

Supplementary file 3: Characteristics of included journals

Journal ID	Journal Name	Publisher	Type of publisher	Country		Scope	Open access	First online issue	Impact Factor	Issues/year	AJPP member	Member of COPE	
				Publisher	Editor-in-Chief							Journal	Publisher
AJOL_1	African Health Sciences	Faculty of Medicine, Makerere University	Non-commercial	Uganda	Uganda	General	Yes	2001	0.642	4	yes	no	no
AJOL_2	African Journal for Physical Activity and Health Sciences	LAM publications Limited	Commercial	South Africa	South Africa	General	No	2002	no	4	no	no	no
AJOL_3	African Journal of Anaesthesia and Intensive Care	Mirral Printing Press	Non-commercial	Nigeria	Nigeria	Specialised	No	2008	no	2	no	no	no
AJOL_4	African Journal of Biomedical Research	Biomedical Communications Group	Non-commercial	Nigeria	Nigeria	General	Yes	1999	no	3	no	no	no
AJOL_5	African Journal of Clinical and Experimental Microbiology	AJCEM Life line publishers	Non-commercial	Nigeria	Nigeria	General	Yes	2002	no	3	no	no	no
AJOL_6	African Journal of Drug and	African Centre for Research and Information	Non-commercial	Nigeria	Nigeria	Specialised	Yes	2008	no	not reported	no	no	no

	Alcohol Studies	on Substance Abuse (CRISA)											
AJOL_7	African Journal of Health Professions Education	Health and medical publishing group	Commercial	South Africa	South Africa	Specialised	Yes	2009	no	2	no	no	no
AJOL_8	African Journal of Health Sciences	Kenya Medical Research Institute and African Forum for Health Sciences	Non-commercial	Kenya	Kenya	General	No	2002	no	4	no	no	no
AJOL_9	African Journal of Infectious Disease	Obafemi Awolowo University	Non-commercial	Nigeria	Nigeria	Specialised	Yes	2007	no	2	no	no	no
AJOL_10	African Journal of Paediatric Nephrology	African Paediatric Nephrology Association (AFPNA)	Non-commercial	Nigeria	Nigeria	Specialised	No	2014	no	2	no	no	no
AJOL_11	African Journal of Paediatric Surgery	Medknow Publications	Commercial	India	Nigeria	Specialised	Yes	2004	no	2	No	No	yes
AJOL_12	African Journal of Reproductive Health	Women's Health and Action Research Centre (WHARC)	Non-commercial	Nigeria	Nigeria	Specialised	No	1999	no	4	no	no	no
AJOL_13	African Journal of Rheumatology	African League of Associations for	Non-commercial	Africa (regional offices in Africa)	South Africa	Specialised	No	2013	no	2	no	no	no

		Rheumatology (AFLAR)											
AJOL_14	African Journal of Traditional, Complementary and Alternative Medicines	African Networks Ethnomedicines	Non-commercial	Nigeria	Nigeria	Specialised	No	2004	0.553	3	no	no	no
AJOL_15	Anatomy Journal of Africa	Association of Anatomical Societies of Africa	Non-commercial	Kenya	Kenya	Specialised	Yes	2012	no	2	no	no	no
AJOL_16	Annals of African Medicine	Medknow Publications	Commercial	India	Nigeria	General	Yes	2002	no	2	no	no	yes
AJOL_17	Annals of African Surgery	The Surgical Society of Kenya/Medics Management services	Non-commercial	Kenya	Kenya	Specialised	Yes	2007	no	2	yes	no	no
AJOL_18	Annals of Ibadan Postgraduate Medicine	Bookbuilders Africa	Commercial	Nigeria	Nigeria	General	Yes	2003	no	2	no	no	no
AJOL_19	Annals of Medical and Health Sciences Research	Medknow Publications	Commercial	India	Nigeria	General	Yes	2011	no	not specified	no	no	yes
AJOL_20	Annals of Nigerian Medicine	Medknow Publications	Commercial	India	Nigeria	General	Yes	2005	no	2	no	no	yes
AJOL_21	Central African	University of Zimbabwe	Non-commercial	Zimbabwe	Zimbabwe	General	No	1999	no	not specified	no	no	no

