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Executive Summary

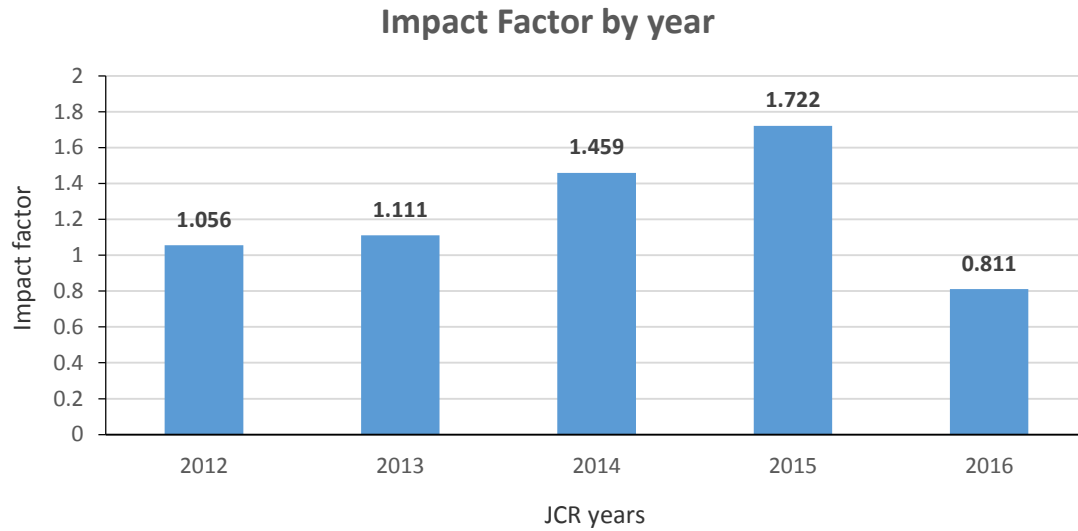
This report summarizes Asia Pacific Journal of Public Health's January 2017 through June 2017 performance. Below is a snapshot of the journal's key performance metrics

Performance Metrics

Submissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 701 manuscript submissions in 2016, a(n) 10.0% increase from 2015<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 406 manuscript submissions in 2017 YTD• 11% acceptance rate in 2016• 45 days average time to first decision in 2016
Content Published	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8 issues consisting of 784 pages published in 2016<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 467 pages published in 2017 YTD• 22 days average from transmittal to Production to OnlineFirst publication in 2016
Circulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8,454 total circulation in 2016<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 7,907 total circulation in 2017 YTD
Online Usage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 94,353 full-text downloads in 2016<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 58,689 full-text downloads in 2017 YTD
Impact Factor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2016 Impact Factor is 0.811<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 2015 Impact Factor was 1.722• 2015 5-year Impact Factor is 1.138• Ranking in Public, Environmental & Occupational Health (Sci): 157/176• Ranking in Public, Environmental & Occupational Health (Scsi): 132/157
Marketing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2,848 followers to date on the SAGE Health Twitter channel• Top Altmetric score of 10 for the article "Hazard Ratio and Repeat Injury for Dementia in Patients With and Without a History of Traumatic Brain Injury: A Population-Based Secondary Data Analysis in Taiwan"• 69 articles claimed on Kudos, netting 517 Kudos article page views

