

Publishing with Open Journal Systems(OJS): Sensitization Workshop for Liaison Librarians

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Presentation outline

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Rationale for hosting journals online

- ▶ **Increased accessibility and visibility**
- ▶ **Improved web ranking**
- ▶ **Online publishing is relatively cheaper than print publishing**
- ▶ **Publishing platform for postgraduate students**
- ▶ **Safeguard against fraudulent/predatory journals**

Project objectives

- ▶ To provide an online platform for hosting and publishing KU journals
- ▶ To create a platform for publishing of research papers from thesis and dissertations
- ▶ To publish proceedings of conferences /workshops and seminars
- ▶ To increase the visibility of KU research journals
- ▶ To raise the profile of KU Journals

What is OJS?

- ▶ An open source journal management and publishing system
- ▶ Developed by the Public Knowledge Project (PKP)
- ▶ PKP is a multi-university initiative developing (free) open source software
- ▶ Simon Fraser University Library oversees the project
- ▶ First released in 2001
- ▶ OJS assists with publishing process from submissions through to online publication and indexing.

OJS partners



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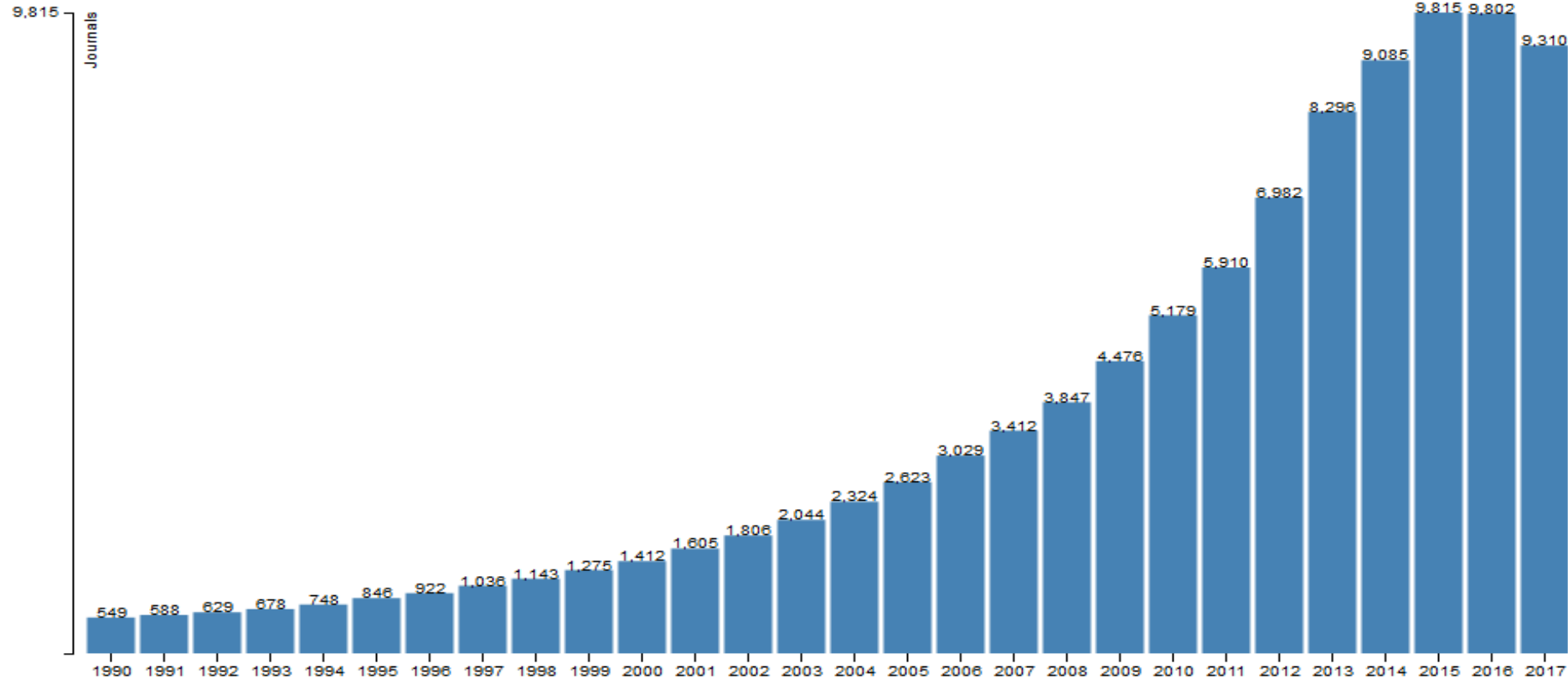