	Journal of Medicine												
AJOL_22	East African Medical Journal	Kenya Medical Association	Non-commercial	Kenya	Kenya	General	No	1999	no	12	no	no	no
AJOL_23	East African Orthopaedic Journal	Kenya Orthopaedic Association	Non-commercial	Kenya	Kenya	Specialised	Yes	2007	no	2	no	no	no
AJOL_24	East and Central African Journal of Surgery	Association of Surgeons of East Africa/College of surgeons of East Africa (COSECSA)	Non-commercial	Tanzania	Uganda	Specialised	Yes	1996	no	2	no	no	no
AJOL_25	Egyptian Journal of Pediatric Allergy and Immunology (The)	The Egyptian Society of Pediatric Allergy and Immunology	Non-commercial	Egypt	Egypt	Specialised	Yes	2003	no	2	no	no	no
AJOL_26	Ergonomics SA	Ergonomics Society of South Africa	Non-commercial	South Africa	South Africa	Specialised	No	2008	no	2	no	no	no
AJOL_27	Ethiopian Journal of Health Development	Ethiopian Public Health Society	Non-commercial	Ethiopia	Ethiopia	General	Yes	2000	no	3	no	no	no
AJOL_28	Ethiopian Journal of Health Sciences	Jimma University	Non-commercial	Ethiopia	Ethiopia	General	Yes	1999	no	6	yes	yes	no
AJOL_29	Ghana Medical Journal	Ghana Medical Association	Non-commercial	Ghana	Ghana	General	Yes	2004	no	4	yes	yes	no

AJOL_31	Highland Medical Research Journal	Highland Medical Research Limited	Non-commercial	Nigeria	Nigeria	General	No	2002	no	2	no	no	no
AJOL_32	IFE Psychologia	The Ife Center for Psychological Studies	Non-commercial	Nigeria	Nigeria	Specialised	No	1998	no	2	no	no	no
AJOL_33	International Journal of Basic, Applied and Innovative Research	Anthony Research publications	Non-commercial	Nigeria	Nigeria	General	Yes	2012	no	4	no	no	no
AJOL_34	International Journal of Herbs and Pharmacological Research	Anthony Research publications	Non-commercial	Nigeria	Nigeria	Specialised	Yes	2012	no	4	no	no	no
AJOL_35	International Journal of Medicine and Biomedical Research	Michael Joanna Publications	Commercial	Nigeria	Nigeria	General	Yes	2012	no	3	no	yes	no
AJOL_36	Internet Journal of Medical Update - EJOURNAL	AKS publication	Commercial	Mauritius	Mauritius	General	Yes	2006	no	2	no	no	no
AJOL_37	Jos Journal of Medicine	Association of Resident Doctors of Jos University Teaching Hospital	Non-commercial	Nigeria	Nigeria	General	Yes	2009	no	3	no	no	no

AJOL_38	Journal of Basic and Clinical Reproductive Sciences	Nigerian Medical Association	Non-commercial	Nigeria	Nigeria	Specialised	Yes	2012	no	2	no	no	no
AJOL_40	Journal of Community Medicine and Primary Health Care	Association of Community Physicians of Nigeria	Non-commercial	Nigeria	Nigeria	Specialised	Yes	2004	no	2	no	no	no
AJOL_41	Journal of Endocrinology , Metabolism and Diabetes of South Africa	Medpharm Publications	Commercial	South Africa	South Africa	Specialised	Yes	2004	no	3	no	no	no
AJOL_42	Journal of Experimental and Clinical Anatomy	Medknow Publications	Commercial	India	Nigeria	Specialised	Yes	2003	no	2	no	no	yes
AJOL_43	Journal of Medical and Biomedical Sciences	School of Medicine and Health Science, University for Development Studies	Non-commercial	Ghana	Ghana	General	Yes	2012	no	not specified	no	no	no
AJOL_44	Journal of Medicine and Biomedical Research	Fine Print and Manufacturer Ltd	Commercial	Nigeria	Nigeria	General	Yes	2002	no	2	no	no	no
AJOL_45	Journal of Medicine in the Tropics	Medknow Publications	Commercial	India	Nigeria		Yes	2002	no	2	no	no	yes
AJOL_46	Journal of Obstetrics and	Kenya Obstetrical	Non-commercial	Kenya	Kenya	Specialised	No	2011	no	4	no	no	no

	Gynaecology of Eastern and Central Africa	and Gynaecological Society (KOGS)											
AJOL_47	Journal of Pharmaceutical and Allied Sciences	Department of Pharmaceutics University of Nigeria	Non-commercial	Nigeria	Nigeria	General	No	2004	no	2	no	yes	no
AJOL_48	Malawi Medical Journal	College of Medicine, University of Malawi and Medical Association of Malawi.	Non-commercial	Malawi	Malawi	General	Yes	1986	0.837	4	yes	yes	no
AJOL_49	Medical Journal of Zambia	Zambia Medical Association	Non-commercial	Zambia	Zambia	General	Yes	2008	no	3	no	yes	no
AJOL_50	Nigerian Health Journal	Nigerian Medical Association	Non-commercial	Nigeria	Nigeria	General	Yes	2008	no	4	no	no	no
AJOL_51	Nigerian Hospital Practice	CME Ventures	Commercial	Nigeria	Nigeria	General	No	2007	no	24	no	no	no
AJOL_52	Nigerian Journal of Clinical Medicine	Association of Resident Doctors of the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital Ikeja	Non-commercial	Nigeria	Nigeria	General	No	2008	no	2	no	no	no
AJOL_53	Nigerian Journal of Clinical Practice	Medknow Publications	Commercial	India	Nigeria	General	Yes	2001	0.524	6	no	no	yes

