

Around the bazaars – a global compendium of military medical journals

Summary: Military medical research is vital to inform practice in topics unique to the military environment and population. Military academics must understand the breadth of the literature in order to identify research gaps and determine their choice of publication. Unfortunately, no complete global compendium currently exists of all military medical journals. The aim of this paper is to provide a list of military medical journals published worldwide, including country of origin and publication language.

Methods-Results: The Military Medical Almanac was used to identify countries with a military medical service. Google™ was used to search for journals for each country that was either listed as having a military medical service or was omitted from the Almanac entirely. 76 journals were found originating from 39 countries and two international sources as shown in the map in Figure 1. Of these 39, eight countries publish more than one military medical journal. Serbia and Montenegro jointly produce a journal, as do Australia and New Zealand, therefore each journal was counted once but both countries included in the tally. In addition, one international organisation, the International Committee of Military Medicine publishes the *International Review of Armed Forces Medical Services* and an international publishing company, Beta-Verlag, publishes *European Military Medical Services*. 27 journals are published in English, 19 in Chinese and 6 in Spanish. 22 of the 76 journals are listed on PubMed, and citation metrics were found for 22 journals, only five of which have a Journal Citation Reports impact factor.

Conclusion: This search has collated the widest known range of military medical journals published around the globe. This provides an important reference source to understand the full range of journals in this specialist subject, to guide authors to publication, help to refine searches and to elucidate the depth of perspectives worldwide in academic military medicine.