



Analysis of the output of "Razi International Medical Journal" during 2021-2023 and future directions

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The following editorial serves to provide a comprehensive overview of the annual evaluation of the Razi International Medical Journal (RIMJ) for 2023, alongside an insightful analysis of the journal's developmental trajectory spanning from 2021 to 2023.

During this specified period, the RIMJ received a total of 81 manuscripts, each of which underwent the comprehensive review processes aimed at maintaining the journal's high standards of academic rigor and integrity. From this pool, 31 articles were selected for publication, representing a diverse array of topics and research interests from authors based in 28 different countries. We only considered the country of published articles' authors. Altogether we received manuscript from many countries (Table 1). The considered countries were solely those of the published authors, thereby implying that the journal received submissions from a broader spectrum of countries around the globe.

Table 1 offers a visual representation of the rich tapestry of countries contributing manuscripts to the RIMJ, highlighting the global reach and impact of the journal's scholarly endeavors. Meanwhile, Figure 1 provides details of articles published throughout the

years from 2021 to 2023, offering insights into submission frequencies.

Among the 81 manuscripts evaluated during the aforementioned period, 50 underwent rejection following rigorous peer review processes, culminating in an acceptance rate of 38.3%. Such selective criteria not only uphold the journal's commitment to publishing high-quality research but also reinforce its reputation as a reputable platform for disseminating scholarly work in the field of medical science. The peer review process, characterized by thorough in-house evaluations followed by stringent double-blind assessments, ensures the integrity and credibility of the published content.

While reflecting on past achievements is essential, it is equally imperative to look towards the future and chart a course for continued growth and innovation. In this regard, the RIMJ is committed to expanding its reach and impact within the global academic community. Building upon its recent inclusion in the Directory of Open Access Journals in 2023, the journal is poised to leverage this newfound accessibility to reach a broader audience of researchers, practitioners, and policymakers worldwide.

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Moreover, collaborative efforts between the Afghanistan Center for Epidemiological Studies and Kandahar University, as the journal's publishers, are underway to further elevate the RIMJ's scholarly standing by seeking inclusion in prestigious academic databases such as PubMed. Such endeavors not only enhance the visibility and recognition of the journal but also provide a valuable platform for researchers to disseminate their findings on an international scale.

In addition to expanding its reach through indexing in renowned databases, the RIMJ remains committed to fostering innovation and excellence in public health research. By encouraging interdisciplinary collaboration, promoting open dialogue, and embracing emerging technologies, the journal aims to stay at the forefront of advancements in public health and contribute meaningfully to the collective body of knowledge in this field.

In conclusion, RIMJ stands as a beacon of excellence in the realm of medical scholarship, driven by a steadfast commitment to quality, integrity, and inclusivity. As it embarks on the next phase of its journey, the journal remains dedicated to advancing global public health, fostering collaboration, and empowering researchers to make meaningful contributions to the health and well-being of individuals worldwide.

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Table 1: List of countries of authors who have published articles in the Razi International Medical Journal (2021-2023)

No.	Country	No.	Country
1	Afghanistan	15	Nepal
2	Bangladesh	16	Nigeria
3	Barbados	17	Pakistan
4	Bulgaria	18	Philippines
5	Canada	19	Poland
6	China	20	Sint Maarten
7	Egypt	21	Sudan
8	Eswatini	22	Sweden
9	India	23	Switzerland
10	Indonesia	24	Thailand
11	Iran	25	Turkey
12	Iraq	26	Ukraine
13	Kenya	27	United Kingdom
14	Kyrgyzstan	28	United States

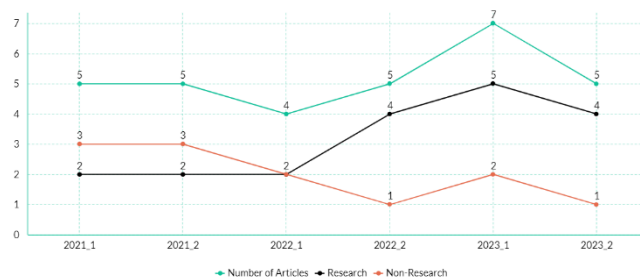


Figure 1: Detailed description of published articles (research and non-research) in Razi International Medical Journal (2021-2023)