

# General practitioner doctoral candidates in Australia 2005 to 2009

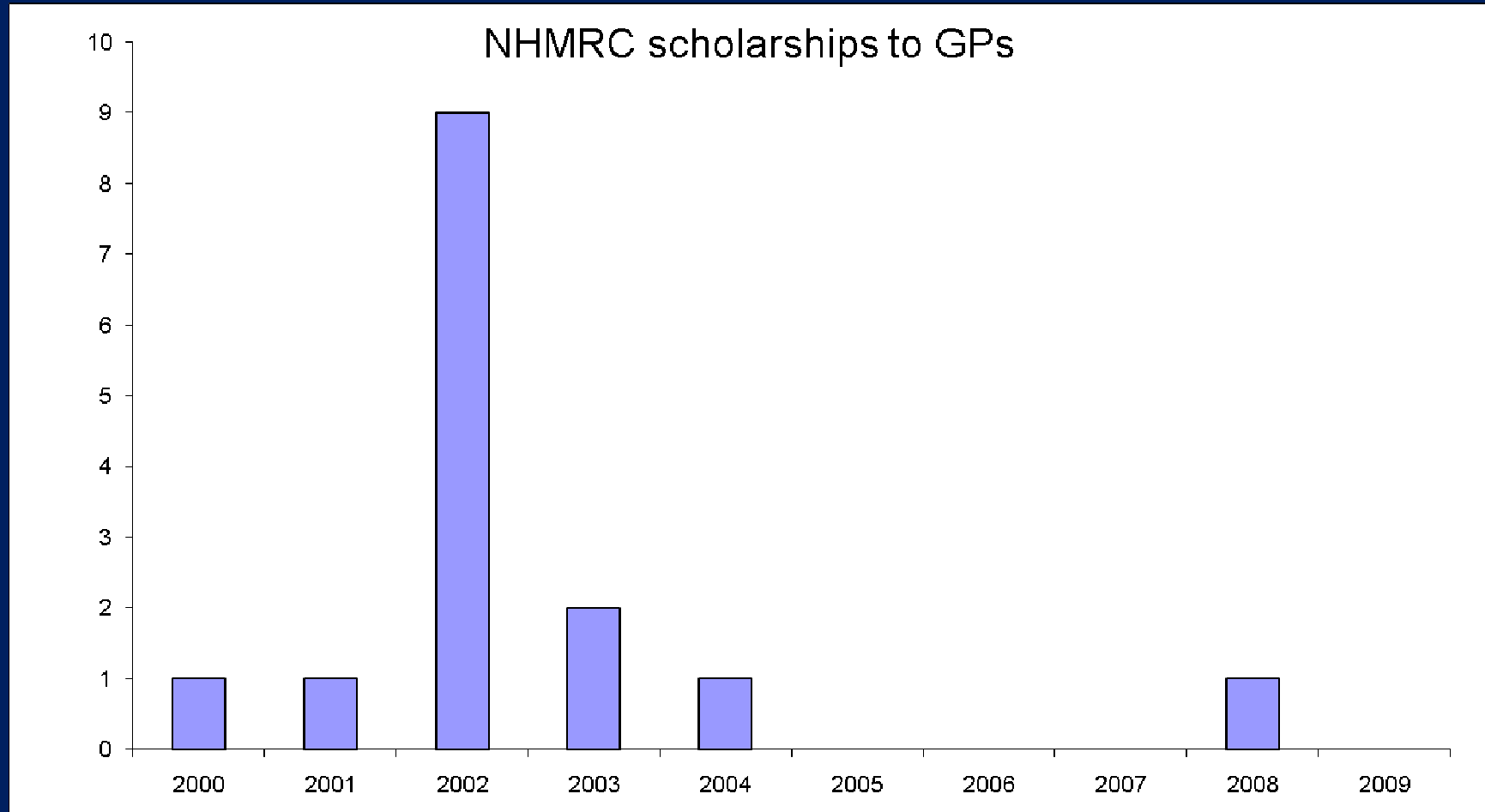
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# Turning this into this?



# Background



# Methodology

- Asked Heads of GP Departments participating in PHCRED how many current doctoral candidates were GPs and how many doctoral theses submitted between 1 Jan 2005 to 31 Dec 2009 came from GPs.
- Identified theses from university databases
- Identified data from Medical Registers, NHMRC reports, Medical Directory of Australia, ROAR, Journal Articles & a Google search that confirmed GP status and indicated personal characteristics
- GP Departments asked to confirm findings

# Findings

- 37 Candidates
- 20 Men
- 17 Women
- 7 MDs
- 30 PhDs
- 19 University employees
- 14 Scholarships
- 4 Heads of Department
- 5 RACGP Council members
- 1 AMA Council of General Practice member

# University

University	Current candidate	Awarded Doctorate	Primary medical degree
Adelaide *	4	3	6
ANU *	0	0	-
Bond	0	0	-
Charles Darwin		1	-
Flinders	1	2	2
James Cook	2	2	-
Melbourne *	3	3	3
Monash *		3	3
Newcastle	2	6	2
New South Wales *	3	1	3
Notre Dame	0	0	-
Oxford	-	-	1
Queensland *	1	6	6
Sydney *	2	4	5
Tasmania	0	4	3
West Australia *	1	2	3

