



Editorial

The achievement of Nursing Practice Today based on the Scopus CiteScore metrics

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Academic journals in the field of medical sciences are frequently emerging around the world. Given the quantitative increase in journals, what matters is journals' quality, scientific status, and credibility. Different stakeholders and organizations assess emerging journals to ensure how credible they are. Typically, researchers prefer to publish their articles in open access and high-quality journals due to the high potentiality of having more citations. It will allow the researchers to improve their academic ranks and consolidate their scientific position (1). As a result, increasing the number of published journals has created fierce competition among editors-in-chief and managing editors of scientific journals worldwide, all of whom undoubtedly aim to achieve a good position in international rankings by improving their publications' quality.

One of the most accepted indicators for evaluating the quality of journals is the number of databases in which the journal is indexed. Consequently, indexing by leading databases is always the publishers' priority. As such, indexing in the "Web of Sciences" and "Scopus" databases is the leading publishers' concern who endeavors to achieve it. These databases provide a ranking based on the criteria and thus allow the publishers to monitor the journal compared to the other journals in that field. One of these indicators is the Impact Factor, which has been developed

by the Web of Sciences and is used to evaluate journals (2). Despite its advantages, Impact Factor is only calculated and used for the journals indexed in Web of Sciences; therefore, the journals which have not yet been indexed in this database will not have this advantage (3, 4).

On December 8, 2016, after several years of development, Elsevier launched a set of transparent, comprehensive, current, and freely available journal citation metric called CiteScore metric which, in a way, is a competitor to the Impact Factor (IF) as a magic number from of the famous institute of Thomson Reuters. CiteScore can be calculated for the journals indexed in Scopus (5, 6).

As mentioned, one of the primary responsibilities of journals' editors-in-chief and managers is to monitor journals' status in terms of quality. It makes sense to assume that more citations to the articles published in a journal indicate the journal's higher acceptability among the researchers in that field. Therefore, the CiteScore Tracker index, which Scopus provides every month, is a proper scale for monitoring the journal's rank. It should be noted that CiteScore is presented only once a year and will not change anymore, but the CiteScore tracker needs to be changed 12 times a year due to its up-to-date nature (7, 8).

Nursing Practice Today journal, launched in 2014 and indexed in Scopus since 2019, has been able to triple its CiteScore in

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2021 (Figure 1). The promotion of the CiteScore index of the journal indicates that it grasped international attention.



Figure 1. CiteScore 2020 and CiteScore Tracker 2021 of the *Nursing Practice Today*

This achievement is owed to the efforts and the accurate performance of the editor-in-chief and the editorial board in selecting the articles correctly. Considering the fact that the officials of all journals make such an effort to improve the ranking of their journal in competition with other competitors, our journal requires increased efforts to improve and upgrade its scientific level. Obviously, a journal with a more accurate program will be more successful on this path.

We hope for further promotion of the journal in 2022 with the support of all the stakeholders. We also appreciate your valuable contributions in any role you have played in *Nursing Practice Today*, including editorial board members, reviewers, authors, and/or the readers.

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