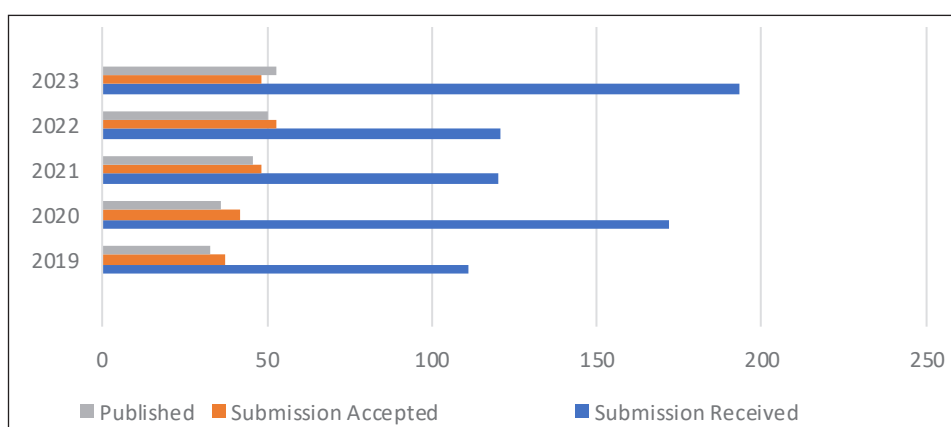# Five-Year Report 2019-2023
Pacific Rim International Journal of Nursing Research

The *Pacific Rim International Journal of Nursing Research* was established in 1997 by the Thailand Nursing and Midwifery Council as the Thai Journal of Nursing Research (ISSN 0859-7685) to disseminate nursing research in the Thai language. However, the English language was used for the articles from 2005 onward, with abstracts also given in Thai. In 2007, the Journal was listed in the CINAHL database. In 2010, the name was changed to *Pacific Rim International Journal of Nursing Research* (PRIJNR) to attract more international readers and authors in the region who share many common values and beliefs regarding holistic nursing knowledge, practice and research. The need for an international nursing journal in English was evidenced by the immigration of nurses who attended graduate nursing education programs, those conducting nursing research and practicing around the Pacific Rim Region. Additionally, the rapid growth of journal access on the internet required PRIJNR articles to be appealing and more readily available to nurses, midwives and other health professionals globally.

In striving to improve our journal to be truly international PRIJNR, from January 2008 to June 2013, we invited Professor Dr. Vickie A. Lambert and Professor Dr. Clinton E. Lambert to join as Editors to improve the quality of our journal. From July 2013 till now, Professor Dr. Sue Turale from Australia has been working with our journal as an editor. Dr. Sue Turale has a long and reputable experience, latterly as Editor-in-Chief of *International Nursing Review* and formerly Editor-in-Chief of *Nursing & Health Sciences.* Both journals have an international standing and good impact factors. Today, the PRIJNR has an Editorial Board reflecting international members with a wealth of research, publishing experience, and clinical practice. It is printed in full online and open access. In 2018, it was indexed in SCOPUS with the support of TCI-TSRI-SCOPUS Project funding by Thailand Science Research and Innovation under the direction of Professor Dr. Narongrit Sombatsompop.

Journal progress from 2019-2023

One year after the journal was indexed in SCOPUS, the number of submissions received, accepted and published began increasing (**Figure 1**).