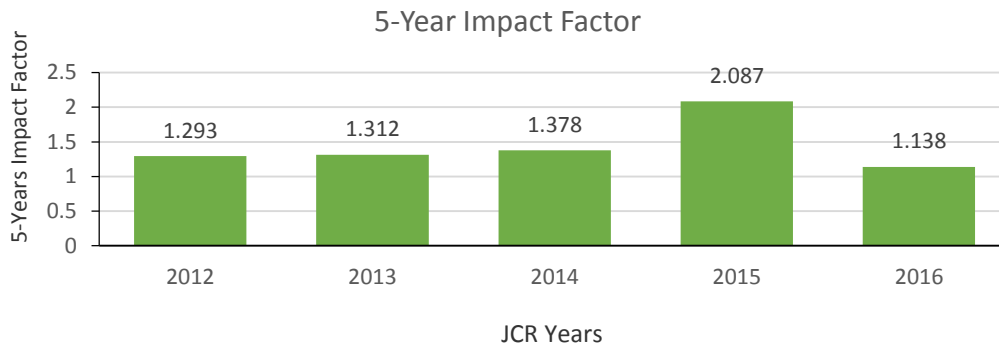
Impact Factor

APJPH attained an impact factor of 0.811 for year 2016, a decreased from 1.722 in 2015. This put APJPH at 157 out of 176 in Public, Environment & Occupational Health (Science) category and 132 out of the 157 journals in the Public, Environmental & Occupational Health (Social Science).



	2014	2015	2016	Percent Change 2016-2015
Impact Factor	1.459	1.722	0.811	-53%
Ranking in Public, Environmental & Occupational Health (Sci)	90/165	80/173	157/176	N/A
Ranking in Public, Environmental & Occupational Health (Ssci)	64/147	54/153	132/157	N/A
Citable Items	157	126	424	237%
Total Citations	771	1,411	1,189	-16%
Immediacy Index	0.246	0.313	0.444	42%
5-Year Impact Factor	1.378	2.087	1.138	-45%

5-year Impact Factor Trend



The significant drop in impact factor is discussed below.

Background on 2016 impact factor

Impact Factor Ranking History

Impact factor year	Citations in IF year to items published 1 year previous	Citations in IF year to items published 2 years previous	Citable items 1 year previous	Citable items 2 years previous	Impact factor
2012	85	101	99	77	1.057
2013	91	130	100	99	1.111
2014	89	140	57	100	1.459
2015	71	146	69	57	1.722
2016	267	77	355	69	0.811
2017	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	355	unknown

Analysis

In volume 27 Issue 2 (March 2015) APJPH published 2772 pages of backfile online only. These 355 additional citable items diluted the 2016 impact factor by artificially inflating the total number of citable items in the denominator of the impact factor.

This spike in citable items will affect the 2017 impact factor as well, since they will be 2 years old at the time. However, most citable items gain more citations in the second year after publication, so it is likely that the 2017 impact factor will rise in comparison with the 2016 impact factor.

The following table shows the top ten journal articles from 2013 and 2014 that were cited the most in 2015. As you can see, although the impact factor for 2015 was much higher than that in 2016, the average number of citations among the top 10 cited articles in 2016 was higher (5.1) than those in 2015 (4.3). This indicates that the over-all quality and citation activity of accepted articles remains quite high, despite rapid influx of new articles.

