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Fig 1: Distribution of JBR special issue publications and citations during the period 1973-2020



Fig 2. Co-citation of journals in JBR special issues

Notes: Using VOSviewer and Gephi applications, this figure demonstrates the co-citations of journals in the *JBR* SIs. Size of the nodes depicts citations of the journals in SIs. Links or arrows indicate co-citations. Color depicts the thematic clusters.



Fig. 3. Authors' collaboration in JBR special issues during the period 1973-2020

Note: This figure distributes the number of publications by the number of authors in *JBR* SIs during the period 1973-2020.



Fig. 4. Top seven countries' publications in JBR special issues during different periods between 1973 and 2020

Notes: This figure depicts the contribution share of the top seven authors' affiliated countries in successive periods. It also compares the top 7's trend versus the total contributions of *JBR* SI publications during the period 1973-2020. The total of top 7 countries excludes repetition of articles.



Fig. 5. Evolution of *JBR* special issue clusters during the period 1973-2020

Note: Using VOSviewer, this figure depicts the evolution of the bibliographic coupling clusters of JBR SI documents cited at least once between 1973 and 2020.



Fig. 6. Prominent themes in JBR special versus regular issues during the period 1973-2020

Notes: This figure compares the prominent special versus regular issues' themes in *JBR*. Each node represents a *JBR* theme. Size of the nodes denotes occurrence. Color of the nodes depicts the thematic clusters. Thickness of the arrows joining the nodes depicts co-occurrence of *JBR* themes.



Fig. 7. Influential themes in JBR special versus regular issues during the period 1973-2020

Notes: This figure compares the influential special versus regular issues' themes in *JBR*. Each node represents a *JBR* theme. Size of the nodes denote average citations. Color of the nodes depicts the thematic clusters. Thickness of the arrows joining the nodes depicts co-occurrence of *JBR* themes.

Appendix A



Fig. A1. Co-authorship of authors in JBR special issues during the period 1973-2020

**Notes:** Using VOSviewer and Gephi applications, this figure shows the co-authorship network of authors, publishing minimum 5 documents with at least 100 citations, in *JBR* SIs during the period 1973-2020. Here, color of the nodes depicts the modularity class (clusters) of the *JBR* SI authors. Size of the nodes depicts the degree or prominence of the author within the network. Strength of the links or arrows indicates co-authorships.



Fig. A2. Co-authorship of authors-affiliated institutions in JBR special issues during the period 1973-2020

**Notes:** Using VOSviewer and Gephi applications, this figure shows the co-authorship network of authors' affiliating institutions, publishing minimum 15 documents with at least 100 citations, in *JBR* SIs during the period 1973-2020. Here, color of the nodes depicts the modularity class (clusters) of the *JBR* SI authors' affiliations. Size of the nodes depicts the degree or prominence of the institutions within the network. Strength of the links or arrows indicates co-authorships.



Fig. A3. Co-authorship of authors-affiliated countries in JBR special issues during the period 1973-2020

**Notes:** Using VOSviewer and Gephi applications, this figure shows the co-authorship network of authors' affiliating countries, publishing minimum 5 documents with at least 100 citations, in *JBR* SIs during the period 1973-2020. Here, color of the nodes depicts the modularity class (clusters) of the *JBR* SI authors' affiliated countries. Size of the nodes depicts the degree or prominence of the countries within the network. Strength of the links or arrows indicates co-authorships.