

Table 1 Medical journals in Saudi Arabia publishing in English language and reviewed for the present study (n = 1838)

Journal title (launch year)	Journal issues	Original studies per journal issue	Review period	Human subject research studies identified	
	per year			No.	No.
<i>Annals of Saudi Medicine</i> (1985) ^a	4 (before 1988) 6 (1988-)	6	1981-2007	339	18.4
<i>Annals of Thoracic Medicine</i> (2006)	2 (2006) 4 (2007-)	4	2006-07	23	1.3
<i>Journal of Family and Community Medicine</i> (1994)	2 (1994-99) 3 (2000-)	4	1997-2007	133	7.2
<i>Journal of the Saudi Heart Association</i> (1998)	2-3	5	1995-2007	53	2.9
<i>Neurosciences</i> (2000)	4	6	2000-07	141	7.7
<i>Pan Arab Journal of Neurosurgery</i> (1997)	2	3	1999-2001	6	0.3
<i>Saudi Dental Journal</i> (1989)	3	4-6	1984-2007	136	7.4
<i>Saudi Journal of Anaesthesia</i> (2007)	3	3	2007	9	0.5
<i>Saudi Journal of Gastroenterology</i> (1995)	3	6	2004-2007	40	2.2
<i>Saudi Medical Journal</i> (1979)	12	8-11	1979-2007	943	51.3
<i>Saudi Pharmaceutical Journal</i> (1993)	4	5	2003-06	15	0.8

^aFrom 1980-84 it was entitled *KFSH&RC Medical Journal*, in 1985 it became the *Annals of Saudi Medicine*.