Top 10 Cited Articles in 2015 from Publication Years 2013 – 2014					
Title	Authors	Year	Volume	Issue	Total Cites in 2015
Risk Factors of Breast Cancer: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis	Anohaisintawee, Thunyarat; Wiratkapun, Cholapip; Lerdsitthichai, Panuwat; Kasamesup, Vijji; Wongwaisayawan, Sansanee; Srinakaran, Jiraporn; Hirunpat, Siriporn; Woodtichartpreecha, Piyanoot; Boonlikit, Sarawan; Teerawattananon, Yot; Thakkinstian, Ammarin	2013	25	5	9
A Study of the Dengue Epidemic and Meteorological Factors in Guangzhou, China, by Using a Zero-Inflated Poisson Regression Model	Wang, Chenggang; Jiang, Baofa; Fan, Jingchun; Wang, Furong; Liu, Qiyong	2014	26	1	5
Spatial Analysis of Dengue Fever in Guangdong Province, China, 2001-2006	Liu, Chunxiao; Liu, Qiyong; Lin, Hualiang; Xin, Benqiang; Nie, Jun	2014	26	1	4
Maternal Use of Cigarettes, Pipes, and Smokeless Tobacco Associated With Higher Infant Mortality Rates in Cambodia	Singh, Pramil N.; Eng, Carlin; Yel, Daravuth; Kheam, They; Job, Jayakaran S.; Kanal, Koum	2013	25	S5	4
The Organ Transplantation Act and Recent Trends in Korea	Joo, Ho No	2013	25	2	4
Does Ethnicity Contribute to the Control of Cardiovascular Risk Factors Among Patients With Type 2 Diabetes?	Lee, Ping Yein; Cheong, Ai Theng; Zaiton, Ahmad; Mastura, Ismail; Chew, Boon-How; Sazlina, Sharrif G.; Adam, BujangMohamad; Alwi, Syed Abdul Rahman Syed; Jamaayah, Haniff; SriWahyu, Taher	2013	25	4	4
Abiotic Determinants to the Spatial Dynamics of Dengue Fever in Guangzhou	Li, Sen; Tao, Haiyan; Xu, Yong	2013	25	3	4
Gender Differences in Knowledge and Health Beliefs Related to Behavioral Intentions to Prevent Human Papillomavirus Infection	Kim, Hae Won	2013	25	3	3
Relationship Between Prevalence of Childhood Obesity in 17-Year-Olds and Socioeconomic and Environmental Factors: Prefecture-Level Analysis in Japan	Sakai, Rie	2013	25	2	3
Delivering Diabetes Care in the Philippines and Vietnam: Policy and Practice Issues	Beran, David; Higuchi, Michiyo	2013	25	1	3
AVERAGE NUMBER OF CITATIONS					4.3

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Title	Authors	Year	Volume	Issue	Total Cites in 2016
Rural-Urban Differences in the Prevalence of Chronic Disease in Northeast China	Wang, Shibin; Kou, Changgui; Liu, Yawen; Li, Bo; Tao, Yuchun; D'Arcy, Carl; Shi, Jieping; Wu, Yanhua; Liu, Jianwei; Zhu, Yingli; Yu, Yaqin	2015	27	4	8
Increasing Incidence of Thyroid Cancer in Shanghai, China, 1983-2007	Wang, Youxin; Wang, Wei	2015	27	2	7
Internalized Homophobia and Reduced HIV Testing Among Men Who Have Sex With Men in China	Pyun, Thomas; Santos, Glenn-Milo; Arreola, Sonya; Do, Tri; Hebert, Pato; Beck, Jack; Makofane, Keletso; Wilson, Patrick A.; Ayala, George	2014	26	2	6
Effects of Prepregnancy Body Mass Index and Gestational Weight Gain on Pregnancy Outcomes	Zhang, Cui Hong; Liu, Xiang Yu; Zhan, Yi Wei; Zhang, Long; Huang, Yan Jie; Zhou, Hong	2015	27	6	5
Sex Work and Its Associations With Alcohol and Methamphetamine Use Among Female Bar and Spa Workers in the Philippines	Urada, Lianne A.; Strathdee, Steffanie A.; Morisky, Donald E.; Schilling, Robert F.; Simbulan, Nymia P.; Estacio, Leonardo R., Jr.; Raj, Anita	2014	26	2	5
Spatial Analysis of Dengue Fever in Guangdong Province, China, 2001-2006	Liu, Chunxiao; Liu, Qiyong; Lin, Hualiang; Xin, Benqiang; Nie, Jun	2014	26	1	4
Prevalence of and Risk Factors for Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus in Vietnam: A Systematic Review	Nguyen, Chung T.; Ngoc Minh Pham; Lee, Andy H.; Binns, Colin W.	2015	27	6	4
Prevalence and Determinants of Overweight, Obesity, and Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus in Adults in Malaysia	Mohamed, Hamid Jan B. Jan; Yap, Roseline Wai Kuan; Loy, See Ling; Norris, Shane A.; Biesma, Regien; Aagaard-Hansen, Jens	2015	27	2	4
Rate of Family Violence Among Patients With Schizophrenia in Japan	Kageyama, Masako; Yokoyama, Keiko; Nagata, Satoko; Kita, Sachiko; Nakamura, Yukako; Kobayashi, Sayaka; Solomon, Phyllis	2015	27	6	4
Factors Associated With Physical Inactivity Among School-Going Adolescents: Data From the Malaysian School-Based Nutrition Survey 2012	Baharudin, Azli; Zainuddin, Ahmad Ali; Manickam, Mala A.; Ambak, Rashidah; Ahmad, Mohamad Hasnan; Naidu, Balkish Mahadir; Cheong, Siew Man; Ying, Chan Ying; Abu Saad, Hazizi; Ahmad, Noor Ani	2014	26	5	4
AVERAGE NUMBER OF CITATIONS					5.1

