



EDITORIAL

The indexing trajectory of the *Revista Ciências em Saúde*

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Scientific publications disseminate knowledge, grant intellectual property to authors, and serve as memory and source of knowledge produced. They must also serve as a social institution, attributing prestige and recognition to authors, institutions, editors, and reviewers, which is essential in defining and legitimating knowledge. In addition, the publication of articles is a requirement of many medical societies to obtain titles and recognition of the validity of research. This has been the case since the first publications appeared, the French periodical *Journal des Sçavans* in 1665 and the *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society of London* a few months later^{1,2}.

Journal indexing is a crucial process for the academic community, as it helps ensure the visibility and accessibility of articles published in scientific journals. Several indexes and indexing databases, both general and specialized, can be used as a reference for research in various areas. Including a journal in one of these indexes can increase its visibility and prestige since many researchers use these databases as a reference when looking for articles and studies relevant to their research.

On the other hand, the indexing process can be challenging for some journals, especially newer and less established ones. Some requirements for inclusion in indexes include strict criteria for editorial quality, peer review, and academic impact, which can be difficult for journals still establishing themselves in the academic community.

The *Revista Ciência em Saúde* (RCS) completed 10 years of existence in 2022 (its first issue was published in 2012) and is a journal linked to the Hospital de Clínicas de Itajubá - MG (formerly Hospital Escola da Faculdade de Medicina de Itajubá-MG) since its creation. It is a quarterly, open-access, multidisciplinary publication. It is currently indexed in the DAOJ (the community-curated online directory that indexes and provides access to high-quality peer-reviewed open-access journals); the Latin American catalog Latindex 2.0, the EBSCO database and, recently, in January 2023, the achievement of indexing in Lilacs (Latin American Literature in Health Sciences)³⁻⁶.

The editorial board of *Revista Ciência em Saúde* is proud to have managed to maintain the periodicity of the journal. After being modified by the authors and approved by peers and editors, all manuscripts are subjected to language, style, spelling, and grammatical review. If submitted in Portuguese, the articles are translated into English, which ensures their international dissemination. They are formatted and receive DOI numbering. For these results, using the *Open Journal System platform* has been essential.

As RCS consolidates itself as a quality journal, we renew our commitment to highlight the best research and opinions that improve the understanding of health areas, establishing evidence for treatments and diagnoses, and elucidating ethical, socioeconomic, and current political issues that affect the provision of health care.

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Although happy with our inclusion in Lilacs, we believe we can and should move forward. We are committed to being a tool for authors and readers searching for serious and quality science. In 2023, we

will expand and improve our reach of authors and readers, publishing high-quality material that impacts the scientific and academic processes and public and individual health.

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