

Why has the *Journal of Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing* stopped publishing registered reports?

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In 2018 the *Journal of Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing (JPM)* published an editorial outlining a number of initiatives promoting openness and transparency in mental health nursing science (Gray, 2018). One of these was the introduction of registered reports. The *JPM* was the first nursing journal to adopt this innovative approach to publishing research. Adopted by over 250 journals, registered reports emphasize the importance of the research question and the rigor of the proposed methodology because the protocol (part 1) is subject to peer review before data collection. As long as the authors comply with the registered methodology the journal agrees to publish the results (part 2). Registered reports are intended to drive out questionable research practices that include selective reporting of results, and publication bias. It has been positive to see a number of mental health nurses engaging with registered reports and publishing part one of their research in *JPM* (eg, Moyo et al., 2020). It is with dismay that we have recently been alerted to the fact that the *JPM* has decided to stop publishing registered reports (author guidelines checked 31st August 2020). The decision was seemingly made unilaterally by the editorial team and not discussed with the Journal editorial board. It seems to us that *JPM* is positioning itself in opposition to the values of the open science movement and this is extremely concerning to those of us working in mental health nursing as academics and clinicians. We hope the current editorial team will reconsider their decision.

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