Current JET rankings of journals in which Australian & New Zealand nursing and midwifery researchers publish their work

The two round Delphi process and the focus group were utilised to identify all criteria contained in the preliminary tool. Thus the preliminary tool represented the opinions and judgements of those in both the expert panel, and the CDNM members involved in the focus group discussion. It did however; incorporate both objectives (e.g. ISI impact factors) and subjective (e.g. editorial standards) methods of judging the quality of journals. This supports the conclusions reached from the systematic literature review.

The preliminary tool was distributed to the editors or managing editors of journals identified in the final journal list, with each journal scored based on their responses. A total of 72 responses were received, with 71 titles included in the results (one was excluded due to a lack of response on one of the critical questions). Journals were scored out of 100, and were allocated to one of four quality bands based on that score.

Calculating journal scores and quality bands

The total raw score for each journal was calculated (maximum possible score was 10). Scores were then converted to percentages, and ‘quartile’ cut-off scores were utilised to generate 4 quality bands for ranking of journals.

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Scoring for allocation to quality bands is outlined in Table 1. Scores between 0 and 25 were assigned to the lowest quality band (0 journals in this category), which was quality band 4. A number of journals (106) were identified by the project team, but have yet to complete the JET (either because they were un-contactable or unresponsive to emails requesting information). These journals were also included in band 4 (with “N/A” listed as their JET score) and will hopefully be able to be ranked at a later date, once data is available. Scores ranging from 26 to 50 were assigned to quality band 3 (9 journals fell into this category); scores from 51 to 75 were assigned to quality band 2 (41 journals allocated to this category) and scores from 76 to 100 were classified to the top quality band- band 1 (21 journals were allocated...
to this category). The results of the journal ranking exercise are displayed in Table 2.

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