








# THE "JOURNAL OF THE FACULTY OF HUMAN MEDICINE" HAS BEEN INDEXED BY THE PRESTIGIOUS INTERNATIONAL DATABASE SCOPUS

LA "REVISTA DE LA FACULTAD DE MEDICINA HUMANA" HA SIDO INDEXADA POR LA PRESTIGIOSA BASE INTERNACIONAL SCOPUS

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Dear members of the scientific community, we are pleased to share with you a significant achievement: **the Journal of the Faculty of Human Medicine (RFMH, by its Spanish acronym)**, edited by the **Instituto de Investigaciones en Ciencias Biomédicas of the Universidad Ricardo Palma (INICIB-URP)**, has been evaluated and accepted for indexing in the prestigious international scientific database Scopus<sup>(1)</sup>, due to its scientific quality. Scopus is an international platform that includes high-impact scientific journals across various disciplines.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has long prioritized research, as high-quality research is essential<sup>(2)</sup>. The importance of having a journal indexed in Scopus transcends the university's institutional scope and signifies a contribution to the country, as it aids its growth and positioning in the academic world. This achievement constitutes our legitimate academic contribution to posterity and is dedicated to the **Universidad Ricardo Palma** and Peru, as well as to our teachers, the entire journal team, and the memory of those who are no longer with us but whose example remains an inspiration.

The official communication received by the editor in chief from the **Scopus Content Selection & Advisory Board (CSAB)** was in May 2024. It is noteworthy that today, only three university journals in the field of medicine in Peru are indexed: Annals of the Faculty of Medicine of the Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos (UNMSM), the Herediana Medical Journal, and the Journal of Neuro-Psychiatry, both from the Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia (UPCH), and now, the RFMH from our institution. This is a recognition of the work of the team involved in its publication and constitutes a new milestone in the editorial history of the Universidad Ricardo Palma.

The Journal of the Faculty of Human Medicine has a virtual ISSN: 2308-0531 and a printed ISSN: 1814-5469, publishes four issues per year, meets criteria and quality standards, and is indexed in multiple international databases, establishing a solid foundation for evolution and success in both academic and scientific environments.

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The primary objective of the journal is to promote high-rigor research and disseminate scientific knowledge in a distinguished manner<sup>(3,4)</sup>. It is an open-access, peer-reviewed scientific journal available in full text in Spanish and English, holds a CC BY 4.0 license, and contributes to the dissemination of original research in medicine and public health.

The journal's collection has achieved significant indexations and the participation of authors and researchers from various countries in Latin America, the USA, and Europe. It is funded by the Universidad Ricardo Palma, is free, and contributes to quality publications as well as the fulfillment of research management indicators.

The Journal of the Faculty of Human Medicine represents the work of the academic medical community, the INICIB research faculty, and is the result of organized and timely collaborative work. Ensuring the continuity of the commitment of the Faculty of Human Medicine and the University to strengthen the teams involved in the editorial process, as well as the allocation of budgets, human resources, and technology, is essential for the present and future of the journal and the university's prestige.

We are very pleased with the outcome and, moreover, aware of the challenges that maintaining this database entails. This work has taken several years and has had the support of a prestigious group of associate editors, national and international academic committees, and reviewers, in addition to the authors who honor us by sending their article proposals. The acceptance for indexing in Scopus represents a confirmation of the

progression and quality leap achieved by the journal.

This indexing will benefit the journal in terms of international visibility; at the same time, we face with great enthusiasm the challenges of maintaining the journal in the most prestigious international rankings and seeking the highest quality in the published scientific works. To achieve this indexing, the journal had to meet a series of previously evaluated requirements, such as the use of quality standards in article review, optimal scientific writing, adherence to publication deadlines, and the application of ethical standards in article publication, and the presence of external authors to URP.

The **Journal of the Faculty of Human Medicine** is a reference in the field of medicine and public health in Peru and the region; it is currently visited by over 100 countries worldwide and has other important indexations such as **Embase, Scielo, DOAJ, Harvard Library, Directory of Research Journal Indexing, EBSCO, LILACS, LATINDEX, DIGITAL COMMONS, among others**<sup>(5)</sup>. Additionally, it is a full member of **COPE and CROSSREF**.

We take this excellent opportunity to express our special thanks to the Rectorate of the Universidad Ricardo Palma for the continuous support and backing provided to carry out the work. Strengthening university journals remains a high priority.

We extend a special invitation to the entire national and international academic community to submit their work. We will be pleased to receive your manuscripts for evaluation and publication in our journal, as always.

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