Top Journals Citing APJPH

Impact Factor	Citing Journal	Cited Year											
		All Yrs	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	Rest
	ALL Journals	2320	61	175	265	228	139	133	114	104	105	101	895
	All Others (818)	818	10	57	83	83	59	57	50	33	27	34	325
1.543	Food Nutr Bull	184	34	11	20	18	7	15	20	10	14	4	31
3.740	J Nutr	128	0	8	7	14	2	9	2	7	15	12	52
44.002	Lancet	114	1	2	56	5	2	0	2	21	3	2	20
6.703	Am J Clin Nutr	104	2	9	5	2	4	4	4	3	5	5	61
	Non-Traditional	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68
3.505	Matern Child Nutr	44	0	7	12	6	9	3	0	4	1	0	2
2.433	Public Health Nutr	35	1	2	0	4	2	3	3	2	1	1	16
2.935	Eur J Clin Nutr	33	0	2	2	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	24

Top Journals Cited in APJPH

Impact Factor	Citing Journal	Cited Year											
		All Yrs	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	Rest
	ALL Journals	2005	39	65	148	105	138	174	192	217	180	110	637
	All Others (305)	305	1	5	15	9	11	23	13	44	32	22	130
	Food Nutr Bull	184	34	11	20	18	7	15	20	10	14	4	31
1.543	Matern Child Nutr	126	0	2	7	2	18	19	22	5	7	10	34
3.505	Public Health Nutr	73	0	0	6	8	6	12	6	14	3	8	10
2.433	J Nutr	69	0	3	3	5	3	7	7	12	5	2	22
3.740	Plos One	64	0	6	5	4	5	7	3	5	9	3	17
3.057	Nutrients	60	1	1	6	4	6	4	9	6	5	0	18
3.759	Bmc Public Health	43	1	0	4	5	5	4	3	0	4	3	14
2.209	Food Secur	42	0	4	5	2	3	0	3	2	5	1	17

Manuscript Update

The number of articles published and the number of pages for the past 3 years is given in the table below.

Number of Issues and Articles Published in APJPH in the Last 3 Years		
Issue	Number of Articles	Number of Pages
2016		
Jan	12	100
Jan Suppl (ASCEND)	14	121
Mar	7	100
Mar (Supp)	8	70
April	8	84
May	9	104
July	8	80
July (Supp)	10	102
Sept	9	88
Oct	12	96
Nov	12	132
2015		
January	14	118
March	13	140
March Supple (2013 APACPH Conference)	13	106
April	12	112
May	11	112
July	10	100
Sept	10	104
Oct	11	116
Oct Supple (2014 APACPH Conference)	12	113
Nov	9	88
2014		
January	10	112
March	10	108
May	12	112
July	10	108
September	10	112
Sept Supple (Malaysian School Based Survey)	12	112
November	10	116

In 2016, we have published the following issues: Jan, ASCEND Supplement Issue and March Issue, March Supplement (Global Environmental Change & Human Health), April, May, July, July Supplement Issue (SEANUTS), September, October and November issue. We had a total of 8 regular issues and 3 Supplement issues for 2016.

