

Journal statistics, directions for development, and appreciation for reviewers

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In 2021, *Child Health Nursing Research* (CHNR) passed the scientific quality review and technical evaluation review to be listed in PubMed Central (PMC). CHNR is now included in the PMC catalog (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nlmcatalog/101603835>), and articles from 2019 onwards can be searchable in PMC. It is a great pleasure to announce that CHNR is the first nursing journal in South Korea to be listed in PMC.

CHNR endeavors to edit and publish articles that meet international standards, and the journal complies with the principles of transparency and best practice in scholarly publishing [1]. The CHNR website clearly describes that the journal's aims are to promote the health of infants, children, adolescents, and their families in Korea and all over the world by providing research on evidence-based practices and that its scope includes the most recent clinically and academically relevant topics in health care and nursing for infant, children, adolescents, and their families. In addition, the CHNR website states that the journal's primary readers are health care professionals and administrators serving infants, children, adolescents, and families, working to promote child care and welfare. The website also describes matters to be considered when submitting articles for publication (<https://www.e-chnr.org/>). CHNR receives and reviews articles via a peer review system (<http://www.chnr-submission.org/>). More details on the submission process can be found at the CHNR website (<https://www.e-chnr.org/authors/authors.php>).

CHNR makes an effort to comply with research ethics and

follows the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE) guidelines [2] for publication ethics. If any issues related to publication ethics arise, CHNR follows the guidelines of the Committee of Publication Ethics (COPE) [3]. Through its efforts to edit and publish articles at the international level, CHNR was listed in PMC and try to be listed in Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI). All articles published in CHNR are indexed in DOI/Crossref, Scopus, PMC, CINAHL, Google Scholar, ORCID, Science Central, DOAJ, KCI Korean Journal Database, RISS, KoreaMed, and KoMCI.

CHNR published 37 articles in volume 27 (4 issues), all of which were written in English (Table 1). The number of English articles has steadily increased from 9 articles in volume 24 issue 3 in 2018 to 20 articles in volume 25 issues 1 and 3 in 2019 and 29 articles in volume 26 issues 1, 3, and 4 in 2020. Since volume 27 issue 3 in 2020, all articles in CHNR have been published in English only. The change of CHNR to an all-English journal has been accompanied by increasing international submissions [4-7]. In 2021, the average number of authors per article was 3.2 (SD 1.6, range 1-6), and 81% of authors were from South Korea, while 19% of authors were from other countries in Asia, North America, Europe, and Africa. This is similar to the pattern of 2020, when the average number of authors per article was 2.8 and 83% of authors were from South Korea [8]. Since all authors were from South Korea in 2016-2018 [9], it is clear that international submissions are steadily increasing. In addition, the proportion of articles that were supported by grants increased from 45.7% in 2020 [8] to 59.5% in 2021, and about 60% of them were supported by governmental institutions.

In the studies published in CHNR in 2021, parents were the most frequent study subjects (30.4%), followed by adolescents (19.7%), and about half of studies dealt with children from newborns to adolescents (Table 2). Survey studies were the most common research method (29.8%), but the proportion of these studies decreased compared to 44.7% in 2014 [10], 48.8% in 2016-2018 [9], and 50% in 2020 [8]. Meanwhile, the proportion of literature reviews and secondary analyses increased to 29.7% (literature reviews, 8.1%; secondary analyses, 21.6%) in 2021 compared to 13.2% in 2014 [10], 8.9% in 2016-2018 [9], and

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Table 1. Bibliometric Analysis of *Child Health Nursing Research* in 2021 (N=37)

Categories	n (%) or M±SD	Range
Number of manuscripts		
27 (1)	10 (28.0)	
27 (2)	9 (24.0)	
27 (3)	9 (24.0)	
27 (4)	9 (24.0)	
Language of manuscripts		
English	37 (100.0)	
Number of authors per article	3.2±1.6	1-6
Countries of authors*		
Korea	33 (80.6)	
United States	2 (4.9)	
Indonesia	2 (4.9)	
Malaysia	1 (2.4)	
Egypt	1 (2.4)	
Jordan	1 (2.4)	
Netherlands	1 (2.4)	
Research funding		
Not supported	15 (40.5)	
Supported	22 (59.5)	
- By a national institution	13 (59.1)	
- By a university	7 (31.8)	
- By a public foundation	2 (9.1)	

*Multiple responses.

Table 2. Participants and Methods of Studies Published in *Child Health Nursing Research* in 2021 (N=37)

Categories	n (%) or M±SD
Research participants*	
Newborns	4 (8.7)
Infants and toddlers	2 (4.3)
Preschoolers	2 (4.3)
School-age children	5 (10.9)
Adolescents	9 (19.7)
Young adults	7 (15.2)
Parents	14 (30.4)
Health care providers	3 (6.5)
Research methods	
Survey	11 (29.8)
Secondary analysis	8 (21.6)
Program development and intervention	6 (16.2)
Qualitative research	4 (10.8)
Literature review	3 (8.1)
Instrument development	2 (5.4)
Concept analysis	1 (2.7)
Editorial	1 (2.7)
Mixed methods	1 (2.7)

*Multiple responses.

23.9% in 2020 [8]. In addition, various research methods (such as tool development, program development and intervention, and qualitative research) were used in the studies published in CHNR.

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