

Revista del Cuerpo Médico HNAAA improves its global impact after reaching the third quartile in SCOPUS and Web of Science

Revista del Cuerpo Médico HNAAA mejora su impacto global tras alcanzar el tercer cuartil en SCOPUS y Web of Science

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The indexing of scientific journals in high-quality databases is essential to increase the visibility, accessibility, and impact of medical research. This inclusion ensures that published articles are detectable by global researchers and professionals, expanding their reach and impact while allowing the dissemination of scientific knowledge among diverse audiences, overcoming geographical and linguistic barriers (1). Therefore, the reach to a wide audience favors scientific communication and dissemination.

On the other hand, indexing facilitates the generation of bibliometric indicators, essential for evaluating the production and influence of research. It provides metrics that make it possible to evaluate the quality and influence of articles, such as citation counts and impact factors. These metrics are essential for researchers to assess the relevance of their work in the scientific community and for institutions to evaluate the performance of their researchers (2). This in turn facilitates institutional recognition and fosters collaborative networks, strengthening the overall quality of scientific production.

The *Revista del Cuerpo Médico del Hospital Nacional Almanzor Aguinaga Asenjo* (RCMHNAAA) is indexed in two prestigious databases, such as Web of Science (3) and Scopus (4), which evaluate the quality and impact of scientific publications through a quartile system. This system classifies journals into four quartiles (Q1 to Q4) according to their citation metrics, providing a structured approach for researchers and institutions to assess the quality of publications. Quartile scores help researchers select appropriate journals for their publications, which influences their academic careers and funding decisions (5). Quartile ranking allows the identification of high-quality research, which is essential for the advancement of knowledge (6).

This 2024, the RCMHNAAA has obtained one more achievement in its trajectory by being positioned in the third quartile (Q3), both in the *Journal Citation Indicator* of Web of Science (Figure 1) and in the CiteScore of Scopus (Figure 2). These inclusions have several positive implications:

1. **Greater visibility and accessibility:** Greater indexing in recognized databases makes the journal more accessible to researchers and health professionals, both national and international. This facilitates the exchange of knowledge and access to Peruvian research. However, although global access improves, it is necessary to consider the challenges of language and the lack of resources in some sectors to access paid or restricted access publications.
2. **Recognition of scientific quality:** A Q3 ranking indicates that the journal meets editorial and peer-review standards, which supports the scientific rigor of the articles it publishes. However, this status should not be considered an end but a starting point to improve and ensure that the articles are increasingly relevant, impactful, and ethically sound.
3. **Impact on local policies and practices:** Although its global impact is moderate, a journal in Q3 can be very relevant at the local or regional level, as it provides greater confidence to the reader about the content of the articles, which can influence clinical practice and the development of health policies. For medical personnel in Peru and nearby countries, these findings may be especially valuable.
4. **Opportunities for emerging researchers:** This type of journal offers a valuable space for researchers in training to publish their findings and gain experience, helping to strengthen the country's health research ecosystem.
5. **Promotion of regional research:** Indexing in Q3 contributes to strengthening national scientific production, highlighting relevant research with a local perspective that might otherwise not be visible at the international level.



Figure 1. RCMHNAAA's profile in the Journal Citation Reports of Web of Science.

Source: Image taken from the Web of Science website (https://bit.ly/RCMHNAAA_WosProfile) on 12/08/2024.

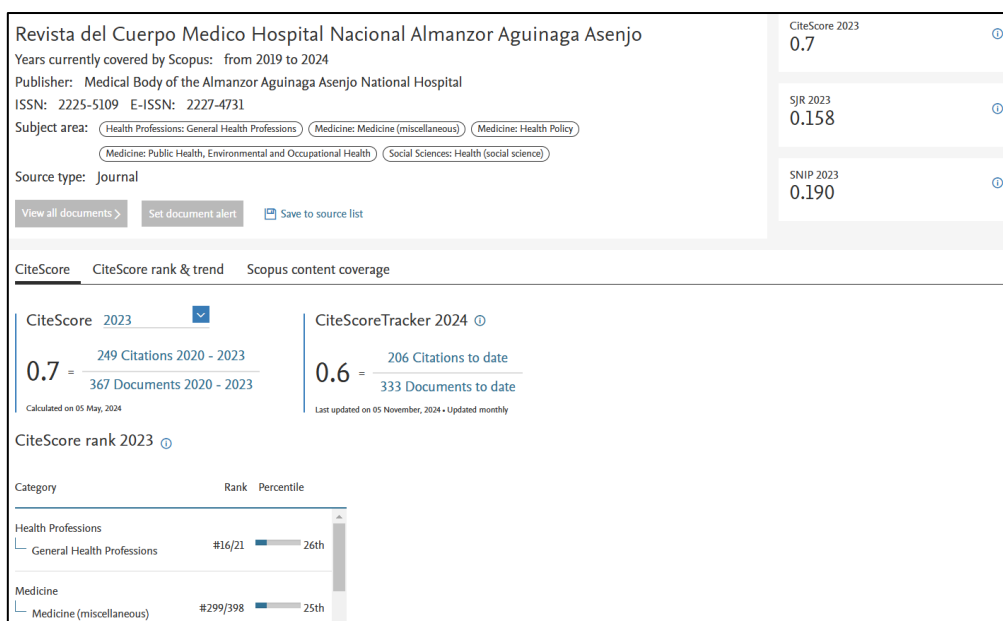


Figure 2. RCMHNAAA Profile in Scopus
Source: Image taken from the Scopus website
 (https://bit.ly/RCMHNAAA_ScopusProfile) on 12/08/2024.

In conclusion, the inclusion of the journal in the Q3 quartile is of great importance, as it facilitates the dissemination of national research, promotes the visibility of local scientific production, and contributes to the advancement of science at the regional level. The challenge is to take advantage of this visibility to continue improving quality standards, foster collaboration, and enhance the influence of scientific production on public policies and health practices.

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