INTRODUCTION

The Management Accounting Section of the American Accounting Association publishes the *Journal of Management Accounting Research (JMAR)*. Its objective is to contribute to improving the theory and practice of management accounting by promoting high-quality applied and theoretical research. The audience for this publication is the community of scholars and practitioners worldwide whose work impacts or is otherwise informed by the role that accounting information plays in decision-making within organizations.

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SUBMISSION AND ACCEPTANCE LEVELS

Table 1 shows the number of papers submitted to *Journal of Management Accounting Research* for the period from 2014 to 2017.

TABLE 1
Annual Activity Summary – For the Journal Year

	Manuscripts			Manuscripts		Manuscripts
	In-Process,	New Submissions	Resubmissions	Available	Decision	In-Process,
Year	Beginning of Year	Received	Received	for Evaluation	Letters Sent	End of Year
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(a)+(b)+(c)	(e)	(d)–(e)
				= (d)		= (f)
2017	58	88	81	227	206	21
2016	34	108	62	204	146	58
2015	14	83	55	152	118	34
2014	20	70	28	118	104	14

- (a) Includes submissions in the editor's hands, but excludes revise and resubmit editorial decisions in authors' hands.
- (b) New manuscripts, excluding resubmissions.
- (c) Resubmissions of previous revise and resubmit editor decisions.
- (d) Evaluation means all actions by referees, associate editor, and/or editor are complete and the manuscript has been returned to the authors.
- (e) Manuscripts processed with a decision returned to the author, including manuscripts returned by the editor without involving referees.
- (f) Submissions where a decision has not yet been sent to the author (note that in-process excludes revise and resubmit editorial decisions that are now in the authors' hands).

Table 2 shows acceptance and rejection rates for the period from 2014 to 2017.

TABLE 2
Annual Outcome Summary – By Journal Year Annual Cohort

	New			Number of			
	Submissions	Number of	Percentage of	Papers	Percentage in	Number of	Percentage of
Year	Received	Rejections	Rejections	in Process	Process	Acceptances	Acceptances
	(a)	(b)	(c) = b)/(a)	(d)	(e)=(d)/(a)	(f)	(g)=(f)/(a)
2017	88	42	48%	40	45%	6	7%
2016	109	72	67%	20	18%	16	15%
2015	83	53	64%	2	2%	28	34%
2014	70	45	64%	0	0%	25	36%

- (a) Number of submitted manuscripts from that year's cohort
- (b) Percent of rejected manuscripts from that year's cohort
- (c) Number of manuscripts still being evaluated (no report yet, revise, resubmit)
- (d) Percent of manuscripts from that year's cohort still being evaluated
- (e) Number of accepted manuscripts from that year's cohort
- (f) Percent accepted manuscripts from that year's cohort



AAA DIGITAL LIBRARY and CONTENT AGGREGATOR DOWNLOAD DATA

The American Accounting Association publishes 17 journals in the areas of accounting research, education, practice, and public interest. Table 3 shows the download of articles from the AAA's Digital Library (http://www.aaajournals.org) and content aggregators (EBSCO, JSTOR, and/or Proquest) in 2016.

TABLE 3
2016 AAA Digital Library and Content Aggregators Downloads (Full-Text)

Journals	Downloads
The Accounting Review*	974,213
Accounting Horizons*	271,726
Issues in Accounting Education*	216,922
Auditing: A Journal of Practice & Theory	203,106
Journal of Management Accounting Research	102,280
Current Issues in Auditing	95,046
Journal of Information Systems	86,981
Behavioral Research in Accounting	56,410
The Journal of the American Taxation Association	36,369
Journal of International Accounting Research	34,708
Journal of Emerging Technologies in Accounting	11,865
Journal of Governmental & Nonprofit Accounting	10,876
Accounting and the Public Interest	9,652
The ATA Journal of Legal Tax Research	5,788
Journal of Financial Reporting	2,590
Journal of Forensic Accounting Research	441

^{*} Association-wide journal.

