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The year 2021 is a time of change. The COVID-19 pandemic is still raging in most parts of the world. The 4.0 industry revolution is still going faster than ever. As changes occur everywhere we are also forced to adapt and change here in Makara Human Behavior Studies in Asia. Since the beginning of this year, we have been migrating to a new website based on Digital Commons from BE Press. The process is not yet completed as there are many editions to be migrated and information to be filled in the new website. I am grateful for the support of our publisher, Directorate of Administration, Data, and Management of Research Product and Innovation (DADPPRI UI), for providing this facility. Special thanks are warranted to Hanun Thalia who has provided extra effort to help us migrate and make sure that this edition publishes on time. We are grateful to Early Melati, Nathalia Bella Christiana, and Kai Riantoputra who have aided during this critical period of our journal. But most of all I am grateful to our managing editor Dr. Muhammad Abdan Shadiqi who plays a significant role in pushing through the painful changes that we must make in these turbulent times. I am most thankful to him for this new layout of the journal. I find the design to be modern and more readable. I hope that the readers find that too. On top of that, we are broadening our types of submission. We recognize the importance of review articles in helping policymakers during this pandemic era, and we want our journal to facilitate too. We will now accept review articles in the form of meta-analysis, systematic reviews, and scoping reviews.

During the past few years, Makara Human Behavior Studies in Asia have been trying to find its place in international publication. The internationalization effort was spearheaded by the past Editor-in-Chief Dr. Corina Riantoputra since she took over in 2012. At the time there was only 1 citation in Scopus in 2011, and then there were 4 citations in Scopus in 2013, then 7 citations in 2014, and 5 citations in Scopus in 2015. The journal starts to take off in 2017 where it consistently reached more than 20 citations per year (i.e., 23 in 2017, 25 in 2018, 52 in 2019, 51 in 2020, and 28 in ongoing 2021) (see figure 1). Most papers that cited our journals are from Indonesia, but a few are from Malaysia, United States, Germany, the Netherlands, Australia, Pakistan, the United Kingdom, China, and India. We now have accumulated a total of 203 citations in Scopus indicating a wide international readership and recognition of our journal. Hopefully, the new website and the new layout may increase the readership of our journal.

We have also made small modifications to the author guidelines. The reference style we accept now is according to American Psychological Association (APA) 7th edition, which is an update from the previous 6th edition. There is also now a requirement for figure quality because some authors include figures in MS

word that is difficult to be printed clearly in the hardcopy version.

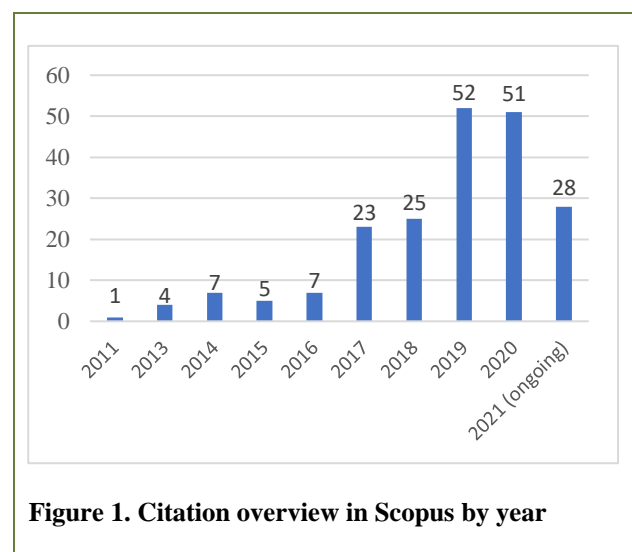


Figure 1. Citation overview in Scopus by year

A major change in this edition is our decision to include review articles. Review articles such as meta-analysis, systematic reviews, and scoping reviews are now the cornerstone of policymaking, particularly regarding the

pandemic. As always, we strive for quality research, and thus any review articles that do not follow well-recognized guidelines such as the PRISMA guideline will be desk-rejected without review.

Here I am happy to introduce a timely article in this edition, which is a scoping review about barriers to vaccination in Indonesia. Resistance towards vaccination is widely recognized as one main hurdle towards managing the pandemic. Indonesia is a country with a population of around 270 million, and thus any significant hurdles must be managed to avoid a humanitarian disaster. In this edition, Hanifah et al. (2021) conducted a scoping review with 24 articles on vaccine hesitancy. They found that multiple factors are responsible for driving vaccine hesitancy behaviors, and the most notable ones are beliefs, attitudes, motivation related to health and prevention, social economics, the role of healthcare workers, and cost. Therefore, they recommended a multidimensional approach in combating vaccine hesitancy behaviors.

On top of that, we have diverse studies in this edition. There is a study on mobile phone in Vietnam (Huijsman, 2021), behavior changes in the context of COVID-19 in Japan (Budianto & Nishikori, 2021), work-life balance (Usman et al., 2021) and job burnout (Usman et al., 2021) in Pakistan, social issues related to farmers in Indonesia (Saharuddin et al., 2021; Sudrajat et al., 2021), expressive writing intervention in the Philippines (Cayubit, 2021), internet addiction in Taiwan (Simanjuntak & Ko, 2021) emotional intelligence in Thailand (Kim, et al., 2021) and multiculturalism in Indonesia (Priwati et al., 2021). We hope that you enjoy reading this edition as much as we do in reviewing these articles.

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