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Representation of international authorship across prominent journals in the field of mental retardation

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Abstract

This article is a reflection of international publication trends across prominent journals in the field of mental retardation. Journals reviewed were the *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis*, *Journal of Intellectual Disability Research*, *Mental Retardation*, and *Research in Developmental Disabilities*. Percentage of authors from the United States (US) and other countries were evaluated. US authors represented 84–91% in US journals, while US representation in foreign journals was much lower at 21%. The implications of these findings are discussed.

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1. Introduction

A review of international representation across publications was completed as a part of a review of mental retardation journals. Circulation rates, citation rates, and impact factors are valuable methods of assessing journal impact. However, the impact of a journal may also be assessed based on the number of authors from different countries. Indirectly, this measure may suggest the breadth of people who read the journal, and who value its worth since they have chosen to submit

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their works. In this brief paper we have reviewed major journals, which primarily publish research on mental retardation to determine the overall global breadth of their contributions, certainly another measure of overall journal impact.

2. Method

Journals included were *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis* (JABA), *Journal of Intellectual Disability Research* (JIDR), *Mental Retardation* (MR), and *Research in Developmental Disabilities* (RIDD). All of these journals included the term mental retardation or a variant (e.g., intellectual disabilities). The JABA was included since in recent years it has published articles which deal almost exclusively with the developmentally disabled population.

The process of determining authorship was completed by reviewing each individual article and documenting the country of origin for each author listed. Book reviews, letters to the editor, and brief reports were not included. The country of origin was listed for all authors of an article, on occasion yielding two or three countries per article. Ultimately, country representation was totaled for each journal across a 20-year span (1989–1999). A list of countries represented was made independent of each journal. Additionally, a percentage was obtained for each journal noting the number of articles published by non-US authors. The percentage was determined by dividing the number of articles representing an international publication divided by total number of articles in the journal. The country of origin of the editor for each journal was: RIDD (US), JABA (US), MR (US), and JIDR (UK).

3. Results

Of the journals reviewed, the primary US journals for mental retardation predominately publish research from within the United States (84–91%). US articles represent 21% of the articles published in JIDR in the 20-year span. In regard to JIDR's international representation, 61% of its publications came from outside the senior editors country (UK). In comparison the US journals reflect a range of 9–16% international representation. MR and JABA both presented with 9% international representation, while 16% of articles published in RIDD came from international sources (Table 1).

Table 1
Publications by country across journals

Country	Journals			
	MR	JABA	JIDR	RIDD
1. Australia	12	9	47	18
2. Austria	0	0	1	0
3. Bahrain	1	0	0	0
4. Bangladesh	1	0	0	0
5. Beirut	0	1	0	0

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