

Comprehensive Analysis of Integrative and Complementary Medicine Journals in Science Citation Index Based on Journal Citation Reports

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ABSTRACT Objective To investigate the international status of integrative and complementary medicine, and to provide reference for internationalization of Chinese medical journals by analyzing integrative and complementary medicine journals collected in Science Citation Index (SCI). **Methods** Statistical analysis of evolution history of integrative and complementary medicine journals collected in SCI from the year of 2000 to 2013 was conducted based on data in Journal Citation Reports (JCR). Meanwhile, major bibliometric indexes of 22 SCI collected integrative and complementary medicine journals in JCR 2013 edition were also analyzed. **Results** The quantity of SCI collected integrative and complementary medicine journals in JCR from the year of 2000 to 2013 showed a rising trend. There were 8 SCI collected integrative and complementary medicine journals in JCR 2000 edition, but 22 of this kind of journals in JCR 2013 edition. These 22 journals were from six countries, including 8 from the United States (36.36%), 7 from England (31.82%), 3 from China (13.64%), 2 from German (9.09%), 1 from Ireland and Nigeria respectively (4.55%). 20 (90.91%) of the 22 journals were published in English. The Journal of Evidence Based Complementary and Alternative Medicine had maximum amount of publishing each year (1293 papers); Acupuncture & Electro Therapeutics Research had minimum amount of publishing each year (7 papers). Only 3 journals were open access (OA) journals (13.64%). The average impact factor of the 22 journals was 1.460. Among the 22 journals, Journal of Ethnopharmacology got the highest impact factor (2.939), and Acupuncture & Electro Therapeutics Research had the lowest one (0.400). **Conclusion** Chinese medicine researches had attracted worldwide attention. At present, in the internationalization process of Chinese medicine academic journals, excellent manuscripts should be developed, English language publication need to be considered, cooperation with large international publishing agencies should be promoted, OA should be carried out, and the balance point between enhancing impact and controlling annual publishing amount needs to be found.

Keywords Science Citation Index; Journal Citation Reports; integrative and complementary medicine; internationalization of journals

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