

EDITORIAL

The Journal of Research on History of Medicine is indexed in SCOPUS

The request for indexing the Journal of Research on History of Medicine into Scopus was approved on Nov. 16, 2023. Currently, all the papers published in 2023 are visible in Scopus. It is a great achievement for increasing the visibility of the journal and its impact on investigations of the history of medicine. Although the Middle East, in particular, Persia is one of the most important civilizations that had a great role in the development of Medical Sciences during history, there are not too many publications on the history of medicine. Journal of Research on History of Medicine is the sole English language journal in the Middle East focused only on the history of medicine that is indexed in Scopus.

The first attempt to index the Journal of Research on History of Medicine dates back to 2017 but failed because the journal was published in trilingual (English, Persian and Arabic) at that time. Later, the editorial team changed the policy and converted the journal to only English in 2019 (Mehdizadeh, 2018; Zargarana, 2019). Then, the reference style of the journal was improved in 2021 (Zargarana, 2020). Also, we tried to

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enrich the editorial advisory board by joining distinguished researchers and scientists in the field of the history of medicine. We improved the peer-reviewing process of received manuscripts with the help of our expert reviewers worldwide. Therefore, the quality of accepted papers has increased (Mehdizadeh, 2021; Rajabpour Shirazi, and Zargaran, 2021; Mehdizadeh, 2023) and finally, we succeeded in indexing this journal in Scopus.

I, as editor-in-chief of the journal, have special thanks to all editorial team, advisory board members, authors, reviewers, and all staff of the journals as well as our colleagues in the vice-chancellor's office for research at Shiraz University of Medical Sciences for their support to reach this achievement.

Now, we have to increase our efforts to improve the quality of the journal more and more to index it in other important indexing systems like PubMed and Web of Science in the future. Our goal is to make a trustable and high-quality scientific platform for our audiences to publish, read, and refer history of medicine studies. We believe that this journal could play an important role and impact on clarifying the history of medicine worldwide.

Conflict of Interest

None.

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