc.**

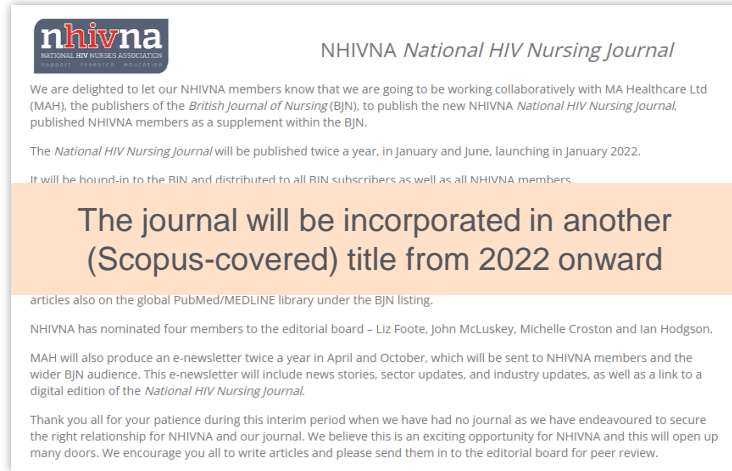
Global Representation

(documents in Scopus per country, normalized by population size)



Why is curation important? – problems when research integrity issues arise

Announcement by the authentic journal:



nhivna
NATIONAL HIV NURSES ASSOCIATION
SUBMIT. TRANSFER. ADVANCE.

NHIVNA *National HIV Nursing Journal*

We are delighted to let our NHIVNA members know that we are going to be working collaboratively with MA Healthcare Ltd (MAH), the publishers of the *British Journal of Nursing* (BJN), to publish the new NHIVNA *National HIV Nursing Journal*, published NHIVNA members as a supplement within the BJN.

The *National HIV Nursing Journal* will be published twice a year, in January and June, launching in January 2022.

It will be bound-in to the BJN and distributed to all BJN subscribers as well as all NHIVNA members.

The journal will be incorporated in another (Scopus-covered) title from 2022 onward

articles also on the global PubMed/MEDLINE library under the BJN listing.

NHIVNA has nominated four members to the editorial board – Liz Foote, John McLuskey, Michelle Croston and Ian Hodgson.

MAH will also produce an e-newsletter twice a year in April and October, which will be sent to NHIVNA members and the wider BJN audience. This e-newsletter will include news stories, sector updates, and industry updates, as well as a link to a digital edition of the *National HIV Nursing Journal*.

Thank you all for your patience during this interim period when we have had no journal as we have endeavoured to secure the right relationship for NHIVNA and our journal. We believe this is an exciting opportunity for NHIVNA and this will open up many doors. We encourage you all to write articles and please send them in to the editorial board for peer review.

Take-over of journal identity by a predatory publisher:



HIV NURSING

ISSN: 1474 - 7359
www.hivnursing.net

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- HIV Nursing Vol. 22 No. 1 (2022)
- HIV Nursing : Vol 21, Issue 2, 2021
- HIV Nursing : Vol. 21 No. 02 (2021)

Title publishes fake content under the authentic journal brand in unrelated subject areas

For Readers
For Authors
For Librarians

CURRENT ISSUE

Volume 23
Issue 3
2023

Scopus

HIV Nursing

Incorporated by: [British Journal of Nursing](#)

(coverage discontinued in Scopus)

Publisher: Mediscript Ltd.

ISSN: 1474-7359 E-ISSN: 2398-3981



British Journal of Nursing

Incorporating: [HIV Nursing](#)

Scopus coverage years: from 1992 to Present

Publisher: Mark Allen Publishing Ltd.

ISSN: 0966-0461 E-ISSN: 2052-2819

It does not stop once titles are selected for Scopus coverage

Predatory journals are a threat to the integrity of science and should not be covered in Scopus.

- Journals in Scopus benefit from wider global visibility.
- Sometimes this does not happen, and the journal may become predatory.

