2017 Performance Improvement Report

STRATEGIC PRIORITY

1. Develop world-leading healthcare and research

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| **Project Name** | | | |
| Improve the Nature and Quality of Submissions to the *Annals of Saudi Medicine* | | | |
| **Site** | | **Department** | |
| Riyadh | | Academic and Training Affairs (ATA), Scientific Publications Office | |
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| **Project Status** | **Project Start Date** | | **Project End Date** |
| Completed | 01-01-2016 | | 12-31-2016 |

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| **Problem:** Why the project was needed?  The *Annals of Saudi Medicine* (ASM) is moving towards its goal of being an international journal through improving the nature and quality of submissions.  ASM has updated its Information for Authors and Author Instructions; this has helped in decreasing the number of low-quality submissions such as plagiarized/duplicated studies and studies that lack originality. In addition, the ASM now requires that datasets used in the study be submitted with the manuscript on initial submission, which allows for checking the data analysis and summary statistics. Revisions can also be made to figures and tables to improve the presentation of data. | **Aims:** What will the project achieve?  To continuously decrease the publication of low-quality papers and increase the publication of high-quality papers to the ASM by at least 5% from baseline before the end of 2016 |
| **Benefits/Impact:** What is the improvement outcome?  *(check all that apply)*  Contained or reduced costs  Improved productivity  Improved work process  Improved cycle time  Increased customer satisfaction  Other (please explain)  Click or tap here to enter text. | **Quality Domain:** Which of the domains of healthcare quality does this project support?  *(Select only one)*  **Effective** |

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| **Interventions:** Overview of key steps/work completed   * Update Information for Authors and Author Instructions. * Mandate the submission of datasets used in the study to be submitted with the manuscript.   **Results:** Insert relevant graphs and charts to illustrate improvement pre and post project  *(insert relevant graphs, data, charts, etc.)*  **Decrease No. of low citable documents (more than 5%)** |

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