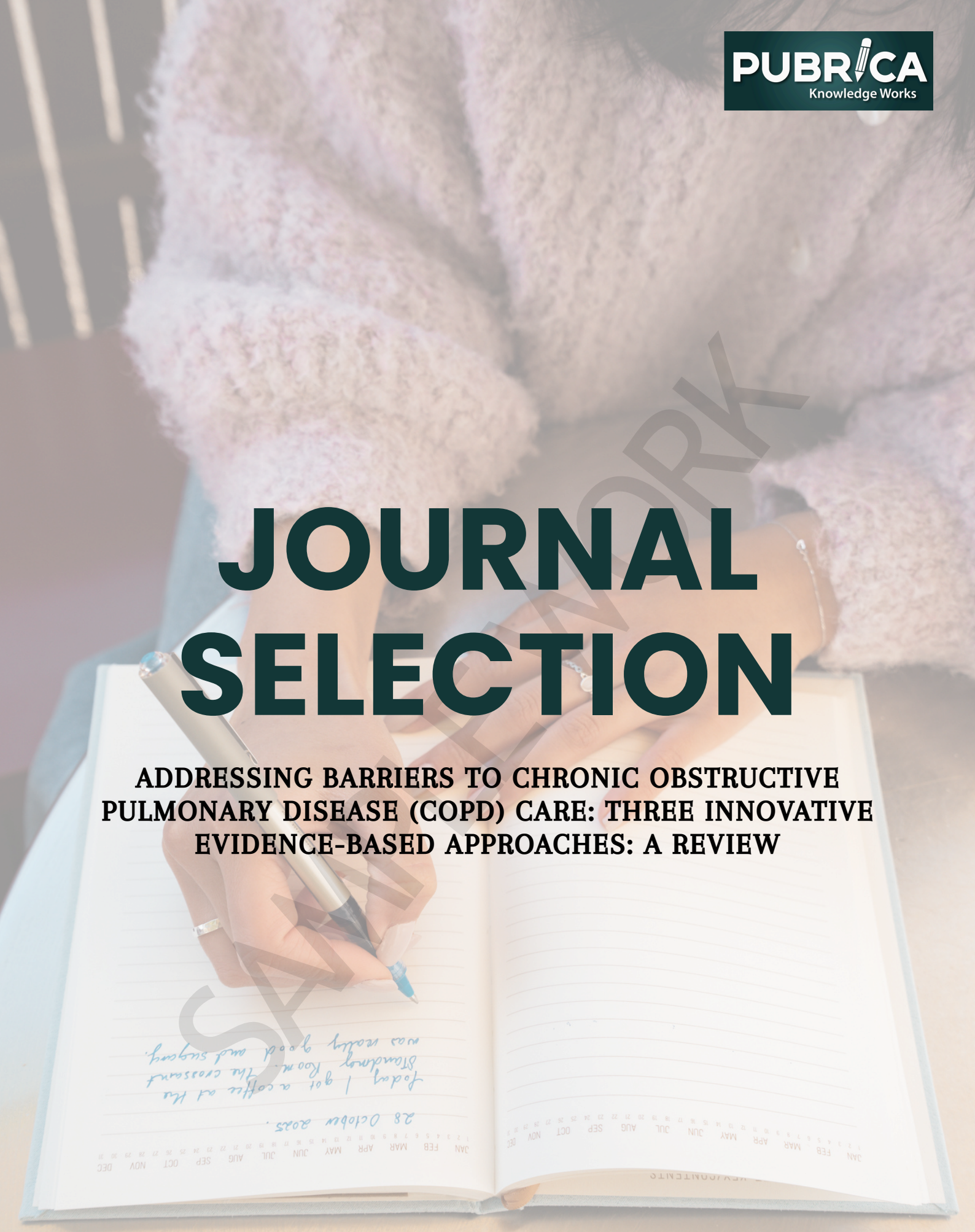


JOURNAL SELECTION

ADDRESSING BARRIERS TO CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE (COPD) CARE: THREE INNOVATIVE EVIDENCE-BASED APPROACHES: A REVIEW

