Acknowledgements in Journals From Emerging Markets

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Abstract

Objective: The objective of this research was to examine the use of acknowledgements in publications from emerging markets.

Research design and methods: Emerging markets were identified1 from a literature search2 of the emerging markets in medical publications. Of the 200 articles reviewed, 10 per journal,54 (27.0%) included acknowledgements. Funding sources were acknowledged in 54 (27.0%), medical writers/editors in 1 (0.5%), colleagues/reviewers in 48 (24%), and statisticians in 8 (4%).

Results: Of the 200 articles reviewed, 81 (40.5%) included acknowledgements. They were most common in Africa and South America. The type of acknowledgement varied by region (Table 2).

Discussion: Several factors could explain the inadequate use of acknowledgements:

Conclusions: Acknowledgements in journals from emerging markets were investigated and identified.