The Index Medicus for the Eastern Mediterranean Region (IMEMR) provides health care professionals and researchers from the Region with access to health and biomedical information and increases the visibility of their work at national, regional and international level.

# Criteria for selection of journals for the Index Geographic coverage

Geographic coverage of the IMEMR is the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region. The Region covers 23 countries: Afghanistan, Bahrain, Djibouti, Egypt, Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Pakistan, occupied Palestinian territory, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates and Yemen.

## Subject coverage

Subject coverage includes all public health topics, medicine and all its subspecialties, environmental health, dentistry, pharmaceutical, nursing, health management and administration and veterinary sciences.

Magazines that are purely commercial or for trade and general news bulletins and newsletters which lack scientific and technical content are not included in the Index.

### Content and type of materials

Scientific value and peer review are the most important considerations in selecting a journal to index.

### Quality

Selected journals should be objective, credible and of high-quality content.

#### Language coverage

The IMEMR contains medical journals in Arabic, English, Farsi, French and Urdu.

#### **English abstracts**

Selected journals should contain abstracts in English.

# Regular publishing

Selected journals should be published on a regular basis.

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