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Number of journals using OJS

Number of journals using Open Journal Systems

Journals Articles Installations Avg. Articles per Journal per Year



Used by more than 10,000 journals

Notes: This map shows the journals using [Open Journal Systems](#) (OJS) available online sometime in the last 30 days. Each year ONLY shows journals with content published in that year. The numbers do not represent the rate of adoption of OJS (many journals only upload back issues without publishing ANY current content, skip a year, or go offline).

- URLs for installations were found by looking at the "referrer" addresses in the PKP website log (by default OJS links back to pkp.sfu.ca). As a result, some OJS journals are NOT reflected in these numbers.
- Journals are counted for any given year if they have at least 10 articles published that year. Installations are counted if there is at least one journal in that install that meets the criteria.⁷ Any journals not meeting these criteria are NOT included in these numbers.
- Journal content was found using the PKP Harvester using the OAI PMH.

PKP projects

- ▶ **Online Journal Systems**
- ▶ **Open Conference Systems**
- ▶ **Open Monograph Press**
- ▶ **Open Harvester Systems (OHS, for metadata harvesting).**

Key OJS features

- ▶ **Actively being developed through collaboration**
- ▶ **Context sensitive online help**
- ▶ **Optimized for search engine discovery**
- ▶ **Email notification and commenting ability for readers**
- ▶ **Google Analytics plugin for monitoring site traffic**
- ▶ **Support for online payments for APC/submission fees**

Why OJS?

- ▶ 100% open source software
- ▶ Enables authors, reviewers and editors to work online
- ▶ Installed and run locally on your own web server
- ▶ Automatically indexed in Google scholar and other databases
- ▶ Reduce the time and energy spent on clerical and managerial tasks
- ▶ Transparent tracking by both editor and author of submission

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Roadmap to implementation

Overview of roadmap to implementation

- ▶ Implementation to be spearheaded by the OJS sub committee chaired by Registrar RIO
- ▶ Schools to nominate journal editors
- ▶ Schools to constitute journal committee
- ▶ Library to train editors and provide technical advise

Key project players and their roles

Library

- I. Journal hosting
- II. Sensitization and training
- III. Administration of the platform
- IV. ISSN registration
- V. Registration with harvesters, search engines and indexing services
- VI. DOI assignment
- VII. Technical advice

Key project players and their roles

School/Journal editors

- i. Management of the respective journal sites**
- ii. Quality assurance of journal content**
- iii. Liaison with reviewers and authors**
- iv. Journal policy formulation**

Key project players and their roles

Registrar RIO

- I. Journal policy formulation
- II. Journal Publication policy
- III. Data policy
- IV. Monitoring and evaluation

Key policy decisions

RIO policy on development and operationalization of School Journals

- ▶ Number of journals, issues, papers
- ▶ Editorial board
- ▶ Advisory board
- ▶ Peer review
- ▶ Monitoring and Evaluation
- ▶ Journal scope: International vs Regional, Subject scope
- ▶ Title of Journal
- ▶ Access model: OA vs subscription

Key policy decisions

- ▶ **Journal formulation policy**
- ▶ **Journal Publication policy**
- ▶ **Authorship policy- Claim to authorship, order**
- ▶ **Publishing articles from editorial team members**
- ▶ **Sustainability**

Key policy decisions

- ▶ **Decision on submission/APC fees?**
- ▶ **How are the submission and APC fees to be paid?**
- ▶ **Administration of the fees**
- ▶ **Quality control**
- ▶ **Monitoring and evaluation**

Key technical decisions/ documentation

- ▶ **Journal contact- email**
- ▶ **About the journal**
- ▶ **Reviewer guidelines**
- ▶ **Author/License/Publishing agreement form**
- ▶ **ISSN**
- ▶ **Author guidelines**

