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## IJRH's journey: So far and what lies ahead

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**Abstract**

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*“Reading a scientific article isn’t the same as reading a detective story. We want to know from the start that the butler did it”*

*~ Oscar Davis Ratnoff (O.D. Ratnoff), an American Physician and Scientist*

The Indian Journal of Research in Homoeopathy (IJRH) had its first issue released in 2007. From humble beginnings back in the days when the journals had begun to get peer reviewed, but the manuscript management system was just coming in, we remember coordinating with the reviewers on emails for sending reviews of the blinded manuscripts submitted to the journal. As we publish the first issue of this year, a lot has changed since the first-ever issue of IJRH. The year 2012 was significant in that sense, as that was when the journal, became online and open to access for all our readers. Ever since, there has been no looking back. The council has made huge leaps since, in terms of readership, reach to its audience and submissions received every year.

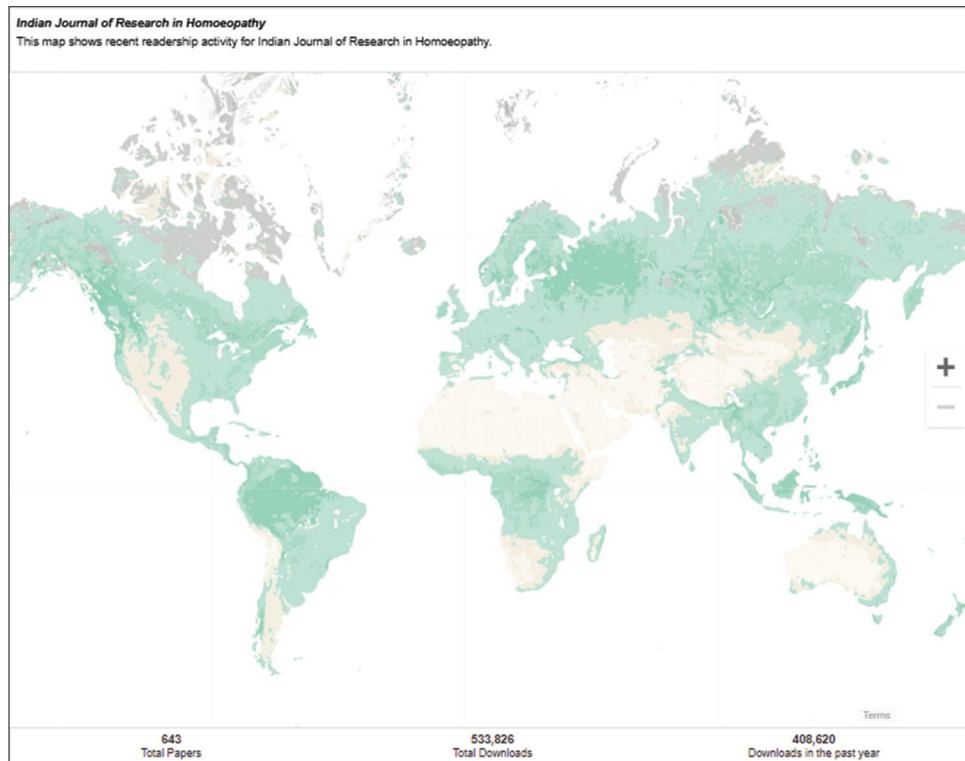
The journal has proudly published 18 volumes with 68 issues in total since 2007, which reflect the continued dedication and perseverance of the editorial board, our authors and our reviewers to palpate the needs of this journal in the changing times and deliver accordingly. The consistent work of the IJRH team has helped to strengthen the foundation of the journal and earned a growing reputation in the field of Homoeopathy research.

The metrics of IJRH in the past year have been reassuring and steadily on the rise, following; thus, the uprising trend of the last few years of full text papers, with a record total of 408,620 downloads in the past year (2023–2024). Further, the journal was read by 1040 institutions across 143 countries in 2024.

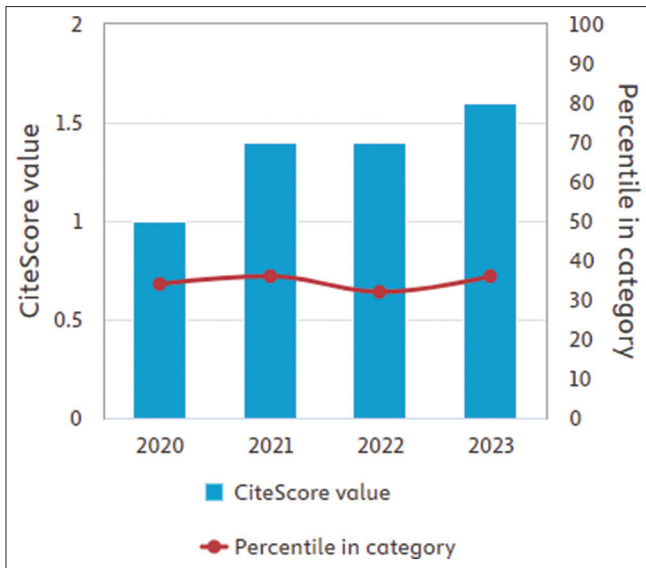
With wide reachability through its website on the Digital Commons (Elsevier) platform and Creative Commons support, the journal’s global visibility has seen new heights, thus ensuring that cutting-edge research is available to the established researchers and emerging scientists alike (Figure 1).

In terms of academic recognition, IJRH continues to show an impressive growth. Since 2019, the journal has been indexed in Scopus, a prestigious recognition for any academic publication, further solidifying its position in the scientific community. The Cite Score for the year 2023 stands at 1.6, positioning the journal in the 36<sup>th</sup> percentile among its peers. The trend since 2020 has been depicted in Figure 2.

In the year 2024, IJRH received a total of 295 submissions. The journal maintains a rigorous double-blind peer-review process,



**Figure 1:** Global reach of Indian Journal of Research in Homoeopathy (marked as green); Source: Digital Commons



**Figure 2:** Trend of cite score of Indian Journal of Research in Homoeopathy since 2020; Source: Digital Commons

which is reflected in its last year's rejection rate of 44.4%. This selective process ensures that only the highest-quality research is published, thus demonstrating IJRH's commitment to maintaining rigorous academic standards while providing a platform for a wide research landscape in Homoeopathy. Analysing the content of the manuscripts that are usually received, we have noted that most of the submissions that are rejected continue to lack rigour, credibility or novelty to make it through the initial screening. The ones that reach the review stage and are then rejected are usually noted to have poor methodology or statistical working. A poor adherence to journal's instructions for authors is another major reason for rejection at an early stage.

The future of IJRH looks promising with the continued growth in the manuscript submission rate, coupled with the journal's rigorous standards for publication. It's fully open-access model, alongside strong academic metrics, enhances the potential of IJRH to substantially contribute to the future of homoeopathic research, as well as to the global body of knowledge in evidence-based Homoeopathy.

This year's first issue discusses a few important aspects of the application of quantum entanglement to explain the healing

mechanism by highly diluted Homoeopathic medicines,<sup>[1]</sup> Effect of individualised homoeopathic intervention in dyslipidaemia: An open-label, randomised, controlled, exploratory trial;<sup>[2]</sup> management of a severe psoriatic disease with individualised homoeopathic medicines,<sup>[3]</sup> Separation Anxiety Disorder<sup>[4]</sup> and Epilepsy.<sup>[5]</sup>

I hope readers find the content of the issue enriching.

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