Figure 1. The rate of submissions, submissions accepted and published

As **Figure 2** shows, the accepted rate of articles in percentage ranges from 24.41-43.80%, while the rejected rate has grown to 75% in 2023. This rejection rate is in keeping with high impact factor international nursing journals that publish quality studies or other papers.
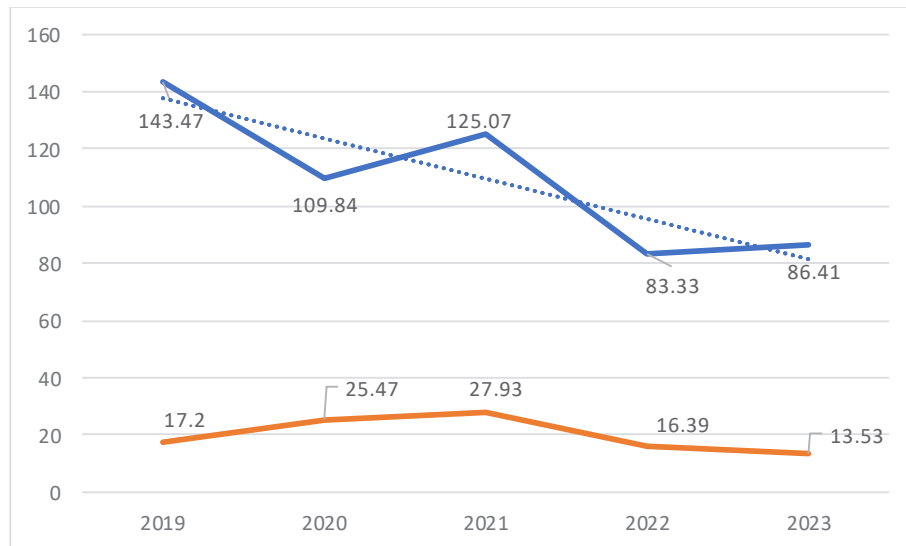

Figure 2. Editorial outcome rates 2019-2023 in percentage

During 2019-2023, papers have been published from 16 countries, mostly from Thailand (79%), followed by Indonesia and China (**Table 1**). Our expectation is that this growth in publications from international authors will grow in the future, as more nurses across countries embark on doctoral and master's studies and nurses engage in more research. For example, papers submitted from Indonesia are rising because of the increasing number of doctoral education programs for nurses in that country.

Table 1. Top countries of authors from which articles were accepted to be published in PRIJNR 2019-2023

Country	Number of Manuscripts (Total = 217)				
	2019 (30)	2020 (38)	2021 (46)	2022 (50)	2023 (53)
Thailand	28	32	37	37	38
Indonesia		2	2	2	2
Philippines			1		2
China	1		1	3	2
Japan					2
USA			2	2	
Vietnam		1		3	2
Bangladesh			1	1	1
Nigeria					1
Pakistan					1
Myanmar	1	1	1	1	1
Jordan					1
Turkey				1	
Iran			1		
Mongolia		1			
Australia		1			

We are working hard to expedite the review process for manuscripts we receive, and this has proven successful over the last five years. For example, the length of time for review and author revisions has dropped markedly, leading to speedier acceptance and publication of articles. From 2019-2023, the longest duration is about five months, and the shortest is 2-3 months See **Figure 3**.

Figure 3. The average speed of review and revision processes in days

Table 2 displays the most cited PRIJNR publications (to December 2023). It is noted that the most cited publication is a methodology paper, "A Brief Introduction to Qualitative Description: A Research Design Worth Using." After this paper was published, many authors used this method for their studies, creating a better understanding of the research approach and the worlds of participants and their contexts. The second most cited paper is "Cross-cultural Instrument Translation and Adaptation: Challenges and Strategies." This paper is very useful for translating the instruments from the original language to the language of the study population in each country.
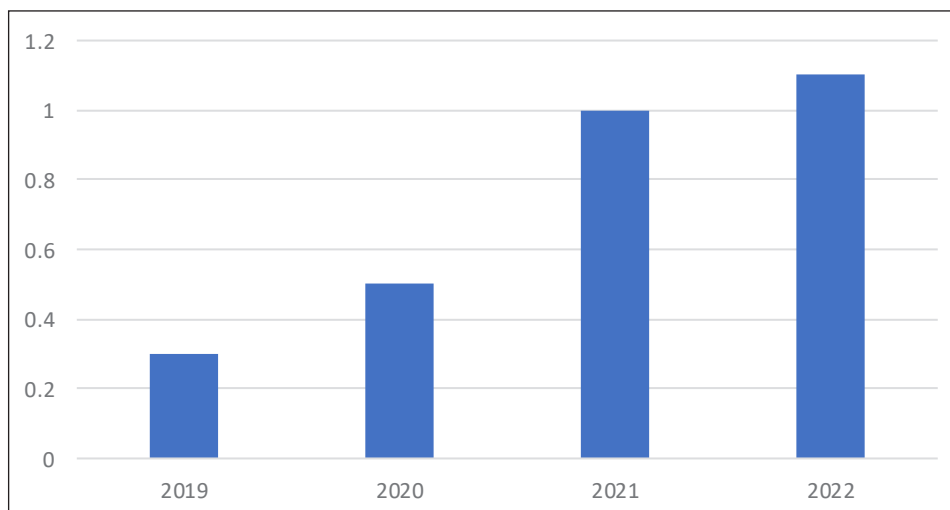
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Author(s)	Title	Year	Volume (Issue)	Total Citations
Turale S	A Brief Introduction to Qualitative Description: A Research Design Worth Using	2020	24(3)	26
Phongphanngam S, Lach HW	Cross-cultural Instrument Translation and Adaptation: Challenges and Strategies	2019	23(2)	19
Sadang JM	The Lived Experience of Filipino Nurses' Work in COVID-19 Quarantine Facilities: A Descriptive Phenomenological Study	2020	25(1)	15
Pumpuang W, Seeherunwong A, Vongsirimas N.	Factors Predicting Intention Among Nursing Students to Seek Professional Psychological Help	2018	22(3)	13
Nurbaeti I, Deoisres W, Hengudomsub P.	Postpartum Depression in Indonesian Mothers: Its Changes and Predicting Factors	2018	22(2)	11