Author guidelines/checklist

- ▶ **Plagiarism statement**
- ▶ **Article format**
- ▶ **Final publishing decision**
- ▶ **Manuscript not previously published**
- ▶ **Referencing style**
- ▶ **Withdrawal procedure**

Key technical decisions/documentation

- ▶ **Journal layout and design**
- ▶ **Article layout**
- ▶ **Referencing style**
- ▶ **Marketing the journal**

Journal and article layout

- ▶ Consistency is key
- ▶ Bio data- **affiliation and contact**
- ▶ Order of names
- ▶ **Abstract**
- ▶ **Keywords**
- ▶ Introductions

Journal and article layout

- ▶ Literature review/ Results/ Discussion/ Conclusion
- ▶ **Reference list**
- ▶ Acknowledgement
- ▶ Numbering
- ▶ Provide a sample article

About the journal

- ▶ **Aims and Scope- Geographical and subject**
- ▶ **Type of articles**
- ▶ **Publishing/Access model**
- ▶ **No. of issues**
- ▶ **Peer review**

Status of pilot stage

- ▶ Three journals online

- ▶ Chemchemi International Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences- latest issue

2016

- ▶ Msingi Journal - Latest issue 2019

- ▶ The East and Central Africa Medical Journal -

Latest issue 2017

Status of pilot stage

- ▶ Editorial process still done off line
- ▶ All the 3 e-Journals have eISSNs
- ▶ Indexed by [Google scholar](#) and Google
- ▶ **Have DOIs**
- ▶ The issues were not published on schedule

Kenyatta University journals

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Kenyatta University Journals

Open Journal Systems

CHEMCHEMI
International Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences
ISSN 1563-1028



Chemchemi International Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences

International Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences is a peer-reviewed journal of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS) of Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya. The main objective of the journal is to stimulate and encourage debate on key themes in the Humanities and Social Sciences that are both interdisciplinary and trans-disciplinary in scope. The journal publishes articles of theoretical and empirical nature as well as short communications and book reviews. Occasionally, the journal publishes special issues devoted to selected themes. Such themes will be announced in advance.

[View Journal](#) [Current Issue](#)