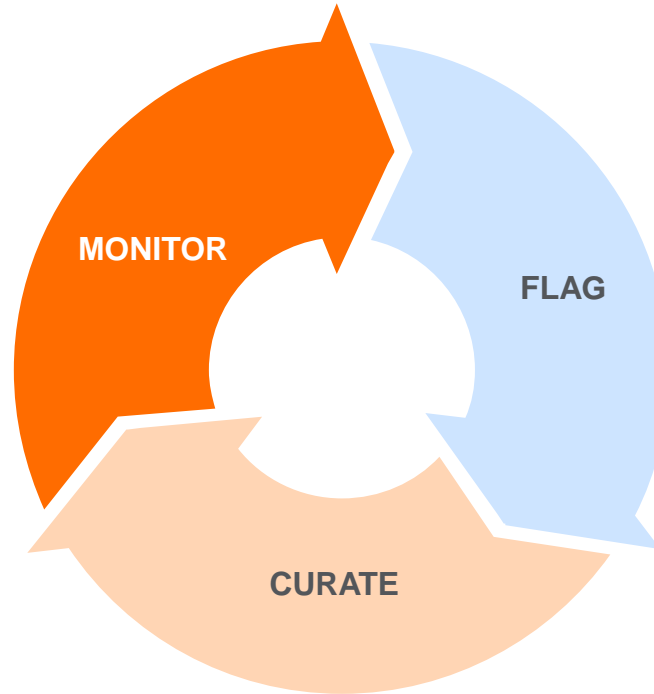
- It is essential that decisions about research be based on trusted data.
- Predatory journals cannot be trusted and need to be excluded.

- Predatory publishing is not binary
- Predatory publishing is subject to personal interpretation
- Independent review of individual journals by experts is essential.

Content curation and re-evaluation in Scopus

MONITOR:

- Titles are monitored for outlier behaviour (e.g., using data science)
- Community concerns about titles are received
- Validation if there is evidence for research integrity violations



FLAG:

- Titles are flagged for re-evaluation by CSAB
- Coverage of titles flagged for re-evaluation is put on-hold

CURATE:

- CSAB reviews and decides to continue or discontinue
- For discontinued journals coverage will be stopped
- Content already indexed remains

Content curation results (2016 – 2024 YTD)

Monitoring methods:

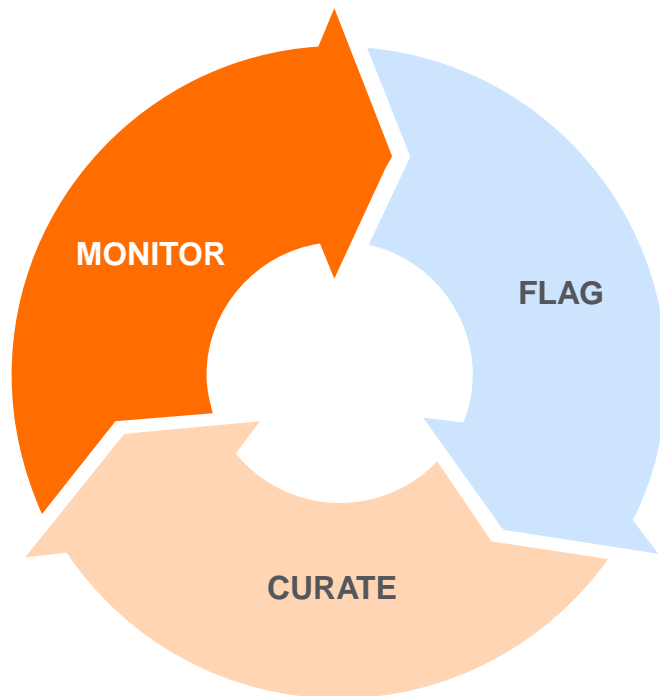
- Publication concerns: **569** of which **72%** discontinued
- Under performance: **331** of which **50%** discontinued
- Outlier performance: **203** of which **55%** discontinued
- Continuous curation: **113** of which **22%** discontinued


Overall catch-rate:

- **58%** discontinued
- Total of **822** discontinued titles

Other research integrity issues:

- For hijacked journals, when relevant fake website links and content is removed
- Where possible, legal action against paper mills is taken





How Scopus helps research journals
improve international impact?

