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Periodicals in andrology: an overview

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Andrology is a medical specialty which is concerned with male reproductive and sexual functions. There are several peer-reviewed andrology journals.^{1–9} As shown in Table 1, we highlighted alphabetically on some selected andrology periodicals.

However, there are additional periodicals which are not included in Table 1. For example:

1. *Archives of Andrology*, which started in 1978 and ceased in 2007. It was succeeded by *Systems Biology in Reproductive Medicine*
2. *National Journal of Andrology*, which started in 1995 and still published, is available online at <http://www.oriprobe.com/journals/zhnkx.html>
3. *The Journal of Andrology, Sexual Medicine and Gender (JSMAG)*, which is the official journal of the Andrology, Gender, Aging, and Sexual sciences Society of India (AGASSI) (<http://www.agassi.in/>). It was formed in 2004. It is available online at <http://www.journalonweb.com/jsmag/>
4. *Advances in Andrology*, which is just launched, is available online at <http://www.hindawi.com/journals/aandrol/>.

Researches in andrology are being published from all over the world. However,

a study showed that USA, China, and Japan lead the world in andrology researches for the number of papers published.¹

During the past year, significant changes have been made regarding the andrology periodicals. These changes are not limited to the number of journals which is obviously increasing but to the accessibility and contents of these periodicals. These changes include online access to supplemental data, online-only sections, free and compiled sections, and open access to the authors' manuscripts (PDF).⁶

In addition, new features have emerged in medical publication. Like video abstracts and postpublication peer-review. As it may appear from Table 1, few journals have changed their titles and sponsor organizations. Many andrology journals utilized the social media websites like Facebook, to inform the readers about the new issues of their journals. Some journals have used Open Access publishing which provides immediate, worldwide, access to the full text of all published articles.⁸

Professional societies play a good role in establishing andrology journals, for examples the European Academy of Andrology which is founded in 1992, and the American Society of Andrology (ASA) which is founded in 1975. The *Journal of Andrology* first appeared in January 1980, 5 years after the ASA was founded.²

In this commentary, we meant to provide through a tabulation view (Table 1), highlights on some andrology periodicals.

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The authors declare that they have no competing interests.

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Table 1: Selected peer-reviewed journals in andrology

<i>Journal title</i>	<i>The start year</i>	<i>Editor-in-chief</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
<i>Andrologia</i>	1969	Wolf-Bernhard Schill (Germany), Uwe Paasch (Germany), and Ralf Henkel (South Africa)	It is the first International Journal of Andrology, founded by C. Schirren. Official publication of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Andrologie (German Society for Andrology). A bimonthly journal. Available online at: http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/(ISSN)1439-0272
<i>Andrology</i>	2013	Ewa Rajpert-De Meyts (Denmark) and Douglas T Carrell (USA)	Available online at: http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/(ISSN)2047-2927 . This is a joint publication of the EAA (http://www.andrologyacademy.net/) and the ASA (http://www.andrologysociety.org/default.aspx) and replaces The International Journal of Andrology published by EAA and the Journal of Andrology, published by ASA. Journal of Andrology started in 1980. International Journal of Andrology established in 1977. Last issue was December 2012
<i>AGCR</i>	2013	David Mutch (USA)	A subscription based journal. Available online at: http://www.scitech.com/andrology-gynecology-current-research.php
<i>Andrology-Open Access</i>	2012	Jerzy Jankun (USA)	It is published quarterly. Available online at: http://www.omicsgroup.org/journals/andrology-open-access.php
<i>Asian Journal of Andrology</i>	1999	Yifei Wang (China)	It is the official journal of the Asian Society of Andrology and is sponsored by the Shanghai Institute of Materia Medica at the Chinese Academy of Sciences and Shanghai Jiao Tong University. It is a bimonthly Open Access Journal. Available online at: http://www.asiaandro.com/ ; http://www.ajandrology.com/
<i>Basic and Clinical Andrology</i>	2013	Roger Mieusset (France)	An Open Access Journal. It is a continuation of the French Journal Andrologie. It is the official journal of the French speaking Society of Andrology (SALF). Available online at: http://www.bacandrology.com/
<i>Human Andrology</i>	2011	Kamal Zaki Mahmoud Shaeer (Egypt)	Available online at: http://journals.lww.com/humanandrology/pages/default.aspx The genesis of this journal lies in the "Egyptian Journal of Andrology and Reproduction"
<i>International Journal of Men's Health</i>	2002	Steve Robertson (UK)	It publishes three issues per year. Available online at: http://www.mensstudies.com/content/120391/?sortorder=asc
<i>Revista Internacional de Andrología</i>	2003	Pedro R. Gutiérrez Hernández (Spain)	Available online at: http://z1.elsevier.es/es/revista/revista-internacional-andrologia-262 It is the official publication for La ASES (http://www.asesa.org/), Sociedade Portuguesa de Andrologia (http://www.spandrologia.pt/) Federación Española de Sociedades de Sexología (http://www.fess.org.es/), La Sociedad Argentina de Andrología (http://www.saa.org.ar/), Asociación Iberoamericana de Sociedades de Andrología (http://androiberoamericana.com/)
<i>The Open Andrology Journal</i>	2009	Giulia Collodel (Italy), Hiromitsu Tanaka (Japan), Paolo Chieffi (Italy)	It is an Open Access Online Journal. Available online at: http://benthamscience.com/open/toandroj/index.htm
<i>The World Journal of Men's Health</i>	1982	Hyun Jun Park (Korea)	It was first published in 1982 under the titles "Taehan Namseongkwa Hakhoe Chi" and "The Korean Journal of Andrology". In August 2012, the journal was renamed "The World Journal of Men's Health". It is available online at: http://wjmh.org/

EAA: European Academy of Andrology; ASA: American Society of Andrology; AGCR: Andrology and Gynecology: Current Research; ASES: Asociación Española de Andrología

