ABSTRACTS FOR A WIDER AUDIENCE

Promoting linguistic diversity in JBI Evidence Synthesis

Editors as changemakers: Seeking innovative ways to help authors share their work as widely as possible

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BACKGROUND: WHO ARE WE?

JBI Evidence Synthesis is an international, peer-reviewed, online journal that publishes manuscripts encompassing evidence synthesis and health care. Evidence synthesis is the evaluation or analysis of research evidence on a specific topic to aid in decision-making in health care.

As an official journal of JBI, part of the Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences at The University of Adelaide, the journal publishes systematic and scoping reviews and protocols covering multidisciplinary health care—related topics that follow methodology and methods developed or endorsed by JBI.

The JBI Evidence Synthesis mission is to disseminate syntheses of the best available evidence to ensure feasible, appropriate, meaningful and effective health care practice and policy to improve patient outcomes globally.

Published by Wolters-Kluwer, the journal maintains an in-house editorial team who manage the process from submission, through peer review, acceptance, copyediting, author queries, and proofing.

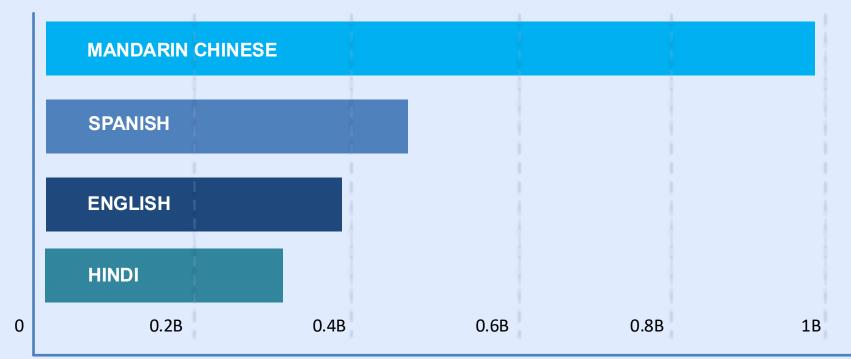
3 GOALS

- Make research more inclusive
- Establish best practice for equitable access
 - Better serve authors whose primary spoken language is not English

