

JOURNAL SELECTION

**THE MICROBIOME IN COPD: EMERGING POTENTIAL FOR
MICROBIOME-TARGETED INTERVENTIONS**

Journal Selection Report

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Journal Recommendations

Journal name	Comments
BMC Pulmonary Medicine <i>Publisher:</i> BioMed Central	The Reason for the recommendation: 1. BMC Pulmonary Medicine is an open access, peer-reviewed journal that considers articles on all aspects of the prevention, diagnosis and management of pulmonary and associated disorders, as well as related molecular genetics, pathophysiology, and epidemiology. • Covers the prevention, diagnosis and management of pulmonary and associated disorders • Established and inclusive open access journal • Global visibility for your respiratory research with open access. 2. The journal published several articles on topics like authors' Area of Research / Idea, e.g., • Lloyd-Evans, P.H., Malcolm, D., Singh, S.J. <i>et al.</i> Intensity is in the eye of the beholder: a qualitative photovoice study of perceptions of physical activity intensity for people with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. <i>BMC Pulm Med</i> (2026). https://doi.org/10.1186/s12890-026-04520-8 • Wang, J., Palm, A., Pind, C.A. <i>et al.</i> Environmental exposures at home and in the workplace in relation to inhaled corticosteroid medication - the population-based REGAL study. <i>BMC Pulm Med</i> 26, 321 (2026). https://doi.org/10.1186/s12890-026-04502-w

Respiratory Medicine <i>Publisher: W.B. Saunders Ltd [Elsevier]</i>	The Reason for the recommendation: 1. <i>Respiratory Medicine</i> is an international, peer-reviewed journal dedicated to advancing the understanding, diagnosis, and management of respiratory diseases. Its mission is to publish high-quality original research, comprehensive reviews, and clinically relevant studies that contribute to improving. 2. The journal published several articles on topics like authors' Area of Research / Idea, e.g., • Quaranta, V. N., Dragonieri, S., Cosentino, G., Motta, V., Signorello, J. C., Di Stefano, G., Ciasullo, E., Radovanovic, D., Carpagnano, G. E., & Santus, P. (2026). Should triple inhaled therapy be initiated earlier in the disease course of COPD to modify long-term outcomes, including mortality, exacerbations, and cardiovascular risk? <i>Respiratory Medicine</i>, 261(108965), 108965. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.rmed.2026.108965 • Calcagno, A., Zaffagnini, A., Pontali, E., Bertonazzi, C., Del Puente, F., Codecasa, L. R., Piccioni, P., Piccioni, D., Riccardi, N., & MYGRO Study Group. (2026). Treating tuberculosis without rifampicin: an open dilemma. <i>Respiratory Medicine</i>, 261(109002), 109002. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.rmed.2026.109002
American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine <i>Publisher: American Thoracic Society</i>	The Reason for the recommendation: 1. <i>The American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine</i> focuses on human biology and disease, as well as animal and in vitro studies that contribute to the understanding of pathophysiology and treatment of diseases that affect the respiratory system and critically ill patients. 2. The journal published several articles on topics like authors' Area of Research / Idea, e.g., • Alen Faiz, Stephen Rennard, Can understanding the spatial expression of IL-33 and its receptor ST2 in the lower airways inform clinical studies?, <i>American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine</i>, Volume 212, Issue 7, July 2026, Pages 1414–1416, https://doi.org/10.1093/ajrccm/aamag169 • F Polverino, A J Higham, A Ito, D Sanz Rubio, J Rodríguez-Sanz, S Kang, Y Zhang, J J Rojas-Quintero, J Malo, F Kheradmand, C C Cabrera Lopez, J M Marin, H -S Lee, D Singh, A34-31 Reprogramming of Pulmonary Neuroendocrine Cells Drives Eosinophilic COPD, <i>American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine</i>, Volume 212, Issue Supplement_2, June 2026, aamag286.114, https://doi.org/10.1093/ajrccm/aamag286.114