Supplement Issues

Name of Supplement	Publication Date	Sponsors	Status
Asian Collaboration for Excellence in Non-Communicable Diseases) Research Network (ASCEND)	January 2016 Open Access Issue	NIH, USA	Published
Global Environmental Change & Human Health	March 2016	United Nations International Institute for Global Health (UNU-IIGH)	Published
South East Asia Nutrition Survey (SEANUTS)	July 2016	University Kebangsaan Malaysia.	Published
Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant Accident: Health consequences, lessons learnt and future directions	March 2017	Fukushima Medical University	Published
Health and Healthcare Transitions in Vietnam: Evidence from the Chililab Health and Demographic Surveillance System (CHILILAB HDSS)	July 2017	Hanoi University of Public Health	Published

Total Submissions and Acceptance Rate

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017 YTD
Total	1,209	1,363	1,068	742	847	465
Original	981	1,145	958	637	701	406
Accept	144	131	69	73	79	45
Reject	805	1,051	839	555	608	276
Accept Ratio	15%	11%	8%	12%	11%	14%

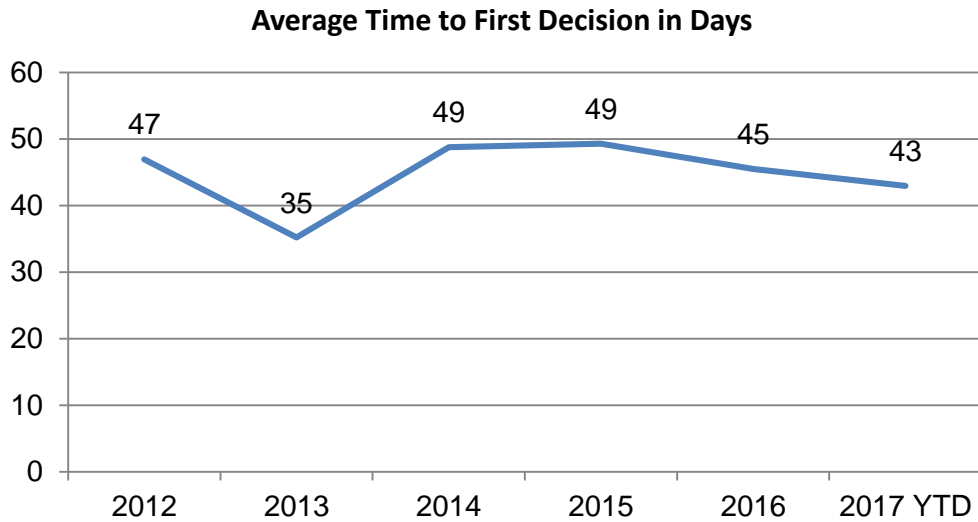
Total and original submission counts are based on the date manuscripts were submitted to SAGE Track.

Acceptance rate is based on manuscripts that have received final decisions of accept or reject (does not count revisions). Counts for acceptances, rejections, and acceptance ratios are based on the date the decision is made, not the date the manuscript was submitted.