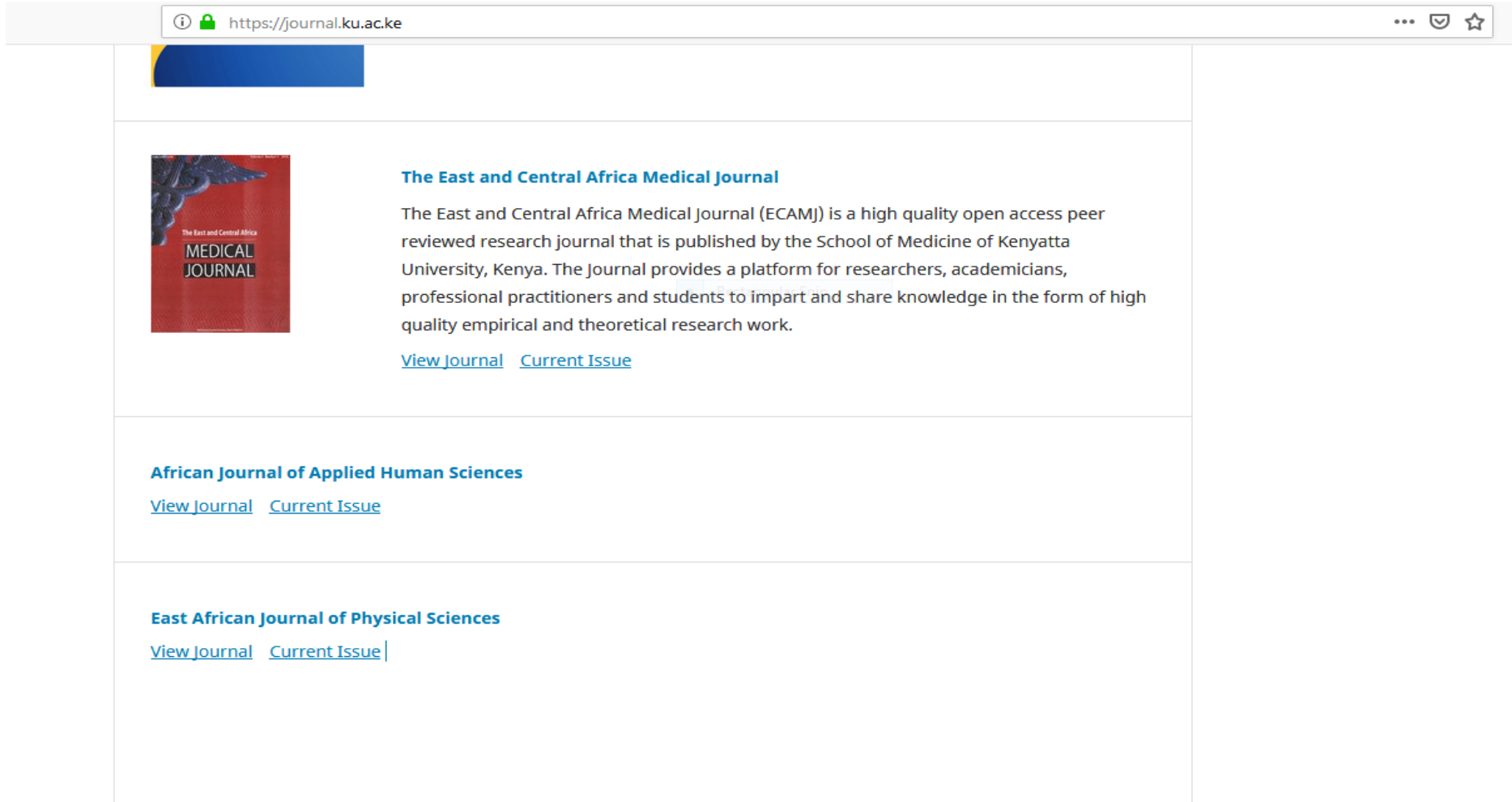


Msingi Journal

Msingi Journal is a biannual, international peer reviewed journal, published by the Department of Educational Foundations, Kenyatta University Kenya. The aim of Msingi Journal is to provide Scholars a forum for discussion on various educational issues both in Africa and Internationally.

[View Journal](#) [Current Issue](#)

Kenyatta University journals



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying "https://journal.ku.ac.ke". The page content is organized into three distinct sections, each representing a different journal. The first section features a red cover image for "The East and Central Africa Medical Journal" and a detailed description of its open-access, peer-reviewed nature. The second section is for the "African Journal of Applied Human Sciences" and the third for the "East African Journal of Physical Sciences". Each section includes a title and links to "View Journal" and "Current Issue".

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The East and Central Africa Medical Journal

The East and Central Africa Medical Journal (ECAMJ) is a high quality open access peer reviewed research journal that is published by the School of Medicine of Kenyatta University, Kenya. The journal provides a platform for researchers, academicians, professional practitioners and students to impart and share knowledge in the form of high quality empirical and theoretical research work.

[View Journal](#) [Current Issue](#)