Table 2. The most cited PRIJNR publications (up to December 2023) (Cont.)

Author(s)	Title	Year	Volume (Issue)	Total Citations
Wanchai A, Phrompayak D.	A Systematic Review of Factors Influencing Social Participation of Older Adults	2019	23(2)	11
Prasitwattanaseree P, Sinsuksai N, Prasopkittikun T, Viwatwongkasem C.	Effectiveness of Breastfeeding Skills Training and Support Program among First Time Mothers: A Randomized Control Trial	2019	23(3)	10
Nuampa S, Tilokskulchai F, Sinsuksai N, Patil, CL, Phahuwatanakorn W	Breastfeeding Experiences among Thai Adolescent Mothers: A Descriptive Qualitative Study	2018	22(4)	10
Chaiwuth S, Chanprasit C, Kaewthummanukul T, Chareosanti J, Srisuphan W, Stone TE	Prevalence and Risk Factors of Workplace Violence Among Registered Nurses in Tertiary Hospitals	2020	24(4)	8
Tachanivate P, Phraewphiphat R, Tanasanitkul H, Jinnawaso R, Areevut C, Rattanasila R, et al.	Effectiveness of Diabetes Self-Management Education in Thais with Type 2 Diabetes	2019	23(1)	7

At present, the PRIJNR is ranked as a Q3 journal. The CiteScore, the average number of citations per article for the last four years, is increasing each year: 2019 (0.3), 2020 (0.5), 2021 (1) and 2022 (1.1). (see **Figure 4**). The CiteScore in 2023 will come out in August 2024.

Figure 4. CiteScore

Conclusion and Strategies for the Future

In summary, PRIJNR is progressing since there is evidence that the number of submissions received and published is increasing, authors are now contributing from 16 countries, and the CiteScore of articles is rising. Additionally, the publication of each issue is timely. However, there is no room for complacency since the next major aims are to move the Journal to the next quartile ranking (Q2) and to further streamline submission,

review and publication processes. Strategies for the future need consideration and action and include, but are not limited to:

1. Engagement of younger scholars to the editorial and reviewer profiles to build capacity for the future of the Journal;

2. Improving researcher engagement and communication with authors and further improvement in the quality of papers published;

3. Increasing the visibility of the journal by utilizing digital media for newsworthy PRJINR articles and directing better traffic to the PRJINR website;

4. Working with the Editorial team and the publishing company to further streamline submission, review and publication processes online. This involves gathering ideas and strategies from significant people associated with the journal, including authors.

Finally, we acknowledge the hard work and dedication of authors, reviewers, editors, associate and assistant editors, and editorial board members in the good progress being made by the Journal. We express our gratitude for their valuable contributions and continued support.

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