
Spanish journals on Psychology: editorial quality, visibility, internationality and editors attitude towards Open Access

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Journals evaluation in Spain: a brief overview

- The research on this specific area was begun in 1995 with several evaluating models for journals tested.
 - In this period of experimentation several indicators were developed and proved by a few research groups.
 - From 2000 and on, regional and national agencies for research and higher education evaluation begun their activity and, as a result, they needed tools to evaluate journals, one the issues considered in research activity evaluation.
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Journals evaluation in Spain. EPUC's activity

- Develop and apply quality indicators on different kinds of publications, not only journals
- The journals evaluation systems developed are targeted to Social Sciences and Humanities
- EPUC has launched two websites offering quality indicators for 2.000 spanish journals:

R E S H

Revistas españolas de Ciencias Sociales y Humanas:
Valoración integrada e índice de citas

D I C E

Difusión y Calidad Editorial de las
Revistas Españolas de Humanidades y
Ciencias Sociales y Jurídicas

<http://resh.cindoc.csic.es>

- Acronym for Spanish journals on Social Sciences and Humanities, a journal evaluation system created as a tool to support evaluators of scientific activity.
- RESH covers over 2.000 journals. It is a system in constant updating and its main feature is that it takes into account multiple quality indicators:
 - **international visibility**, that is: how many databases include an specific journal? This is a relative measure of international recognition.
 - **Valuation index**: it is a measure for content quality obtained from a survey to lecturers and researchers.
 - **Average impact index**: indicator of use and influence for each journal. “Long impact index” (a kind of impact factor calculated in a 5 years basis) is obtained every year.
 - Number of **Latindex criteria** (33 criteria related with international standards, international visibility and quality of editorial process)
 - Another indicator is if journals turn to **external referees** for selecting manuscripts.
 - **Compliance with stated frequency**, a key factor to be covered by international databases.
 - Papers of **external authors** in the journal



Difusión y Calidad Editorial de las
Revistas Españolas de Humanidades y
Ciencias Sociales y Jurídicas

<http://dice.cindoc.csic.es>

- Acronym for Spanish journals on Social Sciences and Humanities: international visibility and editorial quality, a derived product from RESH
 - DICE does not include either the average impact index or the valuation index. Both are considered subjective and quite difficult to use by ANECA (funding agency in charge of assessing the lecturers research activity)
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Journals evaluation in Spain. EPUC's activity

Sistema Regional de Información
en Línea para Revistas Científicas
de América Latina, el Caribe, España y Portugal

latindex

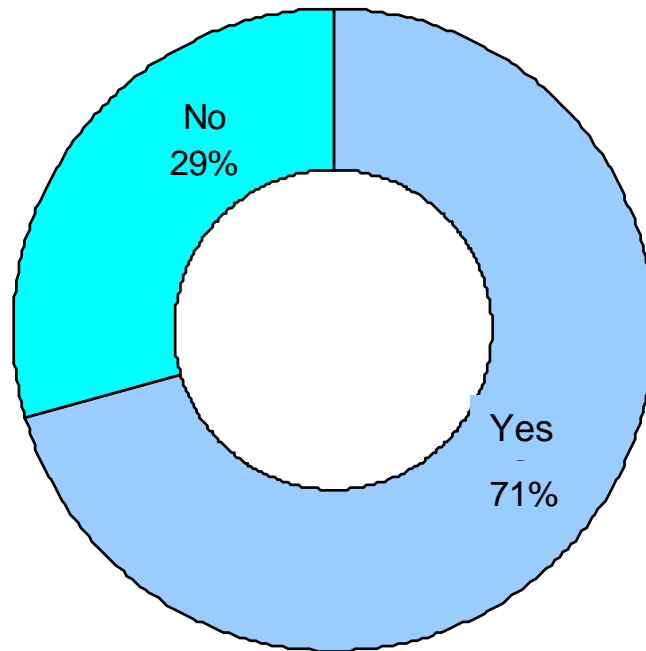
<http://www.latindex.org>

- EPUC represents Spain in *Latindex*

Latindex, an online Regional Information System for Scholarly Journals from Latin America, the Caribbean, Spain and Portugal, based on the co-operation of a network of institutions that function in a coordinated manner in order to gather and disseminate bibliographic information concerning the scientific serial publications produced in the region

Spanish Journals on Psychology (136 titles)

