



Empowering Libraries to Support and Increase Research, Submissions and Publications in High Quality Open Access Journals

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Abstract:

According to an article in the Lancet...["85% of health research is wasted, usually because it asks the wrong questions, is badly designed, not published or poorly reported."](#) BMJ Knows that many causes of this waste are simple problems that could easily be fixed, such as appropriate randomization or blinding of a clinical trial. And then there's waste in publishing. Editors reject papers because research questions and methods are poor, and papers get retracted because they're unusable or untrustworthy. BMJ has dedicated resources (both Free and subscription based) to help further develop professionals to lessen the amount of "wasted research."

We know that universities and medical schools rely on publication output to monitor the efficiency and effectiveness of their research efforts, to climb up the ranks, grow internationally strong reputations, attract funding and high calibre undergraduate and postgraduate students, and to build long term capacity to generate usable evidence and improve health.

Some nations are making great strides but, there's still a long way to go. This session will focus on where to find educational resources and implement approaches that will help increase the chances of getting published in high quality Open Access publications. This information will benefit faculty at academic institutions, medical schools, hospitals as well as their end users. Institutions in Latin America that have supplemented their strategies to increase research and research output with BMJ resources are starting to see an increase in acceptance rates with international publishers.