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Providence’s institutional repository, Digital Commons, launched in 2018, serving as the enterprise’s scholarly activity repository.

After several years of successful repository usage and readership tracking, research administration initiated a new request: peer review tracking. The repository previously tracked the number of article submissions but did not assess if content was published in peer reviewed journals.

How can we retroactively and proactively track peer reviewed articles on our institutional repository?

Simple ask, complicated answer.

1. Assess all articles collected on repository
2. Check for duplicate journal titles
3. Pull preexisting lists of peer reviewed content
4. Check unknown journal titles on publisher sites

After finalizing the cumulative spreadsheet and duplicate identifier rules, staff could quickly add journal titles from monthly scholarly submissions, compare titles to what exist on the cumulative spreadsheet, and identify potentially new titles for reporting.

The project was well received by research leadership and administration and gives library staff a unique foothold with new and emerging research metrics for the healthcare system. Collecting peer reviewed data has allowed the repository to better report on the number of journal titles submitted, peer versus non-peer reviewed articles, and break down reporting structures monthly and annually for stakeholder needs.