Original Submissions

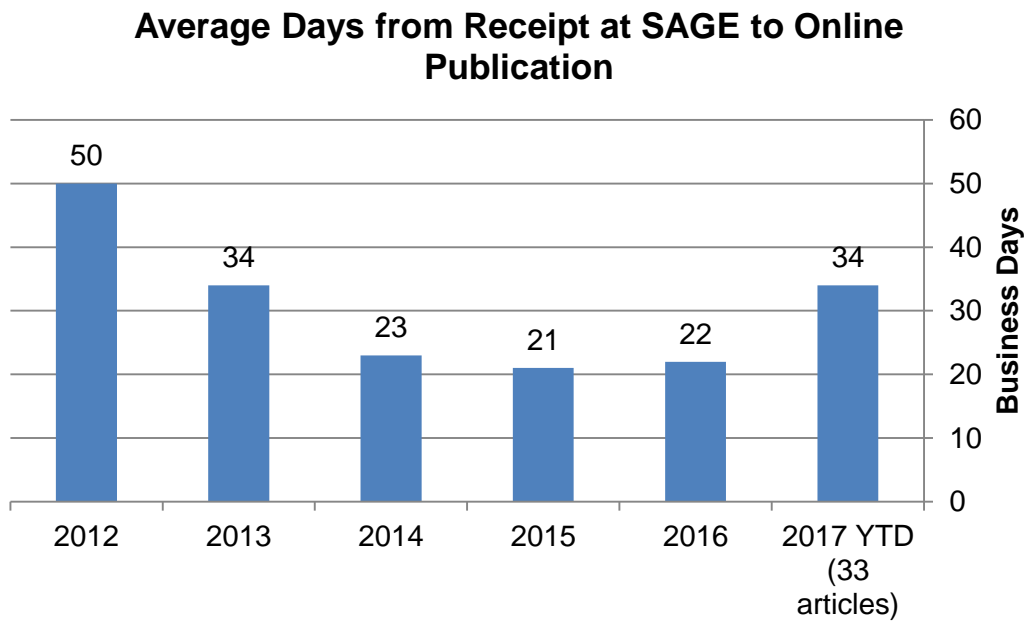
Month	2015	2016	2017 YTD
January	52	57	46
February	50	56	89
March	50	72	69
April	56	52	62
May	45	61	76
June	46	61	64
July	58	66	
August	56	61	
September	49	32	
October	51	59	
November	70	62	
December	54	62	
Total	637	701	406

Time to First Decision



Average Days from Receipt at SAGE to Online Publication

The below graph shows the average number of days a manuscript spends in SAGE Production, beginning when the manuscript is exported from SAGE Track and ending when the manuscript is published OnlineFirst.



Open Access Publishing

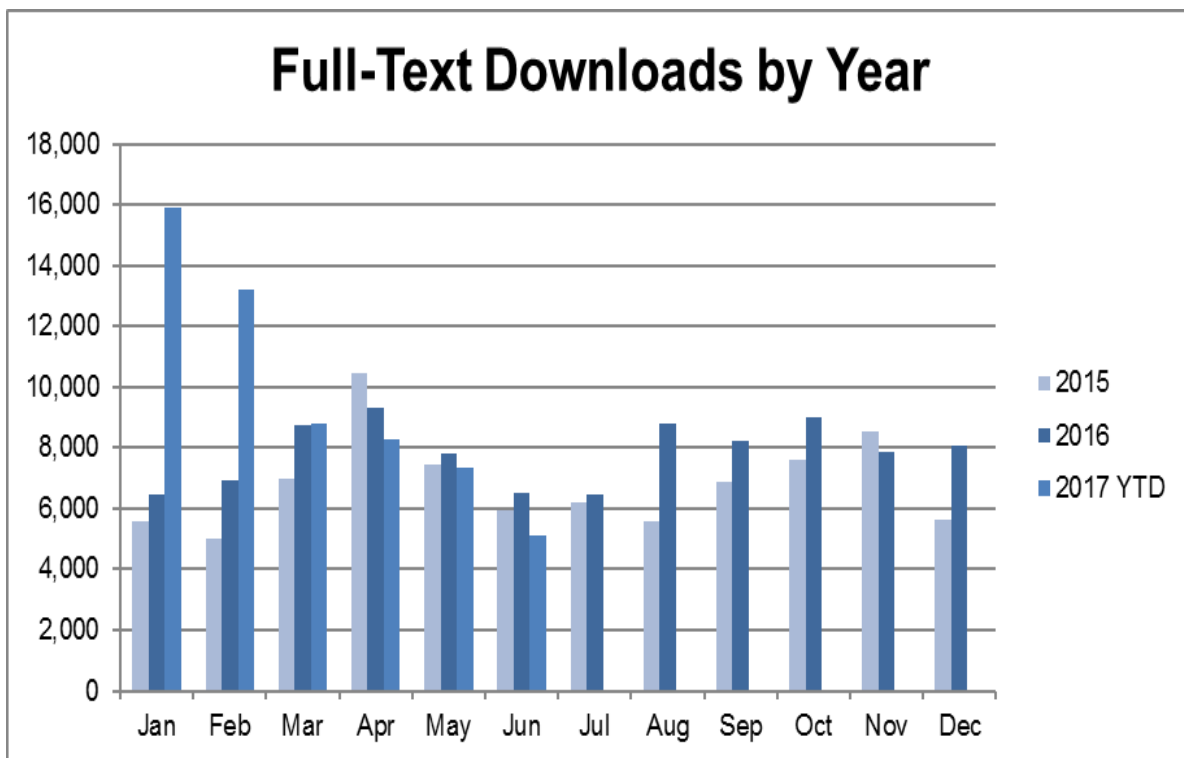
Authors are offered the option to make freely available their article upon publication in APJPH. The SAGE Choice publishing option enables authors to comply with funding body requirements, where publishing research papers Open Access is a stipulation of funding, such as in the case for the NIH/Wellcome Trust.

