Top 50 Bioethics Journals and Top 250 Most Cited Bioethics Articles Since 2011, 2016 Edition

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This 2016 edition of the “top bioethics journals and articles” list includes updated rankings for bioethics journals and new citation metrics for articles published in 2015, as well as updates for previous years’ top articles. Links to the publisher pages are included for each article as well as links to their citation page on Google Scholar. The average H5 index for the top fifty-two journals is 13.38, with a tied high of 28 and a minimum of 6.

Here are the top top 52 journals and 252 most cited articles from the top bioethics journals published in 2009 through 2015. View the Top Articles by Year: 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011.

About this Analysis

This is an updated citation analysis for 2011 through 2015 of the top 100 bioethics journals. I’ve included the top 50 journals and the top cited articles per year including the h5 ranking. Just over 20,000 articles were analyzed in this dataset, shared here as a spreadsheet. If you're interested in using this study in a publication or presentation please let me know so I can share a link to your research on this blog post.

I utilized Harzing’s Publish or Perish software over a period of 10 days to gather this new data in May, 2016. The citation metrics are from Google Scholar's index.

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Bioethics Journal Impact Analysis

This analysis uses the h5 index measurement in Publish or Perish Citation information data gathered in May, 2016. The Google Scholar metrics are based on data in their index as of June, 2015. More notes about accuracy available here: http://www.harzing.com/pophelp/accuracy.htm
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Top Bioethics Articles by Year

2015

56 with 9 or more citations.
*Top citations calculated as of May, 2016. These rankings are likely skewed more heavily towards those published earlier in the year.

1. “Withdrawing artificial nutrition and hydration from minimally conscious and vegetative patients: family perspectives“. C Kitzinger, J Kitzinger. *Journal of Medical Ethics* 28 cites
4. “Problems with traditional science publishing and finding a wider niche for post-publication peer review“. JA Teixeira da Silva, J Dobránszki. *Accountability in research* 24 cites
5. “Toward interventions to address moral distress Navigating structure and agency“. LC Musto, PA Rodney, R Vanderheide. *Nursing ethics* 20 cites
6. “A threat to autonomy? The intrusion of predictive brain implants“. F Gilbert. *AJOB neuroscience* 20 cites
7. “Suicide tourism: a pilot study on the Swiss phenomenon“. S Gauthier, J Mausbach, T Reisch…. *Journal of medical ethics* 19 cites
12. “Selecting the right tool for the job”. AL Caplan, C Plunkett, B Levin. ... *American Journal of Bioethics* 17 cites
14. “Beyond bench and bedside: Disentangling the concept of translational research”. AL van der Laan, M Boenink. *Health Care Analysis* 17 cites
17. “Personal utility in genomic testing: is there such a thing?”. EM Bunnik, ACJW Janssens.... *Journal of medical ethics* 14 cites
19. “A code of ethics for health care ethics consultants: Journey to the present and implications for the field”. AJ Tarzian, LD Wocial.... *The American Journal* ... 14 cites
22. “Young people’s experiences of participation in clinical trials: Reasons for taking part”. M Luchtenberg, E Maeckelberghe.... *The American Journal* ... 13 cites
23. “Reframing problems of incommensurability in environmental conflicts through pragmatic sociology: From value pluralism to the plurality of modes of engagement with ...”. L Centemeri. *Environmental values* 13 cites
26. “Patient perspectives on the learning health system: The importance of trust and shared decision making”. M Kelley, C James, S Alessi Kraft.... *The American Journal* ... 12 cites
27. “Returning a research participant’s genomic results to relatives: analysis and recommendations”. SM Wolf, R Branum, BA Koenig.... ... *, Medicine & Ethics* 12 cites
28. “‘Moral distress’–time to abandon a flawed nursing construct?”. MJ Johnstone, A Hutchinson. *Nursing ethics* 11 cites
29. “Constructing a theoretical model of moral distress”. ELD Barlem, FRS Ramos. *Nursing ethics* 11 cites
31. “Ethics consultation in pediatrics: Long-term experience from a pediatric oncology center“. LM Johnson, CL Church, M Metzger.... The American Journal of... 11 cites
33. “You can’t make me do it, but I could be persuaded: a Federalism perspective on the Affordable Care Act“. SF Haeder, DL Weimer. Journal of health politics, policy and law 11 cites
34. “Why is it hard to make progress in assessing children’s decision-making competence?“. IM Hein, PW Troost, A Broersma..... medical ethics 11 cites
35. “Empathy, justice, and moral behavior“. J Decety, JM Cowell. AJOB Neuroscience 11 cites
37. “Paradigm dressed as epoch: the ideology of the Anthropocene“. J Baskin. Environmental Values 11 cites
39. “Penetrating the omerta of predatory publishing: the romanian connection“. D Djuric. Science and engineering ethics 10 cites
42. “Challenges for principles of need in health care“. N Juth. Health Care Analysis 10 cites
43. “Developing Ethical Practices for Public Health Research Data Sharing in South Africa The Views and Experiences From a Diverse Sample of Research Stakeholders“. SG Denny, B Silaigwana, D Wassenaar..... of Empirical Research ... 10 cites
44. “Rethinking “commercial” surrogacy in Australia“. J Millbank. Journal of bioethical inquiry 10 cites
46. “Positive affect as coercive strategy: conditionality, activation and the role of psychology in UK government workfare programmes“. L Friedli, R Stearn. Medical humanities 10 cites
47. “Revealing the results of whole-genome sequencing and whole-exome sequencing in research and clinical investigations: some ethical issues“. N Hallowell, A Hall, C Alberg, R Zimmern. Journal of medical ethics 9 cites
48. “Limits to relational autonomy—The Singaporean experience”. LKR Krishna, DS Watkinson, NL Beng. *Nursing ethics* 9 cites