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Journal Selection Report

Job code	xxxxxxx
Manuscript title	Addressing Barriers to Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Care: Three Innovative Evidence-Based Approaches: A Review
Date	xxxxx
Author preferences	**Keywords:** pulmonary disease, chronic obstructive, health qigong, telehealth, self-management education
Comments on Adherence to Author Preferences	All recommended journals have regularly published articles on topics related to the authors' Area of Research / Idea

Journal Recommendations

Journal name	Comments
The Lancet Respiratory Medicine *Publisher: Elsevier*	**The Reason for the recommendation:** 1. *The Lancet Respiratory Medicine* is one of the leading journals in respiratory medicine, focusing on COPD and other chronic lung diseases. It regularly publishes high-impact articles related to clinical management, prevention, and innovations in respiratory care. The journal covers critical topics such as healthcare systems and policies addressing barriers to care in COPD, making it a perfect fit for a review on innovative, evidence-based approaches to improving COPD management. 2. The journal published several articles on topics like authors' Area of Research / Idea, e.g., • Deinhardt-Emmer, S., Chousterman, B. G., Schefold, J. C., Flohé, S. B., Skirecki, T., Kox, M., Winkler, M. S., Cossarizza, A., Wiersinga, W. J., van der Poll, T., Weigand, M. A., Cajander, S., Giamarellos-Bourboulis, E. J., Lachmann, G., Girardis, M., Scicluna, B. P., Ferrer, R., Payen, D., Weis, S., … Bouma, H. R. (2025). Sepsis in patients who are immunocompromised: diagnostic challenges and future therapies. *The Lancet. Respiratory Medicine*, 13(7), 623–637. https://doi.org/10.1016/S2213-2600(25)00124-9 • Meghji, J., Auld, S. C., Bisson, G. P., Khosa, C., Masekela, R., Navuluri, N., & Rachow, A. (2025). Post-tuberculosis lung disease: towards prevention, diagnosis, and care. *The Lancet. Respiratory Medicine*, 13(5), 460–472. https://doi.org/10.1016/S2213-2600(24)00429-6

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International Journal of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease *Publisher: Dove Medical Press*	**The Reason for the recommendation:** 1. *International Journal of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease* is a specialized journal focusing entirely on COPD, making it an ideal choice for a review article on COPD care. It publishes articles that aim to improve the understanding, diagnosis, and management of COPD, with a particular emphasis on evidence-based clinical approaches. The journal has a strong focus on barriers to care, including access to treatment, healthcare disparities, and innovative interventions. It is highly relevant to research that addresses obstacles in COPD care. 2. The journal published several articles on topics like authors' Area of Research / Idea, e.g., • Magunagoikoetxea-Comins, G., Jiménez- García, M., Pérez-Ferreiro, M., & Fernandez-Pardo, T. (2025). Effects on exercise tolerance and functional outcomes of eccentric versus concentric aerobic exercise in people with COPD: A systematic review and meta-analysis. *International Journal of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease*, 20, 4061–4078. https://doi.org/10.2147/copd.s558167 • Faruqi, M. A., Khan, M. M. K. S., & Mannino, D. M. (2024). Perspectives on ensifentrine and its therapeutic potential in the treatment of COPD: Evidence to date. *International Journal of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease*, 19, 11–16. https://doi.org/10.2147/COPD.S385811
Respiratory Medicine *Publisher: Elsevier.*	**The Reason for the recommendation:** 1. *Respiratory Medicine* is a well-established journal focusing on all aspects of respiratory diseases, including COPD. It publishes both original research and review articles on COPD care, including barriers to care and the effectiveness of innovative clinical approaches. The journal is ideal for research that investigates healthcare systems, access issues, and novel strategies for improving COPD management, with a particular emphasis on global health perspectives. 2. The journal published several articles on topics like authors 'Area of Research / Idea, e.g. • Ignacio Carlotto, C., Bernardes, S., Zanella, P., & Silva, F. M. (2024). Dietary patterns and risk of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) and clinical outcomes in diagnosed patients: A scoping review. *Respiratory Medicine*, 233(107773), 107773.