Challenges an Editor faces

- **Source ideas for high impact topics**
- **Benchmark, assess and reflect journal performance** across an array of journal-level metrics
- **Identify and target reviewers and editorial board members**



Editors

“For me, the primary differences are how quickly new information appears in the database (Scopus is updated daily) and how easy the interface is to use. Scopus has the advantage in both, and both matter for how I use it.”

—Dr. William Neilson, prev. Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization and Economic Inquiry.

How do users benefit from using Scopus AI?

- **Finding references**
(e.g., for thesis or manuscript)
- **Getting familiar** with a new topic
- **Deepening understanding** of a research topic
- **Better articulating** a hypotheses or ideas
- **Explaining a complex topic** to juniors / non-academics
- **Collaborating** with others



CiteScore is a family of related metrics

Source details

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The Lancet

Years currently covered by Scopus: from 1823 to 2024

Publisher: Elsevier

ISSN: 0140-6736 E-ISSN: 1474-547X

Subject area: Medicine: General Medicine

Source type: Journal

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CiteScore 2023

148.1

SJR 2023

12.113

SNIP 2023

23.150

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CiteScore 2023

148.1 = $\frac{266,752 \text{ Citations } 2020 - 2023}{1,801 \text{ Documents } 2020 - 2023}$

Calculated on 05 May, 2024

CiteScoreTracker 2024

68.3 = $\frac{109,251 \text{ Citations to date}}{1,600 \text{ Documents to date}}$

Last updated on 05 June, 2024 • Updated monthly

CiteScore rank 2023

Category Rank Percentile

Medicine

General Medicine

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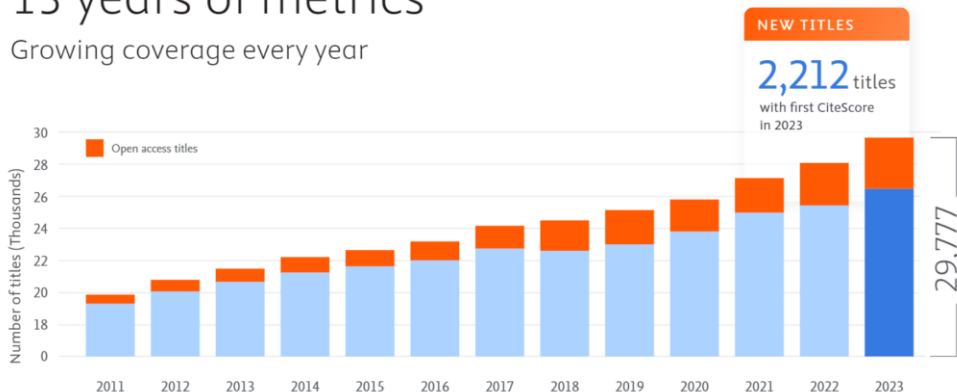
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CiteScore 2023

