

## Peer-reviewed Public Health Journals

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### ABSTRACT

Peer-reviewed Public Health journals are essential media for the workers in the public health field. There are already many periodicals published in the public health domain and still many new ones are being added. Journalism in public health is facing many changes and challenges. Technologies and smart phones applications in particular affected the pattern of publication and readership of these journals. This report shed some light on the current peer-reviewed periodicals in the public health.

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Peer-reviewed journals in public health are important vehicle of scientific information [1]-[8]. Currently, there are more than 136 titles in the Public, Environmental and Occupational Health category in the Social Sciences Citation Index. It is expected that their number will continue to increase, as many publishers wish to invest in electronic publication with open access model. In this model, the authors cover all or part of the cost of the publication of their paper.

There are several differences between Peer-reviewed journals in public health [3],[4]. These include for example, the scope of the journal, the sponsoring society, the frequency of publication and the language.

The top 5 journals in public health in 2013 as reported in Journal Citation Reports (JCR) Science and Social Science Editions, Institute for Scientific Information, Subject Category: Public, Environmental and Occupational Health International, were as follow: Journal of Epidemiology (Impact Factor,9.197), Epidemiologic Reviews, Environmental Health Perspectives, Annual Review of Public Health, and Epidemiology.

In Table 1, we tried to shed some light on selected current peer-reviewed periodicals in public health. In our listing we tried to include only the journals with a wider scope rather than public health journal focusing on particular aspect of public health like those focusing on epidemiology only.

Needless to say that there are many challenges (which are not in the scope of this report) facing these periodicals [7],[8]. For example the utilization of internet and technologies to allow their contents to be available in social media website and e-mail and to be reached easily in cell phones.

Raising the impact factor and inclusion in the PubMed remain an important task for the newly launched journals.

Table 1. Selected peer-reviewed periodicals in public health (listed alphabetically)

Journal	Start year	Current Editor (country)	Remarks
American Journal of Public Health	1911	Mary E. Northridge (USA).	12 issues per year. It is the official journal of the American Public Health Association. Available online at; <a href="http://ajph.aphapublications.org/">http://ajph.aphapublications.org/</a>
American Journal of Public Health Research	2013	Jing Sun (Australia)	6 issues per year. Available online at; <a href="http://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/ajphr/AimsAndScope">http://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/ajphr/AimsAndScope</a>
Annual Review of Public Health	1980	Jonathan E. Fielding (USA).	1 issue (volume) per year. Available online at; <a href="http://www.annualreviews.org/journal/publhealth">http://www.annualreviews.org/journal/publhealth</a>
Asia-Pacific Journal of Public Health	1989	Wah Yun Low (Malaysia).	6 issues per year. Published in association with the Asia-Pacific Academic Consortium for Public Health (APACPH) .Available online at; <a href="http://www.sagepub.com/journals/Journal201849/manuscriptSubmission#tabview=title">http://www.sagepub.com/journals/Journal201849/manuscriptSubmission#tabview=title</a>
BMC Public Health	2001	Carl Latkin (USA).	1 volume per year. It is part of the BMC series. Available online at; <a href="http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcpublichealth">http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcpublichealth</a>
Canadian Journal of Public Health	1910	Louise Potvin (Canada).	6 issues per year. It is the official organ of the Canadian Public Health Association. Available online at; <a href="http://www.cpha.ca/en/cjph.aspx">http://www.cpha.ca/en/cjph.aspx</a>
Central Asian Journal of Global Health	2012	Faina Linkov (USA).	2 issues per year. It is available online at ; <a href="http://cajgh.pitt.edu/ojs/index.php/cajgh">http://cajgh.pitt.edu/ojs/index.php/cajgh</a>
European Journal of Public Health	1991	Peter Allebeck (Sweden).	6 issues per year. Published on behalf of the European Public Health Association. Available online at; <a href="http://www.oxfordjournals.org/our_journals/eurpub/about.html">http://www.oxfordjournals.org/our_journals/eurpub/about.html</a>
Indian Journal of Public Health	1958	T.S. R. Sai (India).	4 issues per year. It is an official publication of Indian Public Health Association .Available online at; <a href="http://www.ijph.in/">http://www.ijph.in/</a>
International Journal of Public Health	1956	Thomas Kohlmann (Germany) Nino Künzli (Switzerland) Andrea Madarasova Geckova (Slovakia/Netherlands)	6 issues per year. First published in 1955 as "Social-und Präventivmedizin" renamed in 2007. Available online at ; <a href="http://www.springer.com/public+health/journal/38?detailsPage=aboutThis">http://www.springer.com/public+health/journal/38?detailsPage=aboutThis</a>
International Journal of Public Health Science (IJPHS)	2012	Lina Handayani (Indonesia)	4 issues per year. Available online at; <a href="http://www.iaesjournal.com/online/index.php/IJPHS/index">http://www.iaesjournal.com/online/index.php/IJPHS/index</a>
Journal of Public Health Research	2012	Umberto Gelatti (Italy).	3 issues per year. Available online at; <a href="http://www.jphres.org/index">http://www.jphres.org/index</a>
Journal of Public Health in Africa	2010	Kabir Sabitu (Nigeria).	2 issues per year. Available online at; <a href="http://www.publichealthinAfrica.org/index.php/jphia/index">http://www.publichealthinAfrica.org/index.php/jphia/index</a>
Perspectives in Public Health	1879	Heather Hartwell (UK).	6 issues per year. It is one of the publications of Royal Society of Public Health (RSPH). Available online at; <a href="http://rsh.sagepub.com/">http://rsh.sagepub.com/</a>
Public Health	1888	Phil Mackie (UK) Fiona Sim (UK).	12 issues per year. It is one of the publication of Royal Society of Public Health (RSPH) .Available online at; <a href="http://www.publichealthjrn.com/">http://www.publichealthjrn.com/</a>
Journal of Public Health	1979	Eugene Milne (UK) and Ted Schrecker (USA).	4 issues per year. Published on behalf of the Faculty of Public Health of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the United Kingdom. It is available online at; <a href="http://www.oxfordjournals.org/our_journals/pubmed/about.html">http://www.oxfordjournals.org/our_journals/pubmed/about.html</a>
Public Health Nursing	1984	Patricia J Kelly (USA).	6 issues per year. Available online at; <a href="http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/(ISSN)1525-1446">http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/(ISSN)1525-1446</a>
Scandinavian Journal of Public Health	1973	Ingvar Karlberg (Sweden).	8 issues per year. It is the official journal of the Associations of Public Health in the Nordic Countries. It is available online at; <a href="http://sjp.sagepub.com/">http://sjp.sagepub.com/</a>

Table 1 shows the various prestigious public health journals from several publishers and countries. The availability and variety of the journals are very helpful for students, scientists and lecturers to gain their knowledge in the area of public health. In addition, the journals give chance to researcher and scholar to publish their work, experience and idea for human welfare. The journals serve us who loves reading, writing and sharing public health knowledge.

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