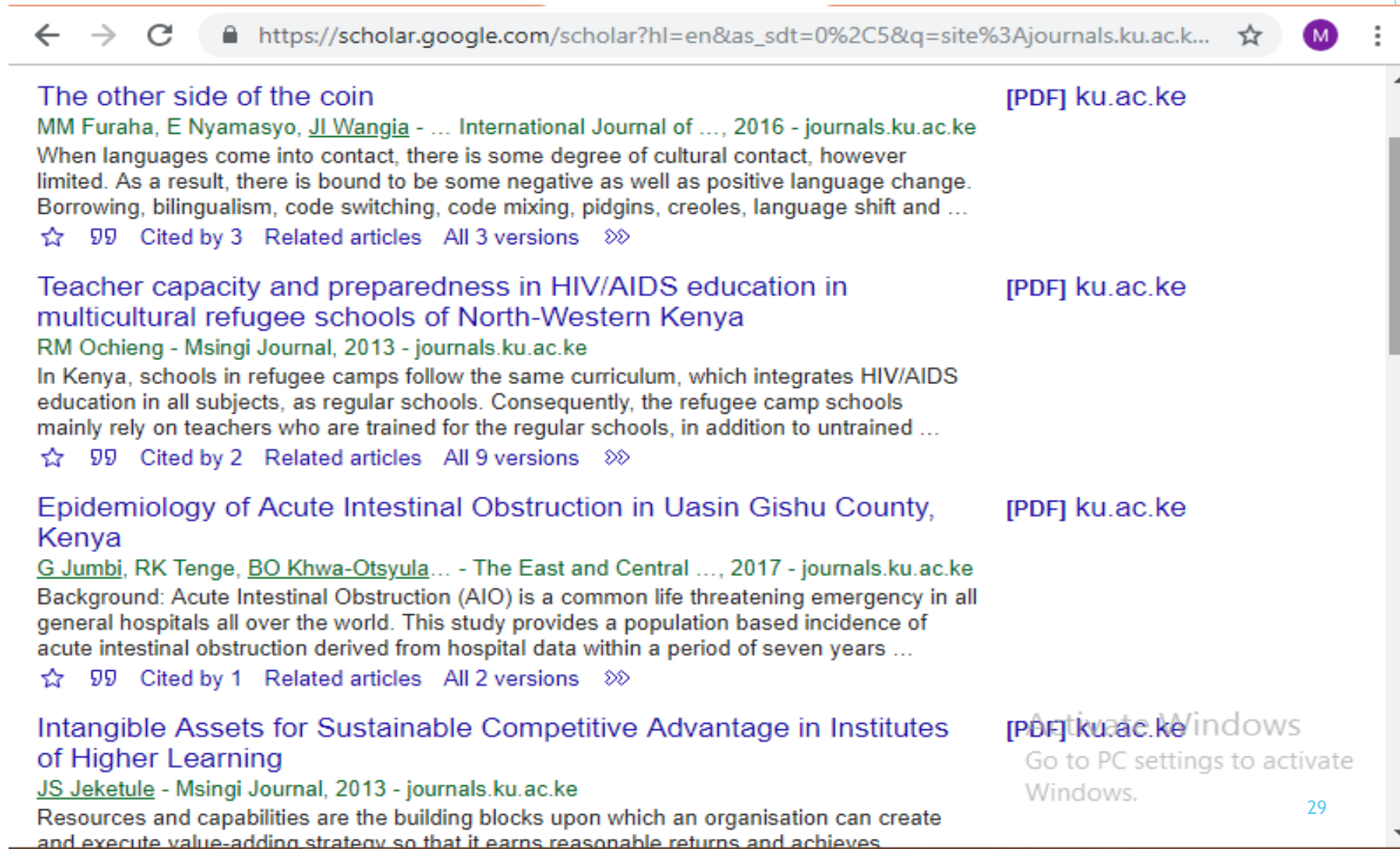
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East African Journal of Physical Sciences

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Indexing by Google Scholar



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When languages come into contact, there is some degree of cultural contact, however limited. As a result, there is bound to be some negative as well as positive language change. Borrowing, bilingualism, code switching, code mixing, pidgins, creoles, language shift and ...
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Teacher capacity and preparedness in HIV/AIDS education in multicultural refugee schools of North-Western Kenya [PDF] [ku.ac.ke](#)
RM Ochieng - [Msingi Journal](#), 2013 - [journals.ku.ac.ke](#)
In Kenya, schools in refugee camps follow the same curriculum, which integrates HIV/AIDS education in all subjects, as regular schools. Consequently, the refugee camp schools mainly rely on teachers who are trained for the regular schools, in addition to untrained ...
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[G Jumbi](#), RK Tenge, [BO Khwa-Otsyula](#)... - [The East and Central ...](#), 2017 - [journals.ku.ac.ke](#)
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Resources and capabilities are the building blocks upon which an organisation can create and execute value-adding strategy so that it earns reasonable returns and achieves