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2. “Against autonomy: justifying coercive paternalism“. S Conly. *Journal of medical ethics* 117 cites

3. “Addressing the ethical challenges in genetic testing and sequencing of children”. EW Clayton, LB McCullough, LG Biesecker.... *The American Journal* ... 38 cites

4. “Pascal’s Wager: health insurance exchanges, Obamacare, and the Republican dilemma“. DK Jones, KWV Bradley.... *Journal of health politics*, ... 38 cites


6. “A review of the key issues associated with the commercialization of biobanks“. T Caulfield, S Burningham, Y Joly.... *and the Biosciences* 25 cites
12. “Multiplex parenting: IVG and the generations to come“. C Palacios-González, J Harris, G Testa. *Journal of medical ethics* 20 cites
20. “Learning the requirements for compassionate practice Student vulnerability and courage“. K Curtis. *Nursing Ethics* 18 cites
23. “Stimulating the self: The influence of conceptual frameworks on reactions to deep brain stimulation“. G Mecacci, WFG Haselager. *AJOB Neuroscience* 18 cites
27. “Patient and citizen participation in health: The need for improved ethical support”. L Williamson. The American Journal of Bioethics 17 cites
30. “Public attitudes toward cognitive enhancement”. NS Fitz, R Nadler, P Manogaran, EWJ Chong. Neuroethics 17 cites
31. “Approaches to suffering at the end of life: the use of sedation in the USA and Netherlands”. JAC Rietjens, JR Voorhees, A van der Heide. Journal of medical... 16 cites
33. “Transnational gestational surrogacy: Does it have to be exploitative?”. J Kirby. The American Journal of Bioethics 16 cites
34. “Have we asked too much of consent?”. BA Koenig. Hastings Center Report 16 cites
36. “Moral competence in social robots”. BF Malle, M Scheutz. ... in Science, Technology and Engineering... 16 cites
40. “Nurses' perception of ethical climate, medical error experience and intent-to-leave”. JI Hwang, HA Park. Nursing ethics 15 cites
42. “The challenge of informed consent and return of results in translational genomics: empirical analysis and recommendations”. GE Henderson, SM Wolf, KJ Kuczynski.... ... , Medicine & Ethics 15 cites

46. “Enhancing moral conformity and enhancing moral worth“. T Douglas. *Neuroethics* 15 cites

47. “What is nursing in the 21st century and what does the 21st century health system require of nursing?“. PA Scott, A Matthews, M Kirwan. *Nursing Philosophy* 15 cites

48. “Ebola, epidemics, and ethics-what we have learned“. GK Donovan. *Philosophy, Ethics, and Humanities in ...* 15 cites

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**2013**

This year there are 47 articles with 30 or more citations.