AJOL_54	Nigerian Journal of Family Practice	Society of Family Physicians of Nigeria. (SOFPON).	Non-commercial	Nigeria	Nigeria	Specialised	No	2012	no	2	no	no	no
AJOL_55	Nigerian Journal of Gastroenterology and Hepatology	Society for Gastroenterology & Hepatology	Non-commercial	Nigeria	Nigeria	Specialised	No	2009	no	4	no	no	no
AJOL_56	Nigerian Journal of General Practice	Medknow Publications	Commercial	India	Nigeria	General	Yes	2011	no	2	no	no	yes
AJOL_57	Nigerian Journal of Guidance and Counselling	Department of Counsellor Education, University of Ilorin, Ilorin, Nigeri	Non-commercial	Nigeria	Nigeria	Specialised	No	1998	no	1	no	no	no
AJOL_58	Nigerian Journal of Medicine	University of Nigeria	Non-commercial	Nigeria	Nigeria	General	No	2005	no	4	no	no	no
AJOL_59	Nigerian Journal of Natural Products and Medicine	Nigerian Society of Pharmacognosy	Non-commercial	Nigeria	Nigeria	Specialised	No	1997	no	1	no	no	no
AJOL_60	Nigerian Journal of Ophthalmology	Medknow Publications	Commercial	India	Nigeria	Specialised	Yes	2000	no	2	no	no	yes
AJOL_61	Nigerian Journal of Paediatrics	Paediatric Association of Nigeria	Non-commercial	Nigeria	Nigeria	Specialised	Yes	2001	no	4	no	yes	no

AJOL_62	Nigerian Journal of Parasitology	Parasitology and Public Health Society of Nigeria	Non-commercial	Nigeria	Nigeria	Specialised	No	2000	no	2	no	no	no
AJOL_63	Nigerian Journal of Physiological Sciences	Physiological Society of Nigeria	Non-commercial	Nigeria	Nigeria	Specialised	Yes	2003	no	2	no	no	no
AJOL_64	Nigerian Journal of Plastic Surgery	Medknow Publications	Commercial	India	Nigeria	Specialised	Yes	2006	no	2	no	no	yes
AJOL_65	Nigerian Journal of Psychiatry	Associations of Psychiatrists in Nigeria	Non-commercial	Nigeria	Nigeria	Specialised	No	2005	no	3	no	no	no
AJOL_66	Nigerian Journal of Surgery	Medknow Publications	Commercial	India	Nigeria	Specialised	Yes	2009	no	2	no	no	yes
AJOL_67	Nigerian Journal of Surgical Research	Medknow Publications	Commercial	India	Nigeria	Specialised	Yes	2000	no	4	no	no	yes
AJOL_68	Nigerian Journal of Surgical Sciences	Medknow Publications	Commercial	India	Nigeria	Specialised	Yes	2005	no	2	no	no	yes
AJOL_69	Nigerian Medical Journal	Medknow Publications	Commercial	India	Nigeria	General	Yes	2005	no	4	no	no	yes
AJOL_70	Nigerian Medical Practitioner	SAME ventures	Commercial	Nigeria	Nigeria	General	No	2003	no	12	no	no	no
AJOL_71	Nigerian Quarterly Journal of	Lagos University Medical Society	Non-commercial	Nigeria	Nigeria	General	No	2003	no	4	no	no	no

