

Scope: ___ Core biomedical subjects ___X Related to medicine

Coverage: ___ Predominantly U.S. ___ International ___ Regional ___ Local

1. Quality	Poor 0	Fair 1	Moderate 2	Good 3	Excellent 4	Outstanding 5	N/A
Scientific Merit (validity, currency of information & references, originality, contribution to field)							
Review Articles				X			
Clinical Research							
Basic Research				X			
Other (Case Reports, Editorials, etc.)				X			
Authors/Institutions				X			
Editorial Work (credibility of contents)							
Editorial Board Quality				X			
XExternal Peer Review				X			
Production Quality (layout, printing, readability, usability, graphics; number and location of advertisements)							
Print Quality							
Online Quality				X			

2. Importance	None 0	Little 1	Moderate 2	High 3	Very High 4	Essential 5	N/A
Researchers			X				
Clinicians in the Field			X				
Clinicians not in the Field		X					
Educators				X			
Administrators		X					
Allied Health Professionals		X					
Students			X				
Policy Makers		X					

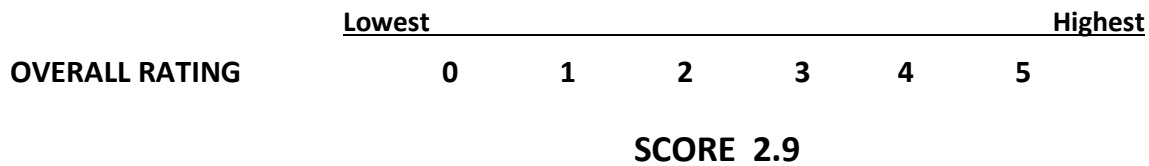
3. Ethics Policies/Statements							
	Policy Exists			Policy is Adequate		Policy Consistently Followed	
	N/A	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Conflict-of-Interest		X		X		X	
Human/Animal Rights		X		X		X	
Informed Consent		X		X			
	None	Little	Moderate	High	Very High	Outstanding	N/A
Ethics Policies			X				

Area(s) for Improvement:

89% unsolicited manuscripts with 50% acceptance rate. It would be good to lower the acceptance rate. The original research are mostly surveys and interviews.

Overall Comments:

Although the journal states 3 issues/year, most years only have 2 issues. 2014 only had 1 issue. The Editor-in-Chief is interim since 2014. **The journal appears to be struggling.** The journal was previously reviewed in 2015, score 2.0. Several items of concern from last review have been corrected--display of editorial board and added COI and IRB information to the author instructions. Only PDF, no HTML format.



Rating scores range from 0 to 5. Currently, a journal must receive a score of 3.75 or greater to be recommended for indexing.

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