3. “The research–treatment distinction: a problematic approach for determining which activities should have ethical oversight“. NE Kass, RR Faden, SN GooDMAN.... *Hastings Center ...* 88 cites

4. “Improving understanding in the research informed consent process: a systematic review of 54 interventions tested in randomized control trials“. A Nishimura, J Carey, PJ Erwin..... ... *medical ...* 86 cites


6. “What is degrowth? From an activist slogan to a social movement“. F Demaria, F Schneider, F Sekulova.... *Environmental ...* 81 cites


9. “Just how cognitive is “cognitive enhancement”? On the significance of emotions in university students’ experiences with study drugs“. S Vrecko. *AJOB neuroscience* 56 cites


14. “Physicians under the influence: social psychology and industry marketing strategies”. S Sah, A Fugh-Berman. *Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics* 51 cites
17. “Case-based knowledge and ethics education: Improving learning and transfer through emotionally rich cases”. CE Thiel, S Connelly, L Harkrider. *Medical education* 47 cites
18. “I Am Who I Am”: on the perceived threats to personal identity from deep brain stimulation”. F Baylis. *Neuroethics* 46 cites
19. “Did my brain implant make me do it? Questions raised by DBS regarding psychological continuity, responsibility for action and mental competence”. L Klaming, P Haselager. *Neuroethics* 45 cites
20. “Moral distress in nursing Contributing factors, outcomes and interventions”. AS Burston, AG Tuckett. *Nursing Ethics* 44 cites
25. “Salvaging the concept of nudge”. Y Saghai. *Journal of Medical Ethics* 40 cites
29. “Media, politics and science policy: MS and evidence from the CCSVI trenches”. D Pullman, A Zarzeczny. *Medical ethics* 37 cites
31. “PPI, paradoxes and Plato: who’s sailing the ship?”. J Ives, S Damery, S Redwod. *Journal of Medical Ethics* 35 cites
32. “If I could just stop loving you: Anti-love biotechnology and the ethics of a chemical breakup“. BD Earp, OA Wudarczyk, A Sandberg.... *The American Journal ...* 35 cites
34. “Key opinion leaders and the corruption of medical knowledge: what the Sunshine Act will and won’t cast light on“. S Sismondo. *The Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics* 35 cites
35. “Pain perception in disorders of consciousness: neuroscience, clinical care, and ethics in dialogue“. A Demertzi, E Racine, MA Bruno, D Ledoux.... *Neuroethics* 35 cites
39. “Voluntary simplicity and the social reconstruction of law: degrowth from the grassroots up“. S Alexander. *Environmental Values* 33 cites
40. “Me, myself and my brain implant: Deep brain stimulation raises questions of personal authenticity and alienation“. F Kraemer. *Neuroethics* 33 cites
41. “Big bad data: law, public health, and biomedical databases“. S Hoffman, A Podgurski. ... *Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics* 32 cites
42. “Social epigenetics and equality of opportunity“. M Loi, L Del Savio, E Stupka. *Public health ethics* 32 cites
43. “Assessing decision-making capacity in the behaviorally nonresponsive patient with residual covert awareness“. A Peterson, L Naci, C Weijer, D Cruse..... ... *Neuroscience* 31 cites
45. “Vulnerability in research ethics: a way forward“. MM Lange, W Rogers, S Dodds. *Bioethics* 31 cites
46. “The monoamine oxidase A (MAOA) genetic predisposition to impulsive violence: Is it relevant to criminal trials?“. ML Baum. *Neuroethics* 31 cites
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2. “Seeking better health care outcomes: the ethics of using the “nudge““. JS Blumenthal-Barby, H Burroughs. ... *American Journal of Bioethics* 80 cites
4. “Out of bounds? A critique of the new policies on hyperandrogenism in elite female athletes“. K Karkazis, R Jordan-Young, G Davis.... *The American Journal* ... 69 cites
