



H5 - Index of Ibero-Latin American journals on Plastic Surgery and Burns

Índice-h5 de revistas Ibero-Latino-Americano em cirurgia plástica e queimaduras

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Dear Editor,

I read with interest the manuscript by Grassi Salles, which highlights the efforts made by the editorial staff of the Brazilian Journal of Plastic Surgery to improve the impact of this publication¹.

Scientometric provides an overview of status of scientific journals and their progress. The h5-index is one of the scientometric indicators made available by Google Scholar Metrics²⁻⁵.

The value of the h5 - index is based on median of papers published within the last 5 years in order to calculate the position of the journal This index constitutes the largest number h such that h articles published in 2012-2016 had at least h times citation each.

The h5 - index of Ibero-Latin American journals on plastic surgery and burns are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1. Rankings of Ibero-Latin American Journals on Plastic Surgery and Burn based on H5 - Index by Google Scholar Metrics. Period 2012 - 2016.

N.	Journal	H5	Median	Publication start year	Frequency	Country of publication
1	Revista Brasileira de Cirurgia Plástica	8	12	1986	Quartely	Brazil
2	Revista Brasileira de Queimaduras	6	10	2001	Quartely	Brazil
3	Cirurgía Plástica Ibero-Latinoamericana	5	7	1974 ^a	Quartely	Spain
4	Cirurgía Plástica	2	2	1991	Three times/year	Mexico
5	Cirurgía Plástica y Reconstructiva	-	-	1989	Biannual	Colombia
6	Revista Argentina de Quemaduras	-	-	1983	Three times/year	Argentina

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The indicator is remarkable to Brazilian journals, mainly the Brazilian Journal of Plastic Surgery that occupies the first position among Ibero-Latin American journals on plastic surgery and burns.

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