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Sample articles

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Food safety knowledge, attitudes and practices among food handlers working in meat selling establishments in the City of Nairobi	J M Mathenge, M M Gicheru, P O Okemo, P M Ng'ang'a, J M Mbaria	14-20
Epidemiology of acute Intestinal obstruction in Uasin Gishu County, Kenya	G Jumbi, R K Tenge, B O Khwa-Otsyula, D Menya, S O Bwombengi, B R Ombito	21-25
Prevalence of overweight and obesity among hypertensive and diabetic patients seeking care at a rural Kenyan hospital a cross-sectional study	V Mwenda, Dr., J Njuguna, M Musa	26-29
The levels of utilization of visual inspection screening of cervical cancer in Kitui, Kenya	U M Mushi, A C Gachau, Dr. F W Kabiru	30-34

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Sample article

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Sample article

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Population- based

Abstract

Background: Acute Intestinal Obstruction (AIO) is a common life threatening emergency in all general hospitals all over the world. This study provides a population based incidence of acute intestinal obstruction derived from hospital data within a period of seven years preceding the year of the study (2008/9). Inpatient records can provide a fairly accurate data on the incidence of acute intestinal obstruction since almost all the cases are admitted in hospitals.

Objectives: This study aims at determining the incidence and other epidemiological characteristics of AIO in Uasin Gishu County based on the hospital records and the national population census.

Methods: The study was conducted in twelve hospitals

How to Cite

More Citation Formats

Issue
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Sample article layout

Original Research

Impact of devolution on the trends of paediatric malaria admissions and mortality in Homa-Bay County, Kenya

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Abstract

Background: Malaria is a leading cause of paediatric admissions, morbidity and mortality. Malaria burden is endemic in Homa Bay County in the Lake Region in Kenya. Low social-economic status in Homa Bay County enhances malaria transmission, morbidity and mortality. Paediatric malaria admission and mortality have recently increased in the lake region unlike the rest of Kenya. Literature review did not show studies interrogating health policy correlates of this malaria problem in the region. The policy of the recently devolvement of the government system in Kenya was to bring services closer to the people. Devolved government in which the county governments are now responsible

in the 34th month, which was around the time of devolution. This was followed by a period of stability. Admissions had a similar trend.

Conclusions: There was a slight raise in paediatric malaria admissions and in the number of deaths due to malaria morbidity in Homa Bay County after the devolvement of government system in Kenya a factor which could be attributed to teething challenges of devolution. More studies are necessary to assess progress towards universal access to good healthcare services post devolution.

Key words: Devolution, Paediatric malaria, Admissions, Mortality, Homa-Bay

Introduction

Sample article layout

There are scholars who argue that benefits of devolution would accrue mostly to regions where full

development and improvement of healthcare delivery facilities. There is a need to conduct a prospective study

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in different counties or to conduct a national survey to take stock of the effects of devolution in paediatric malaria as well as the whole healthcare systems.

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Lessons learnt from pilot stage

- ▶ We need to ensure issues are published on schedule
- ▶ Layout of the articles needs improvement
- ▶ Standardized copyediting is needed
- ▶ Referencing styles are inconsistent- Agree on style to use
- ▶ The source of e-resources should be hyperlinked

Lessons learnt from pilot stage

- ▶ **Decision on number of issues in a year**
- ▶ **Agree on numbering of the issues**
- ▶ **Some metadata missing- email of all authors and Bio statement**
- ▶ **Designate corresponding author**
- ▶ **Library should get a copyedited version ready for uploading**

Way forward

- ▶ **Create awareness of the platform**
- ▶ **Library representation in School Journal Committees**
- ▶ **Training on Liaison Librarians on OJS platform**
- ▶ **Training editors on editorial workflows**
- ▶ **Training on copyright issues**

Frequently asked questions

- ▶ **Journal scope**
- ▶ **Constructing a title**
- ▶ **ISSN**
- ▶ **Editorial board**
- ▶ **Peer review**
- ▶ **Access mode**
- ▶ **Number of issues**
- ▶ **Numbering of the volumes**
- ▶ **Number of journals per school**
- ▶ **Publishing conference papers**

References and resources

- ▶ **Basic Steps for Starting a New Journal**
<https://docs.pkp.sfu.ca/starting-a-journal/>
- ▶ https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-319-00026-8_11
- ▶ <https://docs.pkp.sfu.ca/learning-ojs/en/>
- ▶ <https://docs.pkp.sfu.ca/>
- ▶ [OJS Test Drive](#)

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