5. “A multidimensional analysis of ethical climate, job satisfaction, organizational commitment, and organizational citizenship behaviors“. CC Huang, CS You, MT Tsai. *Nursing Ethics* 65 cites
6. “To tell the truth, the whole truth, may do patients harm: the problem of the nocebo effect for informed consent“. RE Wells, TJ Kaptchuk. *The American Journal of Bioethics* 63 cites
8. “Development and testing of an instrument to measure moral distress in healthcare professionals“. AB Hamric, CT Borchers, EG Epstein. *AJOB Primary Research* 62 cites
9. “Consequences of clinical situations that cause critical care nurses to experience moral distress“. DL Wiegand, M Funk. *Nursing Ethics* 61 cites
10. “The quality of informed consent: mapping the landscape. A review of empirical data from developing and developed countries“. A Mandava, C Pace, B Campbell, E Emanuel.... *Journal of Medical* ... 60 cites
11. “Human-on-a-chip’dvelopments: a translational cutting-edge alternative to systemic safety assessment and efficiency evaluation of substances in laboratory ...“. U Marx, H Walles, S Hoffmann, G Lindner.... ... *Animals-ATLA* 59 cites
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14. “Those who have the gold make the evidence: How the pharmaceutical industry biases the outcomes of clinical trials of medications“. J Lexchin. *Science and engineering ethics* 53 cites
16. “Adherence, shared decision-making and patient autonomy“. L Sandman, BB Granger, I Ekman, C Munthe. *Medicine, Health Care and* ... 51 cites
17. “Neuroeducation—an overview of an emerging field”. D Ansari, B De Smedt, RH Grabner. Neuroethics 51 cites
18. “Nurses’ perceptions of and responses to morally distressing situations”. C Varcoe, B Pauly, J Storch, L Newton. Nursing Ethics 50 cites
25. “The ethics of ‘public understanding of ethics’—why and how bioethics expertise should include public and patients’ voices”. S Schicktanz, M Schweda, B Wynne. . . , health care and philosophy 45 cites
28. “And lead us (not) into persuasion...? Persuasive technology and the ethics of communication”. A Spahn. Science and engineering ethics 41 cites
29. “Owning genetic information and gene enhancement techniques: why privacy and property rights may undermine social control of the human genome”. AD Moore. Bioethics 41 cites
32. “Seeking consent to genetic and genomic research in a rural Ghanaian setting: a qualitative study of the MalariaGEN experience”. P Tindana, S Bull, L Amenga-Etego. . . . medical ethics 38 cites
34. “A brief historicality of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders: issues and implications for the future of psychiatric canon and practice”. S Kawa, J Giordano. . . , and
35. “Medical futility at the end of life: the perspectives of intensive care and palliative care clinicians“. RJ Jox, A Schaider, G Marckmann.... *Journal of medical... 37 cites*

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37. “Behavior change or empowerment: on the ethics of health-promotion strategies“*. PA Tengland. *Public Health Ethics 37 cites*

38. “Too fast or not too fast: the FDA’s approval of Merck’s HPV vaccine Gardasil“*. L Tomljenovic, CA Shaw. ... *Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics 36 cites*

39. “Person centred care and shared decision making: Implications for ethics, public health and research“*. C Munthe, L Sandman, D Cutas. *Health Care Analysis 36 cites*

40. “Solidarity in contemporary bioethics—towards a new approach“*. B Prainsack, A Buyx. *Bioethics 36 cites*

41. “Moral distress and the contemporary plight of health professionals“*. W Austin. *HEC forum 36 cites*

42. “Visions and ethics in current discourse on human enhancement“*. A Ferrari, C Coenen, A Grunwald. *Nanoethics 35 cites*


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