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Journal Comparator

Key Parameters		The Lancet Respiratory Medicine	International Journal of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	Respiratory Medicine
Publisher		Elsevier.	Dove Medical Press	Elsevier.
Similar research published		**Yes**	**Yes**	**Yes**
Indexing database		MEDLINE, PubMed, Scopus, Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE), Embase.	PubMed, PubMed Central, MEDLINE, Scopus, Embase, DOAJ, OAIster, SCIE, ESCI, A&HCI	PubMed, Scopus, Web of Science (SCIE), and Embase.
Impact factor		32.8	3.1	3.1
Review duration		Publication can be as fast as 8 to 10 weeks from submission.	Average 59 days from submission to first editorial decision; generally, peer review is complete within 3-4 weeks	The time to the first decision is a median of 27 days
Publication type		Original research, Reviews, Personal Views, Comments, and News.	Original Research, Reviews, Editorials, Commentaries, Short Reports, and Case Reports	Original research articles, review articles, case reports, editorials.
Rejection rate		95%	56%	12%
Acceptance rate		5%	NA	NA
Article processing charges		USD 8,010, for gold open access publication.	Up to **3650 USD**	NA
Limit	**Word count**	3,500 words	4,500 words (excluding references).	3000-3500 words (excluding abstract/refs/figures)

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	Figure/Tables	6 figures and/or tables	Maximum of 6 figures and 6 tables	8 figures/tables
	References	Up to 40 references	50 or fewer	50 references

Supporting Information - Rationale for Inclusion and Scope

BMC Public Health	
Rationale for inclusion	An open-access, peer-reviewed journal that provides a platform for disseminating cutting-edge research in respiratory medicine. It supports global access to significant findings on COPD, including barriers to care, healthcare access disparities, and innovative approaches to disease management and treatment strategies.
Scope	Covers all aspects of respiratory medicine, including chronic respiratory diseases such as COPD, clinical management, epidemiology, global health, healthcare systems, healthcare policy, and innovative care approaches to improve patient outcomes.

International Journal of Epidemiology	
Rationale for inclusion	A peer-reviewed journal dedicated to chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). It serves as a specialized platform for sharing important research on COPD care, including treatment strategies, clinical guidelines, and evidence-based interventions aimed at overcoming barriers to effective care, particularly in underserved regions.
Scope	Focuses on all aspects of COPD, including disease pathophysiology, prevention, management, clinical care, innovative therapies, healthcare access disparities, and barriers to care. The journal provides a forum for exploring novel solutions to improve COPD outcomes and reduce global disparities in care.

Frontiers in Nutrition	
Rationale for inclusion	A peer-reviewed journal that covers a broad spectrum of respiratory diseases, including COPD. It publishes significant research on healthcare innovations, chronic disease management, and public health strategies to address barriers to care, emphasizing evidence-based approaches to improving the accessibility and quality of COPD treatment.
Scope	Encompasses all aspects of respiratory diseases, with an emphasis on chronic conditions such as COPD. The journal covers clinical management, disease prevention, health promotion, healthcare policies, innovative treatments, and healthcare systems, focusing on improving access to care

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	for COPD patients and addressing global healthcare inequalities.

Appendix: Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What research areas do the journals prioritize?

A: The Lancet Respiratory Medicine prioritizes respiratory diseases and healthcare systems, International Journal of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease focuses on COPD care and treatment, and Respiratory Medicine covers respiratory diseases and healthcare innovations.

Q: Are the journals peer-reviewed?

A: Yes, all three journals follow a rigorous peer-review process.

Q: Are the journals open access?

A: The Lancet Respiratory Medicine is hybrid open access, International Journal of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease is fully open access, and Respiratory Medicine is subscription-based.

Q: What types of articles do the journals publish?

A: The journals publish original research, reviews, clinical studies, and meta-analyses.

Q: What are the typical review timelines?

A: The Lancet Respiratory Medicine takes about 3-6 months, International Journal of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease takes about 4-6 weeks, and Respiratory Medicine takes about 2-3 months.

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