Sage Publications charge a fee of \$3000 for Open Access publication. More information can be seen on the web link <https://us.sagepub.com/en-us/nam/sage-choice>.

Online Usage

Full-Text Downloads			
	2015	2016	2017 YTD
January	5,596	6,480	15,893
February	4,987	6,943	13,236
March	6,989	8,770	8,814
April	10,436	9,328	8,285
May	7,438	7,833	7,357
June	5,944	6,532	5,104
July	6,224	6,456	
August	5,582	8,801	
September	6,866	8,210	
October	7,589	9,026	
November	8,547	7,877	
December	5,635	8,097	
Total	81,833	94,353	58,689
* Full-text downloads include both HTML and PDF article usage			

Asia Pacific Journal of Public Health has 58,689 full-text downloads in 2017 YTD (through the end of June). This is a 27.9% increase over 45,886 full-text downloads through the end of June 2016



The following tables show the referral usage statistics for *Asia Pacific Journal of Public Health* articles from January 2016 to November 2016. The numbers below indicate which sites are most effective at driving full-text downloads of articles

Targeted Referral Usage

Targeted Referral Usage		
	Full text download	Total Accesses
From NLM	6661	6993
From Google	1363	45426
From Google Scholar	1367	35781
From Bing/MSN	37	896
From Highwire Portal	15	812
From Pubmed Central	10	60
From Yahoo	24	737

Geographical location of visitors

Geographic Location of Visitors: January 2016 – December 2016					
	Country/Territory	Visits		Country/Territory	Visits
1	United States	21508	11	Pakistan	1809
2	India	8057	12	Kenya	1744
3	United Kingdom	6166	13	Netherlands	1470
4	Australia	4077	14	Bangladesh	1449
5	Canada	3207	15	Ethiopia	1443
6	Indonesia	2988	16	Nigeria	1423
7	Philippines	2739	17	China	1220
8	Brazil	1931	18	Germany	1172
9	South Africa	1865	19	Iran	1172
10	Malaysia	1844	20	Mexico	1112

Source: Google Analytics

Google analytics top referring traffic sources

Top Referring Traffic Sources: January 2016 – December 2016					
	Source	Visits		Source	Visits
1	scholar.google.com	13304	11	scholar.google.ca	913
2	ncbi.nlm.nih.gov	4754	12	scholar.google.co.za	681
3	scholar.google.co.in	3448	13	scholar.google.com.br	552
4	inffoundation.org	2013	14	ajcn.nutrition.org	537
5	scholar.google.co.uk	1567	15	highwire.stanford.edu	417
6	online.sagepub.com	1328	16	scholar.google.nl	376
7	scholar.google.com.ph	1132	17	scholar.google.de	323
8	scholar.google.co.id	1120	18	scholar.google.co.th	311
9	scholar.google.com.pk	1104	19	sn.nutrition.org	308
10	scholar.google.com.au	983	20	scholar.google.es	302

Source: Google Analytics

Article Usage Statistics

The following table shows the ten articles that were downloaded the most from January 2017 – June 2017 on the SAGE Journals platform.

