

## Moving Forward with Innovation in 2023!

After approximately three years in the making, we are excited to announce the transition of the *New Zealand Journal of Physiotherapy (NZJP)* to Open Journal Systems (OJS) (PKP software) – which will be available either as you are reading this or very shortly after! OJS is a publishing platform enabling us to electronically manage many aspects of our current workflow including submission, peer review, and publication of papers. This platform was originally launched in 2002 in Canada (Willinsky, 2005) and has undoubtedly undergone many iterations since this time to become what it is today. Getting to the point of using the OJS software is a testament to the dedication of a team of people – we are very grateful for the input and expertise of staff from the University of Otago Library Research Support Unit and Information and Technology Services team, and to our physiotherapy colleagues who have generously trialled OJS (as an author or reviewer) over the past months to help us refine this system and respond to any glitches and inefficiencies. We are also thankful for the continuous support from Physiotherapy New Zealand (PNZ), which means we can publish our triennial issues of the *NZJP* to a high standard (including copy editing and design). PNZ has also supported us in disseminating our work through post-publication activities such as lodging metadata with Crossref, including impact statements in *Physio Matters* (to provide a synopsis of *NZJP* content), and notifications and communication through social media channels. While many aspects of the *NZJP* will remain the same with the shift to OJS, some will have a different look and feel. We invite you to visit us through the link on the PNZ website or directly at <https://nzjp.org.nz/nzjp/index>.

The *NZJP* is fortunate to receive support from a range of authors and reviewers, from physiotherapists working as clinicians, researchers, and lecturers, and indeed contributions from related professions as well. Through their work, we hope the content of the *NZJP* reflects what physiotherapists in Aotearoa New Zealand like to read in terms of research and professional issues. We aim to ensure the *NZJP* is a relevant and welcoming place to publish research that is of significance not only nationally but internationally. To this end, one of our foci in the upcoming

year is whanaungatanga/relationship building, to establish and develop meaningful partnerships with other PNZ groups, including our Māori and Pacifica colleagues. In keeping with our vision, which is based on embedding and upholding Te Tiriti o Waitangi through our kaupapa to promote and disseminate the research of Aotearoa New Zealand, we would like to expand the publication of work that uses a kaupapa Māori approach or critically analyses issues pertinent to Indigenous and Pacific physiotherapy. We acknowledge there are different ways of knowing, and thus openly encourage a broad range of methodologies, including research that is foundational, clinical, implementational, or transformational. Due to our interest in professional and research matters that are specific to Aotearoa New Zealand, as an editorial committee we are committed to capacity building and so are willing to offer extra support to new authors and reviewers by providing guidance and mentorship when needed.

We are conscious the *NZJP* is relatively small on the international stage, but we are proud of our publication and strongly committed to developing its reputation and excellence. New measures were introduced to capture metrics with the listing of the *NZJP* on Scopus in 2018. Bearing in mind it usually takes approximately 18 months to accumulate sufficient data to generate metrics, data indicate the *NZJP* has risen from a 2019 ranking of 188/196 (4<sup>th</sup> percentile, CiteScore 0.1) in the Physical Therapy, Sports Therapy, and Rehabilitation category, to 157/218 (28<sup>th</sup> percentile, CiteScore 0.9) in 2021 (Scopus Preview, n.d.). To place this in context, the most highly ranked journal in this category is the *British Journal of Sports Medicine*, followed by a range of other journals (please refer to Table 1 for some examples of metrics). Based on these data, we still have some ground to cover, but we are committed to continuing our momentum up the Scopus ladder!

The *NZJP* is the journal of our profession in Aotearoa New Zealand, and we welcome your submissions. Benefits of publishing with the *NZJP* include a supportive and mentoring philosophy, open access, no publication charges, and listing on Scopus, as well as the opportunity to share relevant

**Table 1**  
*Selected Metrics from Scopus Preview in the Physical Therapy, Sports Therapy, and Rehabilitation Category*

Journal	Percentile	CiteScore	Ranking (/218)
British Journal of Sports Medicine	99	21.3	1
Journal of Physiotherapy	96	7.8	9
Physiotherapy	86	5.0	31
Hong Kong Physiotherapy Journal	52	2.1	103
South African Journal of Physiotherapy	34	1.1	144
<b>New Zealand Journal of Physiotherapy</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>157</b>
Physiotherapy Practice and Research	25	0.7	164
International Journal of Sports Physical Therapy	7	0.1	203

findings to Aotearoa New Zealand and internationally. With the introduction of OJS, our publication timeframes will also be shorter, as we will be able to offer advanced online first publications. As always, we welcome any feedback, so please do get in touch with us at any time.

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