Journal Comparator

Key Parameters		BMC Pulmonary Medicine	<i>Respiratory Medicine</i>	American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine
Publisher		BioMed Central	W.B. Saunders Ltd. (Elsevier)	American Thoracic Society
Similar research published		Yes	Yes	Yes
Indexing database		PubMed, MEDLINE, Scopus, SCIE BMC Pulmonary Medicine impact factor, indexing.	PubMed/MEDLINE, Scopus, Web of Science	MEDLINE, PubMed, SCIE, Embase, Scopus
Impact factor		3.1	3.3	21.7
Review duration		14 days	65 Days	1.1 months
Publication type		Open-access, peer-reviewed BMC Pulmonary Medicine	Original research, reviews, and clinical studies	
Rejection rate		80 %	79%	85-90%
Acceptance rate		15-20%	21%	10 %
Article processing charges		\$2,890 USD / £2,390 / €2,690	Standard OA fees apply (varies by mirror/open-access status)	
Limit	Word count	350 words.	3000 words	3,500 words
	Figure/Tables	No strict limit	4 - 6 combined	4 – 8 combined
	References	30 to 50 References	30 - 40 References	40 - 50 References

Supporting Information - Rationale for Inclusion and Scope

BMC Pulmonary Medicine	
Rationale for inclusion	Included because it publishes high-quality, peer-reviewed, open-access research on respiratory diseases, including COPD, pulmonary infections, and lung microbiome studies, making it relevant for microbiome-targeted interventions.
Scope	Focuses on clinical and translational research in respiratory medicine, including COPD, asthma, pulmonary physiology, respiratory infections, diagnostics, therapeutics, epidemiology, and respiratory microbiology.

Respiratory Medicine	
Rationale for inclusion	Included because it publishes original research and review articles on respiratory diseases, with significant coverage of COPD, disease mechanisms, treatment strategies, and emerging microbiome-based approaches.
Scope	Covers adult and pediatric respiratory diseases, COPD, asthma, pulmonary rehabilitation, respiratory infections, interstitial lung disease, and clinical respiratory research.

American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine	
Rationale for inclusion	Included because it is a leading, high-impact journal that publishes groundbreaking research on respiratory and critical care medicine, including COPD pathogenesis, lung microbiome, and innovative therapeutic interventions.
Scope	Publishes basic, translational, and clinical research in respiratory medicine and critical care, including COPD, asthma, pulmonary infections, lung biology, respiratory physiology, precision medicine, and critical illness.

Appendix: Frequently Asked Questions

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is a Journal Selection Report?

A Journal Selection Report is a document that identifies suitable journals for submitting a manuscript based on its research topic, scope, publication goals, and target audience.

2. How are journals selected for recommendation?

Journals are selected by evaluating factors such as the manuscript's subject area, journal scope, indexing status, impact factor, acceptance rate, review timeline, publication model, and previously published similar research.

3. Why is BMC Pulmonary Medicine recommended?

BMC Pulmonary Medicine is recommended because it publishes peer-reviewed, open-access research on respiratory diseases, including COPD, pulmonary infections, and lung microbiome-related studies.

4. Why is Respiratory Medicine a suitable journal?

Respiratory Medicine publishes high-quality clinical and translational research on respiratory diseases, including COPD, making it an appropriate venue for microbiome-related respiratory research.

5. Why is the American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine included?

This journal is included because it is a leading publication in respiratory and critical care medicine, featuring impactful research on COPD, lung biology, and emerging therapeutic approaches.

6. What factors should authors consider before choosing a journal?

Authors should consider the journal's scope, target audience, indexing, impact factor, review time, acceptance rate, publication fees, article type, and manuscript formatting requirements.

7. What information is included in a journal comparison?

A journal comparison typically includes publisher details, indexing databases, impact factor, review duration, acceptance and rejection rates, publication type, article processing charges, and manuscript limits.