Supporting the visibility and credibility of Southern research

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It is vital that Southern researchers have the opportunity to publish their research and for it to be discoverable by other local - as well as global - researchers.
The challenges for Southern journals

Southern journals face challenges in being respected internationally. This can limit the perceived credibility of the published research.

- Under-represented in international indexes and rankings
- Lack of familiarity of international publishing standards
- Legitimate but unfamiliar journals wrongly labelled as “predatory”
- Lack of financial and structural support
A far-reaching set of criteria for assessing Southern journals

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AJOL
Understanding local contexts and challenges faced by Southern journals

“...The JPPS framework builds on many years of work by AJOL and INASP in supporting the dissemination of Southern journals and understanding the various local contexts and challenges faced by these journals.”

Susan Murray
Executive Director of AJOL

Susan Murray with Mr Adhikari from NepJOL
Reassures readers and authors that journals meet international standards to a particular level

Guides journal editors on improving publishing processes

Acknowledges journals that have attained internationally recognized publishing standards
Assessment criteria

Over 100 criteria based on:

Inclusion standards set out by international journal indices and industry guidelines *

Experience of contexts and practices in developing country journal publishing

Testing and feedback from journal editors in Africa

*Including DOAJ, SciELO South Africa, Clarivate, Scopus, WAME, FAME, COPE

NOTE: JPPS does NOT assess quality of research content, only publishing practices

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Assessment criteria

**One star** - has met the basic inclusion requirements for at least two years

**Two stars** - compliant with additional publishing practice quality criteria

**Three stars** - consistently excellent in the technical and editorial publishing best practices set out in the JPPS framework criteria

**New title** - has been publishing for less than two years, but meets basic inclusion requirements

**Inactive** - has not added new content to the JOL platform in over one year

**No stars** - not currently meeting the basic criteria for inclusion on a JOL platform
How it works

**Assessment**
- of every journal on a JOL platform
  - by experts in international publishing

**Report**
- provided to the editor, highlighting areas to improve

**Display**
- of JPPS level added to each journal’s site

**Official list**
- of assessed journals available only at www.journalquality.info

Over 900 journals across six JOL platforms have now been assessed against the JPPS levels
Two Stars (of a possible three)

In addition to the criteria for a one-star journal, this journal is compliant with additional JPPS criteria for publishing practice quality:

1. The journal has an editorial policy statement (including an accurate and detailed explanation of the validity of the peer-review and the quality-control processes applied to all manuscripts or authors’ texts submitted for publication).

2. The masthead (“about the journal” information) includes:
   - An eISSN for the online version of the journal registered with the ISSN International Centre.
   - As well as the Editorial Board member information, any other oversight body involved with the journal, for example, an International Advisory Committee, named with up to date and accurate information.
   - Names and titles are written out in full, and all persons listed are actively and verifiably involved with
## Official list of JPPS-assessed Journals

**SLJOL**

Titles that appear on this list have been assessed as part of the Journal Publishing Practices and Standards (JPPS) framework. If a title does not appear on this list, it has not been officially JPPS-assessed.

View JPPS titles:  SLJOL  by JPPS rating:  by Country

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“I am thrilled with the two-star status as it is, but I have stirred the editorial board that we have to achieve three-star status.

I am determined to work towards it.

Thank you so much for the constant support you have given me to work on the journal.”

Dr Anuja Abayadeera, Editor
Sri Lankan Journal of Anaesthesiology
Next steps

Seeking funding for:
Implementing the JPPS framework for southern journals beyond the JOLs

Training and advisory support via face-to-face and online methods to journal editors to address knowledge and skills gaps