

Cirugía y Cirujanos

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; Scope and Aims The journal *Cirugía y Cirujanos* is the official publication of the Academia Mexicana de Cirugía. It aims to disseminate peer-reviewed surgical research, clinical studies, case reports, and technical notes primarily from Latin America, with an emphasis on general surgery and its subspecialties.

Strengths

1. Regional representation and legacy As one of the longest-standing surgical journals in Latin America, *Cirugía y Cirujanos* offers a unique platform for Spanish-speaking authors and reflects regional surgical practice, case-mix, and health system realities often underrepresented in global literature.
2. Open access availability The journal provides open-access content, increasing accessibility and impact, particularly in low- and middle-income settings.
3. Indexed in major databases Its inclusion in PubMed and Scopus lends visibility and bibliometric credibility, facilitating citation and literature integration internationally.
4. Bilingual abstracts and occasional English full-texts This improves accessibility for international readers and contributes to gradual internationalization of Latin American surgical literature.

Weaknesses

1. Variable methodological rigor Although peer-reviewed, a significant proportion of published articles are case reports or retrospective series with limited generalizability or methodological robustness. Prospective trials and systematic reviews remain underrepresented.
2. Limited international authorship and readership Despite some bilingual content, the journal remains largely regional in scope, with minimal engagement from non-Spanish-speaking authors or institutions. This may limit its impact factor and cross-border academic influence.
3. Inconsistent editorial standards and referencing Some articles exhibit inconsistent citation practices or lack detailed methodological transparency, which could hinder reproducibility or critical appraisal.
4. Modest impact factor The journal's impact factor remains relatively low compared to international surgical journals, reflecting both its regional focus and the predominance of lower-level evidence.

Opportunities

Increased publication of high-quality systematic reviews, meta-analyses, and prospective cohorts could elevate the journal's scientific credibility.

Partnerships with regional surgical societies in Latin America and Spain could diversify its author base and foster collaborative research networks.

More consistent bilingual publication (full texts in English/Spanish) would facilitate broader dissemination and indexing in global platforms.

Conclusion

Cirugía y Cirujanos plays a vital role in showcasing Latin American surgical practice and research. While it holds strong institutional and cultural value, its scientific impact would benefit from greater methodological rigor, broader international collaboration, and continued bilingual accessibility.

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