Other Important Statistics

- 1. *Journal of Management Accounting* is ranked #43 of 127 Accounting journals (Business, Management, and Accounting: Accounting; CiteScore, Elsevier, 2017).
- 2. Median time to first decision (2017): 56 days
- 3. Median time to final decision (2017): 63 days
- 4. Percentage of international authors: 46%



TOP 10 ARTICLES (AAA Digital Library, 2017)

- 1. What Is Corporate Sustainability and How Do Firms Practice It? A Management Accounting Perspective Satish Joshi, Yue Li
- 2. Management Accounting: What Ails Thee? *Ranjani Krishnan*
- Voluntary Corporate Social Responsibility Reporting: A Study of Early and Late Reporter Motivations and Outcomes
 - Alnoor Bhimani, Hanna Silvola, Prabhu Sivabalan
- 4. Introduction: Management Accounting Research: Knowledge Base, Themes, and Future Directions *Brian Mittendorf*
- 5. Cost Management Research Rajiv D. Banker, Dmitri Byzalov, Shunlan Fang, Yi Liang
- 6. The Balanced Scorecard: The Effect of Strategy Information on Performance Evaluation Judgments *Kerry A. Humphreys, Ken T. Trotman*
- 7. Creativity Research in Management Accounting: A Commentary Gerhard Speckbacher
- 8. Management Control for Stimulating Different Types of Creativity: The Role of Budgets *Martine Cools, Kristof Stouthuysen, Alexandra Van den Abbeele*
- 9. Who Are You to Tell Me That?! The Moderating Effect of Performance Feedback Source and Psychological Entitlement on Individual Performance

 D. Kip Holderness, Kari Joseph Olsen, Todd A. Thornock
- 10. The Effect of High Power Financial Incentives on Excessive Risk-Taking Behavior: An Experimental Examination *Alisa G. Brink, Jessen L. Hobson, Douglas E. Stevens*

TOP ISSUE USAGE (AAA Digital Library, 2017)

Rank		Number of Views
1	Summer 2016	2,815
2	Spring 2015	1,547
3	Fall 2016	785
4	Online Early	520
5	Spring 2016	489



TOP KEYWORD SEARCH (AAA Digital Library, 2015–2017)

Keyword		Searches Run
1.	Management	24,213
2.	Auditing	24,201
3.	Audit	22,129
4.	IFRS	20,722
5.	Audit quality	18,877
6.	Governance	15,618
7.	Accounting	14,576
8.	Financial accounting	13,753
9.	Earnings	13,053
10.	Auditor fees	12,313

CITATION INDICES

This section provides data on rankings drawn from Scopus (Elsevier, 2017), presents citation counts from Elsevier's new CiteScore, and includes international journal listings and ratings from the most recent data available.

Scopus Rankings

An important measure of the quality of a journal is to understand how its intellectual contributions are valued by measuring the extent of citations made to papers published in that journal. Elsevier's Scopus database of abstracts and citation of peer-reviewed papers has 50m records in more than 22,000 titles published by 5,000 publishers (http://www.elsevier.com/online-tools/scopus). Scopus provides a foundation for new journal metrics that have become increasingly influential in recent years (http://www.journalmetrics.com). Important metrics based on Scopus include Source-Normalized Impact per Paper (SNIP) and SCImago Journal Rank (SJR). Journal citation metrics based on Scopus are increasingly seen by many senior university administrators as a means of normalizing the differences in publishing patterns between disciplines.

The key aspect of SNIP is to measure citation impact by "normalizing" citation values for the radically different patterns of citation between disciplines. SNIP also counters the various manipulations of citation rankings. The summary of SNIP is:

- "Takes a research field's citation frequency into account
- Considers immediacy—how quickly a paper is likely to have an impact in a given field
- Accounts for how well the field is covered by the underlying database
- Counters any potential for editorial manipulation" (http://www.journalmetrics.com)

The key aspect of SJR is the recognition that not all citations are equal. A citation in a more influential journal should count more than a citation in a less influential journal. The summary of SJR is:

- "Is weighted by the prestige of the journal, thereby 'leveling the playing field' among journals
- Eliminates manipulation: the only way to raise the SJR ranking is publish in more reputable journals
- 'Shares' a journal's prestige equally over the total number of citations in that journal
- Normalizes for differences in citation behavior between subject fields" (http://www.journalmetrics.com)

Table 4 shows the SNIP and SJR rankings for 2014 to 2016 (most recent data) with comparable data for AAA peers, as well as those in the accounting and information systems disciplines.



