

## Preface

"Population Health Metrics" (PHM) is a BioMed Central "open access, peer-reviewed, online journal featuring innovative research that addresses all aspects of the measurement of population health, including concepts, methods, ethics, and results." PHM is one of the few journals that focuses on population health and all of its sub-disciplines. The journal is edited by co-editors-in-chief, Christopher J.L. Murray and Alan D. Lopez and is further supported by a 25-person expert Editorial Board. The journal "is tracked by Thomson Reuters (ISI) and has a 2014 Impact Factor of 3.347.<sup>1</sup>

In the present book, fifteen typical literatures about Population Health Metrics published on international authoritative journals were selected to introduce the worldwide newest progress, which contains reviews or original researches on people with alcohol dependence, age-specific mortality statistics, cross-sectional average length, ect. We hope this book can demonstrate advances in Population Health Metrics as well as give references to the researchers, students and other related people.

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<sup>1</sup> From Wikipedia: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Population\\_Health\\_Metrics](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Population_Health_Metrics)