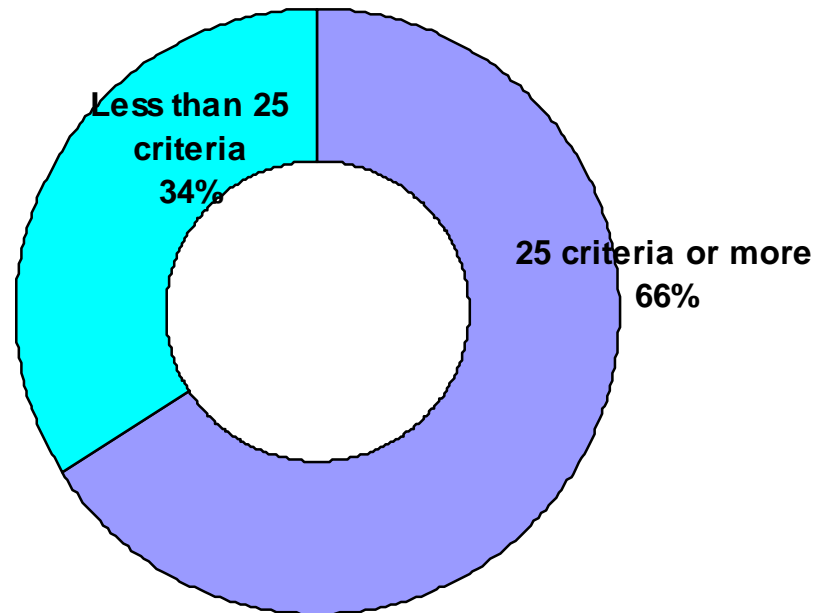
- Compliance with stated frequency



Spanish Journals on Psychology

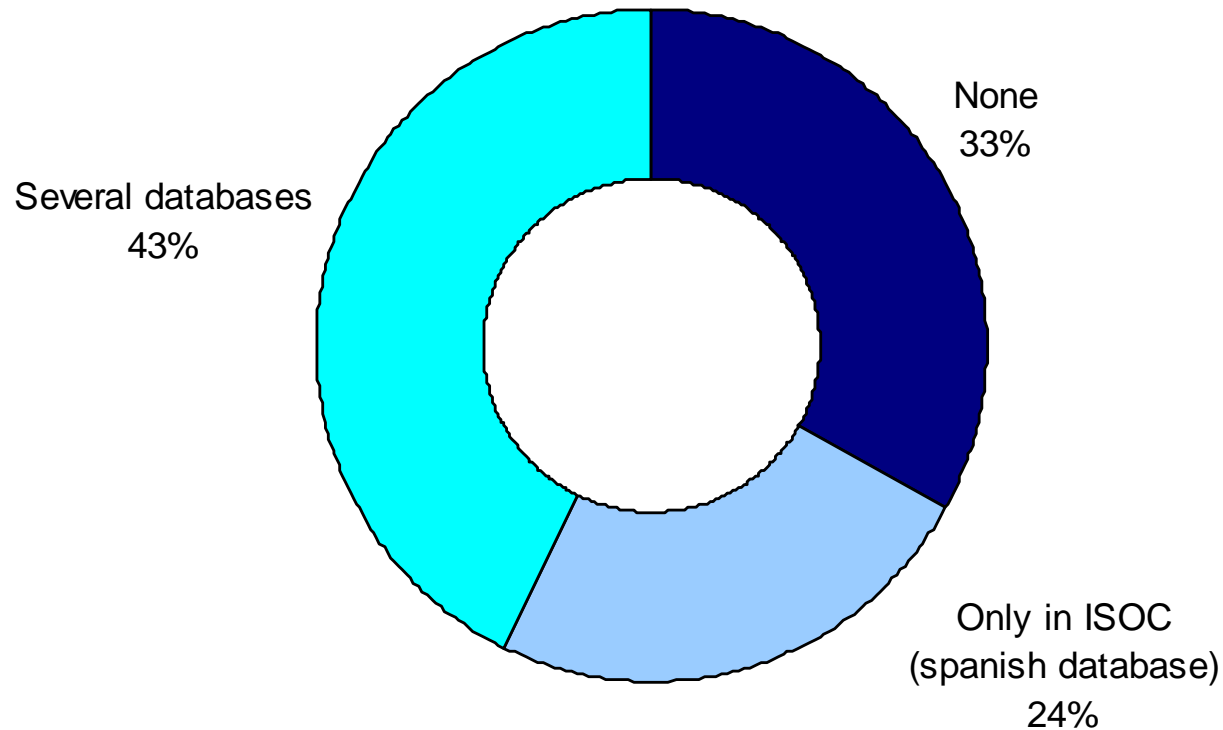
- Number of Latindex criteria (related with international standards, international visibility and quality of editorial process)