TABLE 4
SNIP and SJR Rankings: 2014–2016

Source Title		SNIP			SJR	
	2016	2015	2014	2016	2015	2014
Journal of Management Accounting Research	1.204	0.398	0.574	0.964	0.783	0.623
AAA Peers						
Accounting and the Public Interest	0.799	0.394	0.222	0.206	0.299	0.152
Accounting Historians Journal	0.072	0.934	n/a	0.125	0.506	n/a
Accounting Horizons	1.099	1.909	1.319	0.926	1.063	1.148
Auditing: A Journal of Practice & Theory	1.913	1.857	1.538	2.133	1.652	2.881
Behavioral Research in Accounting	1.188	0.900	0.772	0.833	0.642	0.737
Current Issues in Auditing	0.386	0.248	0.311	0.270	0.229	0.303
Issues in Accounting Education	1.075	1.062	1.109	0.582	0.765	0.481
Journal of the American Taxation Association	1.097	0.535	0.534	1.462	0.859	1.199
Journal of Emerging Technologies in Accounting	0.648	0.283	0.384	0.161	0.139	0.304
Journal of Information Systems	1.535	1.199	1.001	0.718	0.643	1.001
Journal of International Accounting Research	1.510	0.942	0.726	0.379	0.478	0.505
The Accounting Review	2.298	3.237	2.434	3.571	4.478	4.578
Accounting and Finance Peers						
Accounting, Auditing & Accountability Journal	1.611	1.507	1.166	1.579	0.880	0.765
Accounting & Finance	1.035	1.256	1.225	0.607	0.547	0.426
Accounting, Organizations and Society	2.004	2.813	2.269	2.451	2.515	2.616
British Accounting Review	1.754	2.065	1.339	0.746	0.711	0.482
Contemporary Accounting Research	2.681	1.774	2.016	3.190	2.594	3.513
European Accounting Review	1.718	1.504	1.057	1.418	0.828	0.871
Journal of Accounting & Economics	3.787	3.507	2.969	7.662	6.834	5.652
Journal of Accounting and Public Policy	1.884	1.478	1.289	1.530	1.030	0.853
Journal of Accounting Research	3.111	2.649	2.071	6.172	5.733	5.425
Journal of Finance	5.685	4.786	6.036	20.973	14.54	21.48
Journal of Financial Economics	4.604	4.028	4.599	13.218	9.920	12.72
Management Accounting Research	3.479	2.715	1.957	2.494	1.913	1.504
Review of Accounting Studies	1.687	1.708	1.576	2.867	2.039	2.284

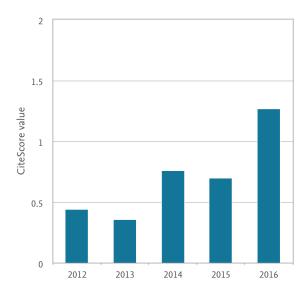
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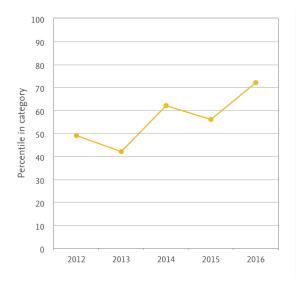


CiteScore

In 2016, CiteScore was added to the Scopus metrics. CiteScore measures the citations on articles published in the previous 3 years. All article types are counted. Scopus metrics now include Source Normalized Impact per Paper (SNIP), SCImago Journal Rank (SJR), and citation and document counts and percentage cited (CiteScore). Another way of looking at this is SNIP is article impact, SJR is the journal impact, and CiteScore is a view of the journal's citation analysis. The following images show the CiteScore trend for *JMAR*, and the CiteScore table lists the CiteScore for each AAA journal indexed in Scopus.

CiteScore trend





Source: CiteScore, Elsevier, 2017.



		CiteScore, 2017
Journal	2016 Cit	ations/2013-2015 docs
Accounting Historians Journal	0.06	2 cites/33 docs
Accounting Horizons	1.67	230 cites/138 docs
Accounting and the Public Interest	0.36	9 cites/25 docs
Accounting Review, The	2.97	739 cites/249 docs
ATA Journal of Legal Tax Research	0.00	0 cites/26 docs
Auditing: A Journal of Practice & Theory	2.50	298 cites/119 docs
Behavioral Research in Accounting	1.48	62 cites/42 docs
Current Issues in Auditing	0.33	19 cites/57 docs
Issues in Accounting Education	0.68	71 cites/104 docs
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Journal of the American Taxation Association	1.24	62 cites/50 docs
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Journal of Emerging Technologies in Accounting	0.86	18 cites/21 docs
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Journal of Forensic Accounting Research	new	new
Journal of Governmental & Nonprofit Accounting	n/a	n/a
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Journal of Information Systems	2.26	165 cites/73 docs
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Journal of International Accounting Research	1.03	31 cites/30 docs
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Journal of Management Accounting Research	1.27	71 cites/56 docs
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POSITIONING IN INTERNATIONAL RANKINGS

Journal of Management Accounting Research is in a number of international journal rankings, as tracked by the Harzing Journal Quality List (http://www. harzing.com, updated April 2017). The following table lists JMAR's position on selected rankings, along with those of peers from the accounting and finance disciplines. Detailed explanations of the selected rankings follow

Journal of Management Accounting Research ranks as A on the widely followed Australian Business Deans Council (ABDC) journal list.