Top 10 Most Downloaded Articles 2017 YTD	
Total Downloads	Article
2263	Colin Binns, MiKyung Lee, Wah Yun Low The Long-Term Public Health Benefits of Breastfeeding Vol. 28, No. 1, January 2016: 7
467	Amarzaya Jadambaa, Jeffery Spickett, Burmaajav Badrakh, Rosana E. Norman The Impact of the Environment on Health in Mongolia A Systematic Review Vol. 27, No. 1, January 2015: 45
453	Bindu Karki, Guenter Kittel, Ignatius Bolokon, Trevor Duke Active Community-Based Case Finding for Tuberculosis With Limited Resources Estimating Prevalence in a Remote Area of Papua New Guinea Vol. 29, No. 1, January 2017: 17
450	Most. Fatima-Tuz-Zahura, Khandoker Akib Mohammad, Wasimul Bari Log-Logistic Proportional Odds Model for Analyzing Infant Mortality in Bangladesh Vol. 29, No. 1, January 2017: 60
419	Colin Binns, Wah Yun Low The Social Determinants of Health in the Age of Genomics Vol. 28, No. 8, November 2016: 656
406	Thunyarat Anothaisintawee, Cholatip Wiratkapun, Panuwat Lerdsitthichai, Vijj Kasamesup, Sansanee Wongwaisayawan, Jiraporn Srinakaran, Siriporn Hirunpat, Piyanoot Woodtichartpreecha, Sarawan Boonlikit, Yot Teerawattananon, Ammarin Thakkinstian Risk Factors of Breast Cancer A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis Vol. 25, No. 5, September 2013: 368
386	Belinda Townsend, Deborah Gleeson, Ruth Lopert The Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, Intellectual Property Protection, and Access to Medicines Vol. 28, No. 8, November 2016: 682
350	Simon Barraclough, Deborah Gleeson Why Packaging Is Commercially Vital for Tobacco Corporations What British American Tobacco Companies in Asia Tell Their Shareholders Vol. 29, No. 2, March 2017: 132
326	Colin Binns, Wah-Yun Low What Is Public Health? Vol. 27, No. 1, January 2015: 5
303	Ming-Che Chao, Rong-Chang Jou, Cing-Chu Liao, Chung-Wei Kuo Workplace Stress, Job Satisfaction, Job Performance, and Turnover Intention of Health Care Workers in Rural Taiwan Vol. 27, No. 2, March 2015: NP1827

Rapid Rejection of Manuscripts: January to June 2017

Initial screening of the submitted articles are done by the Editorial Board based on the appropriateness and relevance of the papers. Only quality papers are selected and sent for peer reviewing as this has an effect on the impact factor of the Journal.

As shown in the table below, this year (from Jan to June 2017) we received a total of 390 papers. The total number of papers rejected is 244. Details are shown in the table below. **The Rejection Rate calculated is 62.6%.**

Rejection Rate for 2017 YTD

(1st January to 30th June 2017)

Total number of manuscripts received (Jan-June)	390
Manuscripts rejected due to inappropriateness	217
Manuscripts rejected after peer reviewing	27
Total number of manuscripts rejected	217+27 = 244
% Rejection Rate	244/390 x 100 = 62.6%

Other Matters

- SAGE has moved the free access to APJPH to the month of November this year instead of April. The reason for this change is due to the website transition that took place in December 2016, whereby the paywall was down in December, January and most of February in 2017.
- Ms Joyce Koshy who has served the journal for over 10 years had retired in March 2017 and is replaced by Ms Bairave Shunmugam. APJPH would like to thank Ms Koshy for her contributions.