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WESTERN PACIFIC REGION INDEX MEDICUS (WPRIM)

Journal Selection Criteria

The following journal selection criteria were reviewed and revised by the representatives of the National Journal Selection Committees during the WPRIM Regional Journal Selection Committee Meeting held in Hue, Viet Nam on 17 August 2023:

1. cover health and biomedical subject;
2. be peer-reviewed internally and externally;

Noted: The amendment proposed is that new candidate journals should now have mandatory peer review. Journals previously approved for WPRIM inclusion which only have an internal review process are encouraged to be peer reviewed externally by the country NJSC.

3. articles must have English abstracts (Articles must have English abstracts for research articles but not necessarily for special sections such as editorials, commentaries, technical notes that don't require abstracts);
4. be regularly published (at least 2 issues per year);
However, if the journal is published only once a year, it will encourage to increase its frequency to at least two issues per year.
5. include "Instructions to Authors" reviewed and accepted by the National Journal Selection Committees; and
6. must have an electronic and/or print International Standard Serial Number (ISSN).

Note:

National Journal Selection Committees may decide to add country-specific criteria to the minimum journal selection criteria stated above. For example, the registration of clinical trials as a scientific and ethical responsibility.