13 years of metrics

Growing coverage every year



6,446+ titles in over 50 languages

22%
of titles that have a CiteScore 2023 are multi-language



9 elements of CiteScore metrics to define journal citation impact

CiteScore

CiteScore tracker

CiteScore quantiles

CiteScore percentiles

CiteScore rank

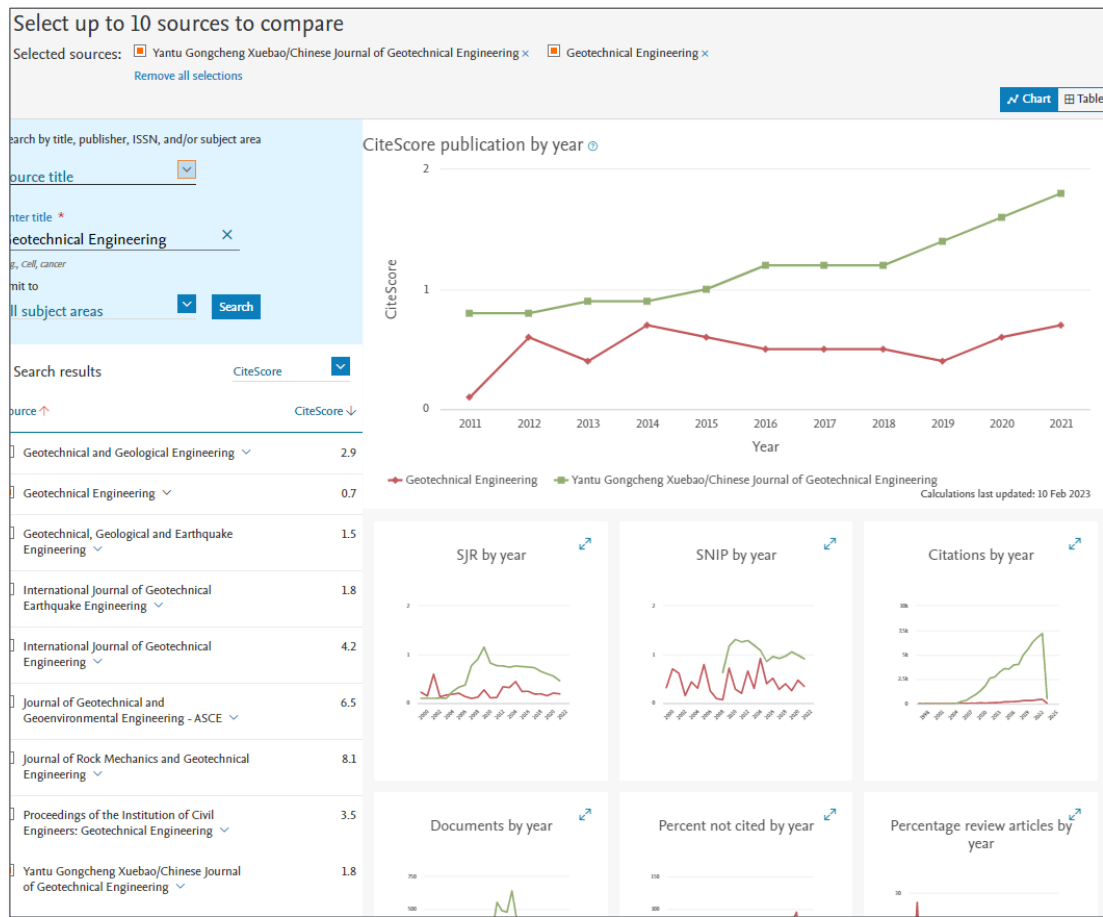
CiteScore trends

Citations

Document count

Percent cited

Comparing up to 10 sources with CiteScore Metrics for more insights



High Impact Researchers

Researcher Name

Affiliation, Scopus ID, ORCID

1,471

Citations by 1,103 documents

154

Documents

20

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3 documents

Privacy Preserving; Randomized Response; Differential Privacy

2 documents

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154 Documents

Author Metrics

New

Cited by 1,103 documents

7 Preprints

130 Co-Authors

9 Topics

5 Awarded Grants

Beta

How Scopus help journal increase international impact?



International Journal requires

- Editorial policy from international perspective
- Transparency and best publishing practice
- Capture research frontiers
- International experts joining editorial boards
- Array of metrics for journal assessment

Scopus supports

- Transparent journal selection criteria
- Trusted global research information
- Track research frontiers
- Scopus AI provides deepening understanding of certain topics
- Accurate and up-to-date global researcher profiles
- Open and transparent journal metrics

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