

## **The e-journals and their statistics: as broad as it is long?**

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### **ABSTRACT**

**Introduction:** Most libraries in health sciences are in the world of public administration. This requires them to submit results of their activity to justify their budgets and in some cases their existence. The use of information resources for virtual libraries employed is costly for the administration; you need to know what users are doing with all the resources. Besides the fact is that the virtual libraries need to understand user satisfaction with information resources and identify training needs for each type of health professional.

**Objectives:** In the Virtual Library of Health Sciences of the Balearic Islands we have considered this situation and decided to make an individual study of the statistics system of each information source contract. Our objective was to examine whether the statistical reports by dealers gave us the information needed to manage the collection.

**Methods:** We analyzed in detail the statistical data provided by each information resources and ultimately hired were compared with the SUSHI standard protocol.

**Results:** We observed different criteria in the data collection, or the lack of them in some cases.

**Conclusions:** We believe that our scientific community has to consider the following questions: Should we expect that distributors to give us the data we need? Are we

entitled to this information when we subscribe to a product? And is it necessary to unite our strengths to get quality statistics?

In short, we believe that obtaining statistical data from each of the contracted resources that are reliable, consistent and detailed make a direct impact on improving the management of the library. So it is necessary to open the debate in our scientific community and join forces to achieve a measurable improvement in the bibliometric study of electronic journals worldwide.