Latindex has established 33 criteria for printed journals and 36 for electronic ones



Spanish Journals on Psychology

- International visibility. Are Spanish journals on Psychology included in international databases?



Spanish Journals on Psychology

- International visibility; how many journals are included in international databases?

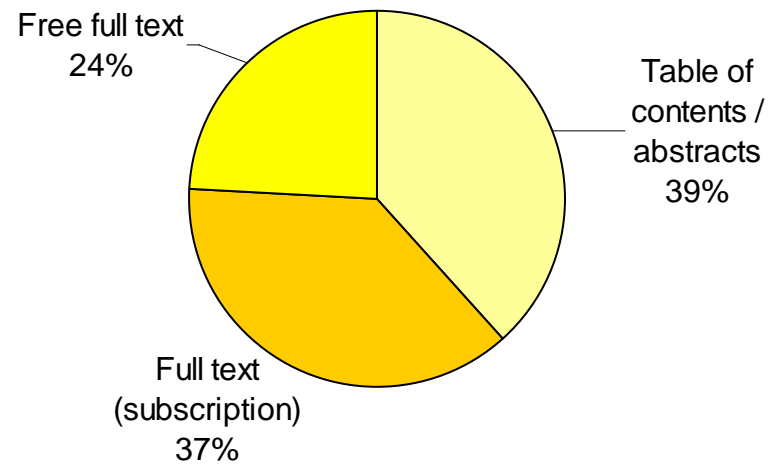
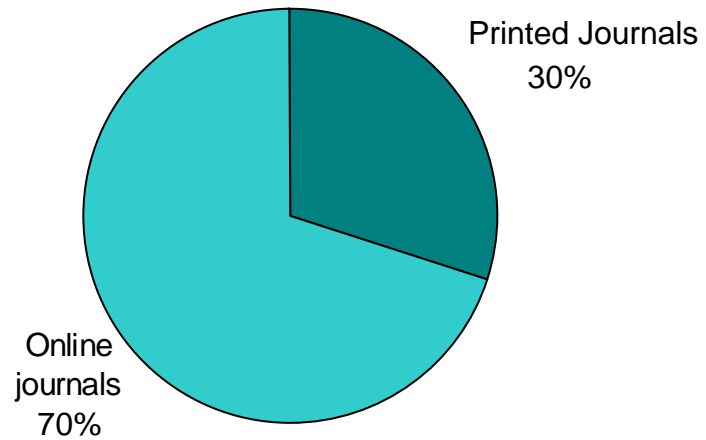
Databases	Nº of Spanish journals
Non specialized	
Academic Search Premier	2
Academic Search Complete	13
Current Contents	5
Social Sciences Citation Index	6
International Bibliography of Social Sciences	1
Scopus	11
Francis	3
Redalyc	10
DOAJ	5
Specialized	
Psyclit	43
Embase	10
Medline	2
Addiction Abstracts	1
Heracles	1

