

Publication bias- a reason for decreased research output in developing countries

TO THE EDITOR

In the article Publication bias- a reason for decreased research output in developing countries 1, the table of result in support of this hypothesis was inadvertently not published. Editors from three of the eight high impact psychiatric journals surveyed submitted data on the country of origin of manuscripts, the number of articles submitted and accepted. Below are the results of this survey.

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Table 1: Summary of outcomes of manuscripts submitted to three psychiatric journals from April to September 2005 by country of origin

<i>Middle and lower income Country</i>	<i>Accepted</i>	<i>Total Submitted</i>	<i>Accept Rate</i>
Argentina	0	4	0 %
Brazil	1	29	3.4 %
China	0	15	0 %
Croatia	0	1	0 %
Hungary	0	5	0 %
India	1	12	8.3 %
India	1	12	8.3 %
Iran	0	11	0 %
Mexico	1	4	25 %
Nigeria	1	3	33.3 %
Poland	0	4	0 %
Slovakia	0	1	0 %
Slovenia	0	1	0 %
South Africa	0	4	0 %
Thailand	0	1	0 %
Turkey	2	25	8 %
Venezuela	0	2	0 %
Yugoslavia	0	3	0 %
Subtotal (1)	6	125	4,8 %
High income countries			
Australia	8	68	11.8 %
Austria	0	16	0 %
Belgium	1	11	9.1 %
Canada	21	129	16.3 %
Denmark	3	27	11.1 %
Finland	1	15	6.7 %
France	7	51	13.7 %
Germany	13	160	8.1 %
Greece	1	8	12.5 %
Hong Kong	0	8	0 %
Ireland	3	18	16.7 %
Israel	9	51	17.6 %
Italy	1	38	2.6 %
Japan	1	48	2.1 %
Korea, Republic	2	15	13.3 %
New Zealand	1	6	16.7 %
Norway	2	21	9.5 %
Portugal	0	1	0 %
Singapore	0	3	0 %
Spain	1	28	3.6 %
Sweden	5	18	27.8 %
Switzerland	2	20	10 %
Taiwan	3	33	9.1 %
The Netherlands	12	109	11 %
United Kingdom	27	182	14.8 %
USA	227	1151	19.7 %
Subtotal (2)	351	2235	10,9 %
Unknown or none(3)	40	159	25,2 %
Total (1 + 2 + 3)	397	2394	16,6 %