	TABLE 5					
Journal of Management Ac	Journal of Management Accounting Research in International Rankings					
Journal	ABDC 2016	EJL 2016	ESS 2016	HEC 2011	UQ 2011	
Journal of Management Accounting Research†	A	S	1	B+	1	
Accounting Peers						
Accounting and the Public Interest†	В					
Accounting Historians Journal†	В			В	3	
Accounting Horizons†	A	S	2	В	2	
Accounting, Auditing & Accountability Journal	A	S	1	B+	1	
Accounting, Organizations and Society	A*	P+	0+	A	1	
Auditing: A Journal of Practice & Theory†	A*	P	1	B+	2	
Behavioral Research in Accounting†	A	S	2	B+	2	
British Accounting Review	A	S	2	В	2	
Contemporary Accounting Research	A*	P+	0	A	1	
Current Issues in Auditing†	В					
European Accounting Review	A*	P	1	A	2	
International Journal of Accounting	A		1	В	4	
International Journal of Auditing	A			В	3	
Issues in Accounting Education†	A		2	C	2	
Journal of Accounting & Economics	A*	P+	0+	A	1	
Journal of Accounting and Public Policy	A	S	1	B+	2	
Journal of Accounting Research	A*	P+	0+	A	1	
Journal of Business Finance & Accounting	A	P	1	B+	2	
Journal of Emerging Technologies in Accounting	C					
Journal of Governmental & Nonprofit Accounting†	В					
Journal of Information Systems†	A		2	В	2	
Journal of International Accounting Research†	A	S	2	C	3	
Journal of Management Accounting Research†	Α	S	1	B+	1	
Management Accounting Research	A*	P	1	B+	2	
Review of Accounting Studies	A*	P+	0	A	2	
The Accounting Review†	A*	P+	0+	A	1	

 $[\]dagger$ Denotes the journal is published by the American Accounting Association.



Australian Business Deans Council Journal Rankings List (2016)

The influence of this ranking goes well beyond Australia.

Rank	Interpretation
A*	Best or leading journal in its field—publishes outstanding, original, and rigorous research that will shape the field. Acceptance rates are typically low and the editorial board is dominated by leading scholars in the field or subfield, including from top institutions in the world. Where relevant to the field or subfield, the journal has the highest impact factors or other indices of high reputation.
A	Highly regarded journal in the field or subfield—publishes excellent research in terms of originality, significance, and rigor; has competitive submission and acceptance rates; excellent refereeing process; and, where relevant to the field or subfield, has higher than average impact factors. Not all highly regarded journals have high impact factors, especially those in niche areas.
В	Well-regarded journal in the field or subfield—publishes research of a good standard in terms of originality, significance, and rigor, and papers are fully refereed according to good standards and practices but acceptance rates are higher than for Tiers A* and A. Depending on the field or subfield, will have a modest impact factor and will be ISI-listed.
С	A recognized journal—publishes research that is of a modest standard and/or is yet to establish its reputation because of its newness. This tier is more inclusive than the other categories. Only includes refereed journals.

EJL 2016 — Erasmus Research Institute of Management Journals Listing (The Netherlands)

Rank	Interpretation
P+	Top journals among P
P	Best journals in the field
PA	Top international journals (aspirant)
S	Scientific refereed journals of a recognized academic reputation that do not reach the quality levels of the Primary Set (P)
M*	Top managerial journal

ESS 2016—ESSEC Business School Paris

Rank	Interpretation
0+	Recognized internationally as the best in the discipline
0	Excellence at a level close to the top journals in the field
1	High-level scientific journals of international reputation and circulation
2	Generally national-circulation journals, or international journals of lesser reputation
3	Journals with a very narrow circulation or low profile

HEC 2011—Hautes Études Commerciales de Paris Ranking List

An amalgam of five rankings including *Financial Times*' Journals List (2010), and ABS (Association of Business Schools) (UK) Academic Journal Quality Guide.

Rank	Interpretation
A	Highest quality rating
B+ and B	Intermediate quality ratings
C	Lowest quality rating



*UQ 2011—The University of Queensland Adjusted ERA Rankings List*This list is a combination of The University of Queensland 2007 list and the ERA (Excellence in Research for Australia) list. The ERA list is a national ranking.

Rank	Interpretation
1	Highest quality rating, A* ERA
2	Intermediate quality rating, A ERA
3	Intermediate quality rating, B ERA
4	Lowest quality rating, C ERA

