Registered Reports

Criteria

Pubishing Registered Reports enhances the transparency of research reporting. It makes public the research plans (before fieldwork has started) and, at a later date it links these to the results of the study. Publication is therfore a two-part process. In the first, the authors submit a protocol that will go through the normal peer review process. If accepted we will publish the protocol and make a commitment to publish a results paper, regardless of outcome, providing the scientific rational, methods and analysis described in the manuscript are consistent with the protocol and the paper meets the standards required for JPMHN.

Part One (protocol submission): Authors submit a (approximately 3,000-word) protocol that includes:

- A robust scientific case for the study,
- Aims/research questions,
- Study design
- Details and justification of proposed methods, including
  - Sample cahracteristics, identification and recruitment
  - Detailed description of the planned statistical and/or qualitative analysis
  - Data mamagemnet
- Confirmation of ethical approval (and any required registration)
- A brief discussion on the potential implications for mental health nursing.
- Confict of interest statement

Authors are encouraged to follow appropriate guidelines when drafting their protocol.

SPIRT (Standard Protocol items for RCTs)

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For other quantitative and qualitative research follow the bullet points above.

Peer review: The study protocol will be reviewed by at least two reviewers (of which one may be a statistical or qualitative referee) before any data are collected. The purpose of the review is to determine the significance of the research question, the feasibility of the proposed methodology, the appropriateness of methods and the relevance to mental health nursing.

Protocol acceptance: Accepted protocols will be published in the early view section of JPMHN. Subsequently the protocol will be published sequentially in the next available issue of JPMHN.

In principle agreement (IPA): Authors of published protocols will be given an IPA stating that JPMHN will publish a results paper once part two is successfully completed.

Part Two (results submission): Following completion of the study, authors submit a (maximum 5000 word) results paper identifying the manuscript with the Protocol. The paper needs to be written in accordance with JPM Author Guidelines http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/(ISSN)1365-2850/homepage/ForAuthors.html Authors should take care to follow appropriate reporting guidelines for the type of study being reported.

Peer review: The paper will be peer reviewed including an appraisal against the published protocol to confirm that the authors complied with the methods described. At this stage authors may be required to account for any changes to their original proposal and make the approriate changes to their proposal.

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