Best Spanish journals on Psychology

according to six quality indicators

Journal title	Starting year	Timeliness of publication	External members in the Editorial Board	External authors	Peer review	Nº of Latindex criteria	International databases
Revista de Logopedia, Foniatría y Audiología	1986-	Sí	Sí	Sí	Sí	33	PSYCLIT ; EMBASE ; ACADEMIC SEARCH COMPLETE ; ISOC
Revista de Psicología del Trabajo y de las Organizaciones	1996-	Sí	Sí	Sí	Sí	33	PSYCLIT ; ACADEMIC SEARCH COMPLETE ; ISOC
Apuntes de Psicología	1983-	Sí	Sí	Sí	Sí	32	PSYCLIT ; ISOC
Ansiedad y Estrés	1994-	Sí	Sí	Sí	Sí	32	PSYCLIT ; ISOC
Archivos de Psiquiatría	2000-	Sí	Sí	Sí	Sí	32	EMBASE ; PSYCLIT ; SCOPUS ; ISOC
Revista Internacional de Psicología y Terapia Psicológica = International Journal of Psychology and Psychological Therapy	2001-	Sí	Sí	Sí	Sí	32	RED ALyC ; ACADEMIC SEARCH COMPLETE ; ISOC
Infancia y Aprendizaje	1977-	Sí	Sí	Sí	Sí	31	FRANCIS ; IRESIE ; PIO ; PSYCLIT ; ACADEMIC SEARCH COMPLETE ; ISOC ; SSCI
Revista de Psicología Social	1985-	Sí	Sí	Sí	Sí	31	PSYCLIT ; ACADEMIC SEARCH PREMIER ; ACADEMIC SEARCH COMPLETE ; ISOC
Psicología Conductual	1993-	Sí	Sí	Sí	Sí	31	CC ; EMBASE ; PSYCLIT ; SCOPUS ; ISOC
International Journal of Clinical and Health Psychology	2004-	Sí	Sí	Sí	Sí	31	PSYCLIT ; RED ALyC ; SSCI ; CC ; ISOC

Online Spanish journals on Psychology



Online Spanish journals on Psychology.

Its attitude towards Open Access could be described as “reserved”

- Most journals offering free text held copyright, so they do not follow the “platinum route”

"The Platinum Route is the voluntary, collaborative, no charge model that is usually overlooked in the debates on OA" (Wilson, 2007)

Only one journal does (*Intangible capital*): free full text, authors do not pay and each paper has its own *Creative Commons* license

- Few journals have made an effort to be included in OA products such as:
 - DOAJ
 - Open Science Directory
 - Redalyc
 - 4 journals are included in Scopus as “OA registered”
 - 4 journals follow the “author fee” option.
 - Few journals (around 15) have an online submission and review system
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Psychology Journals in Scopus

Scopus journal coverage	23748
Nº of journals in Scopus	16634
No OA	15512
OA registered	1070
DOAJ	15
OA but not registered	37
Nº of Psychology journals in Scopus	1596
No OA	1538
OA but not registered	2
OA registered	56
Nº of Psychology journals in Scopus	1596
With e-ISSN	992
Without e-ISSN	604
Nº of Spanish Psychology journals in Scopus	10

Internationality of Spanish journals on Psychology

Based on:

- number of foreign authors contributing to the journal
- number of foreign researchers in the advisory board

Journal title	Foreign authors (%)	Foreign members in Advisory Board (%)
Psicología Política	72,72	40,00
Papeles de trabajo sobre cultura, educación y desarrollo humano (electrónica)	58,33	55,55
Revista Internacional de Psicología y Terapia Psicológica = International Journal of Psychology and Psychological Therapy*	50,00	43,13
The Spanish Journal of Psychology	48,00	78,26
Psicología Conductual*	33,33	66,66
Cuadernos de Psicología del Deporte	32,00	34,78
Psicológica	29,62	28,31
Psicológica (Ed. Electrónica)	29,62	28,31
Revista de Logopedia, Foniatría y Audiología*	29,16	37,03
Revista de Psicología Social (Ed. Electrónica)	27,27	76,47
Revista de Psicología Social*	27,27	76,47
Revista de Historia de la Psicología	24,07	75,00
Anuario de Psicología	22,22	26,86
Revista Galego-Portuguesa de Psicoloxía e Educación	21,42	41,86
Ansiedad y Estrés*	20,83	32,00
Infancia y Aprendizaje*	18,72	24,19

(*) are among the best spanish journals according six quality criteria (see slide 11)

Conclusions

- As in other areas, there is a huge set of scientific journals on Psychology edited in Spain
 - In real terms, most of journals follow international editorial conventions and take care of the timeliness of publication
 - Approximately, a third part of journals are well represented in international databases. However, a great number of them should make an effort in order to be visible for the international community
 - Taking into account six quality criteria, there are 25-30 high level or competitive journals
 - Although online journals are increasing, a reserved attitude towards OA is observed in Spanish Psychology journals. None of the routes (green, gold or platinum) is relevant analyzing Spanish journals.
 - According to the “internationality” of Psychology as a scientific domain, journals must make an effort to include foreign members in their advisory boards in order to attract papers from other countries. Around 20 journals have good levels of foreign authors and advisors.
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