	Hospital Medicine												
AJOL_72	Obstetrics and Gynaecology Forum	In House Publications	Commercial	South Africa	South Africa	Specialised	No	2002	no	4	no	no	no
AJOL_73	Orient Journal of Medicine	Nigerian Medical Association of South-East Nigeria	Non- commercial	Nigeria	Nigeria	General	Yes	2003	no	4	no	no	no
AJOL_74	Pan African Medical Journal	PAMJ-Center for Public Health Research and Information African Field Epidemiology Network	Non- commercial	Kenya	Kenya	General	Yes	2008	no	not specifie d	no	yes	no
AJOL_75	Port Harcourt Medical Journal	Medknow Publications	Commercial	India	Nigeria	General	Yes	2006	no	3	no	no	yes
AJOL_76	Research Journal of Health Sciences	Osun State University	Non- commercial	Nigeria	Nigeria	General	Yes	2013	no	4	no	no	no
AJOL_77	Rwanda Journal	University of Rwanda	Non- commercial	Rwanda	Rwanda	General	Yes	2013	no	4	yes	no	no
AJOL_78	SA Journal of Radiology	AOSIS publishing	Commercial	South Africa	South Africa	Specialised	Yes	2004	no	4	no	no	yes
AJOL_79	Sahel Medical Journal	Medknow Publications	Commercial	India	Nigeria	General	Yes	2002	no	4	no	no	yes
AJOL_80	Savannah Journal of Medical Research and Practice	University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital	Non- commercial	Nigeria	Nigeria	General	No	2012	no	2	no	no	no

AJOL_81	Sierra Leone Journal of Biomedical Research	College of Medicine and Allied Health Sciences, University of Sierra Leone	Non-commercial	Sierra Leone	Sierra Leone	General	Yes	2009	no	3	yes	yes	no
AJOL_82	South African Family Practice	Medpharm Publications	Commercial	South Africa	South Africa	Specialised	Yes	2002	no	12	no	no	no
AJOL_83	South African Gastroenterology Review	In House Publications	Commercial	South Africa	South Africa	Specialised	No	2003	no	4	no	no	no
AJOL_84	South African Journal for Research in Sport, Physical Education and Recreation	Stellenbosch University	Non-commercial	South Africa	South Africa	Specialised	No	2001	no	2	no	no	no
AJOL_85	South African Journal of Child Health	Health & Medical Publishing Group	Commercial	South Africa	South Africa	Specialised	Yes	2008	no	4	no	no	no
AJOL_86	South African Journal of Clinical Nutrition	Medpharm Publications	Commercial	South Africa	South Africa	Specialised	Yes	2004	no	4	no	no	no
AJOL_87	South African Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology	Health & Medical Publishing Group	Commercial	South Africa	South Africa	Specialised	Yes	2005	no	3	no	no	no
AJOL_88	South African Journal of Psychiatry	AOSIS publishing	Commercial	South Africa	South Africa	Specialised	Yes	2002	0.193	1	no	yes	yes
AJOL_89	South African Journal of	South African Sports	Non-commercial	South Africa	South Africa	Specialised	Yes	2003	no	3	no	no	no

	Sports Medicine	Medicine Association											
AJOL_90	South African Journal of Surgery	Health & Medical Publishing Group	Commercial	South Africa	South Africa	Specialised	Yes	2004	0.462	4	no	no	no
AJOL_91	South African Medical Journal	Health & Medical Publishing Group	Commercial	South Africa	South Africa	General	Yes	1983	1.5	12	no	no	no
AJOL_92	South Sudan Medical Journal	South Sudan Doctors' Association	Non- commercial	South Sudan	South Sudan	General	Yes	2008	no	4	no	no	no
AJOL_93	Southern African Journal of Anaesthesia and Analgesia	Medpharm publications	Commercial	South Africa	South Africa	Specialised	Yes	2002	no	6	no	no	no
AJOL_94	Southern African Journal of Critical Care	Health & Medical Publishing Group	Commercial	South Africa	South Africa	Specialised	Yes	2004	no	2	no	no	no
AJOL_95	Southern African Journal of HIV Medicine	AOSIS publishing	Commercial	South Africa	South Africa	Specialised	Yes	2000	0.529	1	no	yes	yes
AJOL_96	Sudan Journal of Medical Sciences	Omdurman Islamic University	Non- commercial	Sudan	Sudan	General	Yes	2006	no	3	no	no	no
AJOL_97	Tanzania Journal of Health Research	National Institute for Medical Research	Non- commercial	Tanzania	Tanzania	General	Yes	2001	no	4	no	no	no
AJOL_98	Tropical Journal of	College of Medicine,	Non- commercial	Nigeria	Nigeria	General	No	2005	no	2	no	no	no

	Health Sciences	University of Ilorin											
AJOL_99	Tropical Journal of Medical Research	Medknow Publications	Commercial	India	Nigeria	General	Yes	2004	no	2	no	no	yes
AJOL_100	Tropical Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology	Medknow Publications	Commercial	India	Nigeria	Specialised	Yes	2001	no	2	no	no	yes
AJOL_101	Tropical Journal of Pharmaceutical Research	Pharmacotherapy Group	Non-commercial	Nigeria	Nigeria	Specialised	Yes	2002	0.543	24	no	no	no
AJOL_102	West African Journal of Radiology	Medknow Publications	Commercial	India	Nigeria	Specialised	No	2000	no	1	no	no	yes

