

Journal of Pain Research - Critical Review

□ Overview

- **Title:** Journal of Pain Research (JPR)
- **Publisher:** Dove Medical Press (Taylor & Francis Group)
- **ISSN:** 1178-7090
- **Scope:** Pain mechanisms, clinical pain research, anesthesiology, physical therapy, pharmacology
- **Access:** Open Access (CC BY-NC)
- **Start Year:** 2008
- **Language:** English

□ Metrics

- **Impact Factor:** ≈ 2.6 (Clarivate)
- **SCImago Journal Rank (SJR):** ~ 0.78 (Q1 Anesthesiology & Pain Medicine)
- **h-Index:** 77
- **Acceptance rate:** Moderate ($\sim 30\text{--}40\%$, not officially disclosed)
- **Time to First Decision:** ~ 21 days

□ Strengths

- **Open Access:** Facilitates global reach and clinical utility.
- **Moderate Impact and h-index:** Solid visibility within the pain research community.
- **Fast Peer Review:** Suitable for authors needing rapid publication.
- **Interdisciplinary Coverage:** Encompasses basic science, clinical studies, pharmacology, and rehabilitation.

⚠ Weaknesses and Criticism

- **Moderate Prestige:** Lags behind flagship journals like *Pain* or *The Journal of Pain* in terms of academic reputation.
- **Potential OA Bias:** As a pay-to-publish model, it may raise concerns about publication quality control, although JPR is **not** classified as predatory.
- **Limited Transparency:** Peer-review process details are not publicly disclosed (e.g., no open peer review).
- **Citation Quality Variability:** Some published papers are cited frequently, but many receive few or no citations.
- **Risk of Editorial Drift:** Rapid acceptance timelines could compromise methodological rigor in borderline submissions.

□ Comparative Snapshot

Feature	Journal of Pain Research	Top-tier Pain Journals (Pain, Journal of Pain)		
Impact Factor	≈ 2.6	4.5 – 6.0+		
Access Model	Fully Open Access	Mostly Hybrid / Subscription		
Review Time	~21 days	4–8 weeks		
Peer Review Type	Anonymous	Varies; some include open review		
Publication Fees	Yes (APC-based)	Often waived for invited articles		
Indexed in	Scopus, WoS, PubMed	Scopus, WoS, MEDLINE		

Who Should Publish Here?

- Early-career researchers or clinicians looking for a legitimate, open-access venue.
- Authors seeking quicker publication timelines than mainstream high-IF journals.
- Studies of regional or applied interest in pain management that might be overlooked by top-tier outlets.

Who Might Avoid It?

- Researchers aiming for maximum academic prestige or career advancement in institutions that prioritize top-quartile journals.
- Authors sensitive to publication fees or critical of the open-access APC model.

Final Judgment

- **Legitimate and useful** in its domain, but **not a leading journal** in pain science.
- Offers **fast and fair publication** for appropriate studies but requires caution in **study design, novelty, and depth**.
- Ideal for **practical or translational studies**, less so for highly technical or groundbreaking work.

Related Resources

- [Official Journal Page](#)
- [SJR Journal Ranking](#)
- [Resurchify Metrics](#)

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