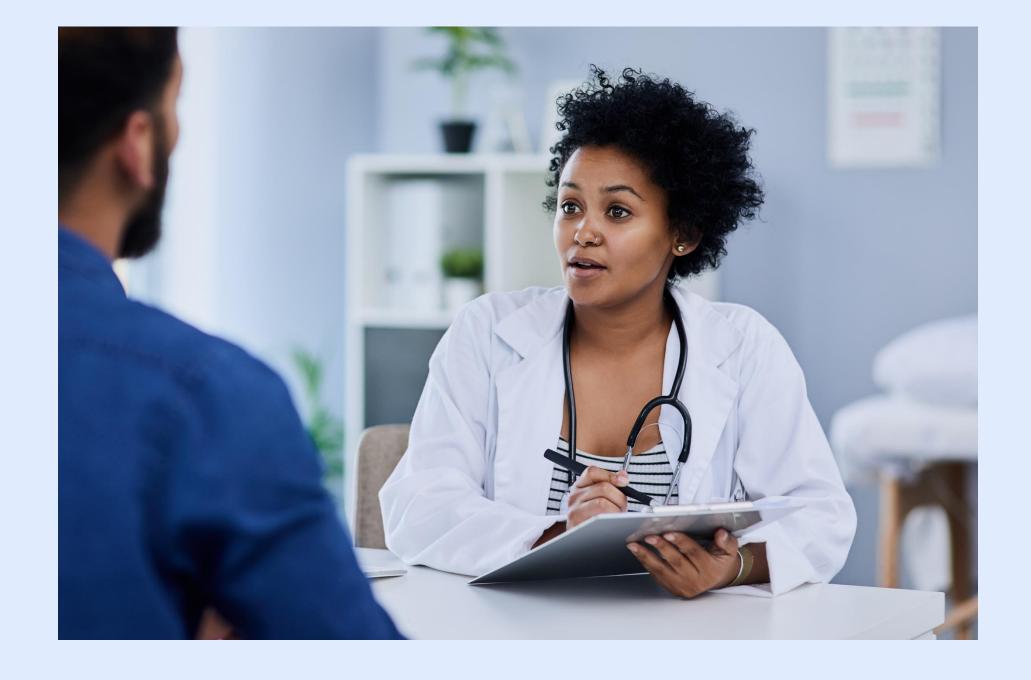
OBJECTIVE

Offer authors with a proficiency in a language other than English (LOTE) the opportunity to publish a translation of their systematic or scoping review abstract.

LANGUAGES WITH THE MOST NATIVE SPEAKERS, 2025



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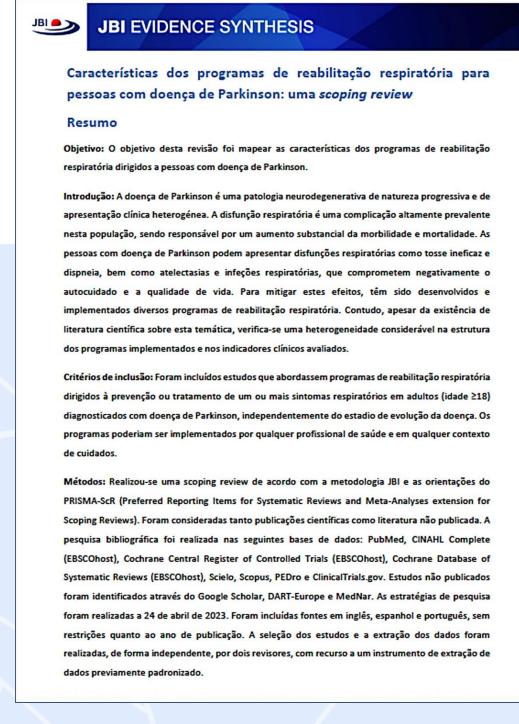


PROJECT BRIEF

Scientific/academic publications are heavily skewed toward English speakers. In 2022, the journal team began an initiative to encourage authors to translate review abstracts into a language they are proficient in as an important step toward promoting diversity and inclusivity within the scientific community.

By making research evidence accessible to individuals who may not be proficient in English, *JBI Evidence Synthesis* offers authors the opportunity to disseminate evidence-based research more broadly. This can help to improve the quality of future research and ensure that scientific findings are applicable and relevant to a wider range of populations.

Al translations (eg, Google Translate, DeepL) are not accepted by the journal. Translations are also not verified by the journal; readers are directed to the English version of the abstract on the journal website in the event of any discrepancies.



Example of a LOTE abstract in Portuguese.
Abstracts are published as supplemental content on the journal website.



LOTE abstracts are also promoted through social media channels. Example of a Facebook post for a Norwegian LOTE abstract.

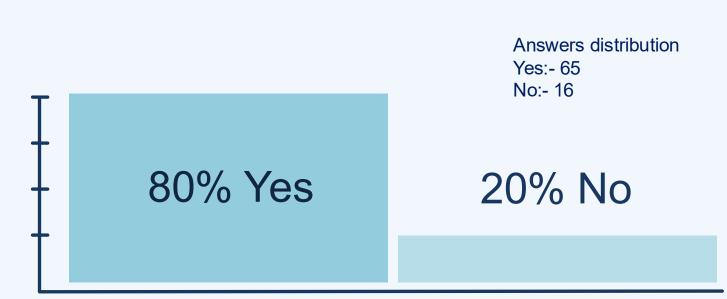
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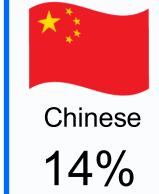
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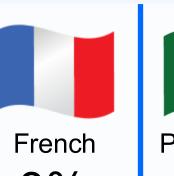


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