# Other Qualifications

Qualifications	Number	Percentage	Pearce et al survey 2003	Beach 2005-6
FRACGP	31	86%	36%	41%
FACRRM	7	19%	5%	
FAFPHM	4	11%		
FRCP	1	3%		
MRCGP	2	6%		
Diploma of Obstetrics	13	36%	10%	
Masters Degree	18	47%	5%	

# Location of Practice

Locality	Number	Percentage	Beach 2005-6
ASGC 1	26	69%	72%
ASGC 2	7	19%	19%
ASCG 3	5	14%	8%
RRMA 1	19	50%	69%
RRMA 2	10	28%	7%
RRMA 3	1	3%	6%
RRMA 4	4	11%	6%
RRMA 5	3	8%	11%

# Time from medical degree until thesis submission

Number



# Publications

655 Medline publications

Range 1-71

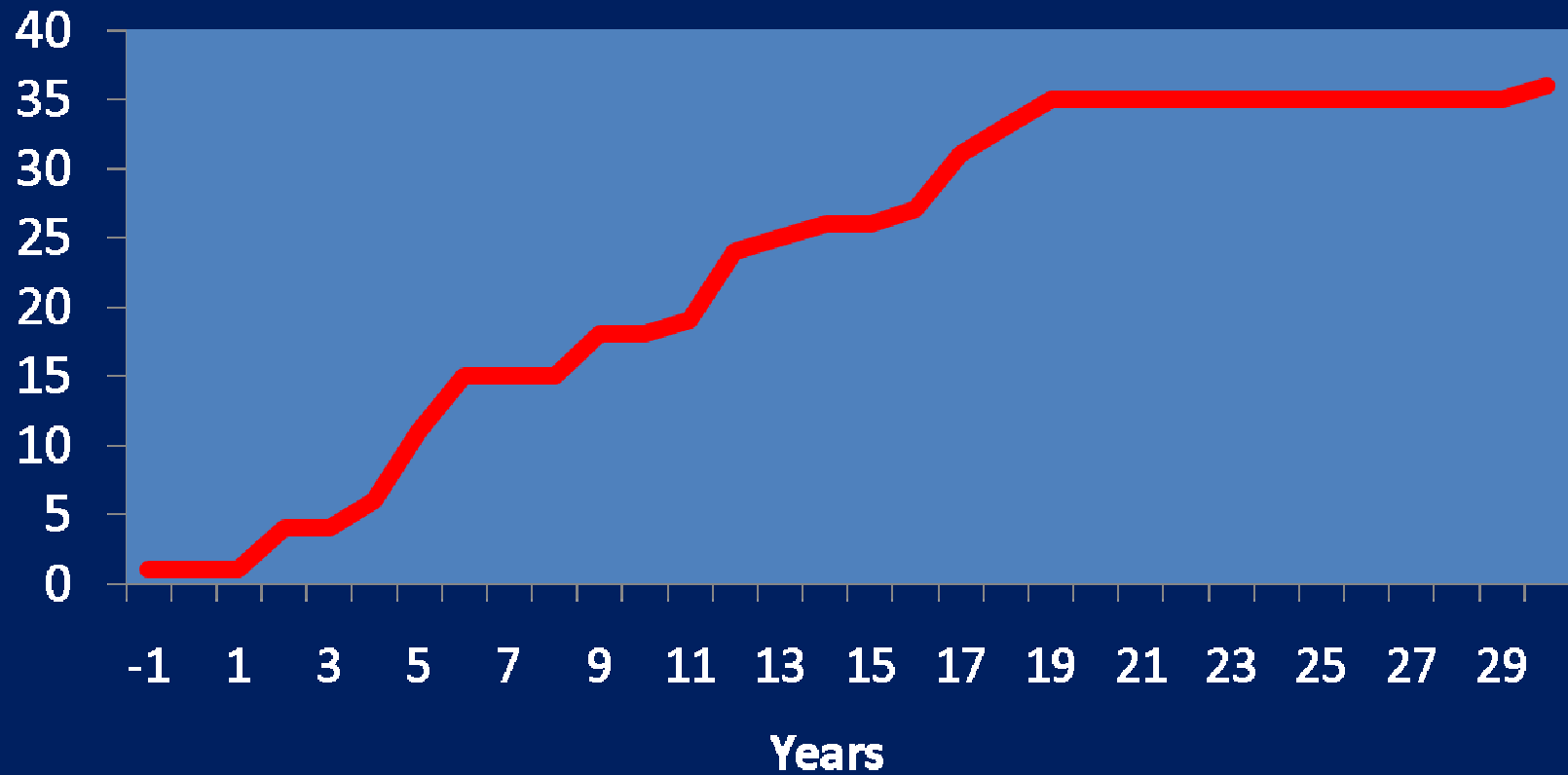
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Common journals

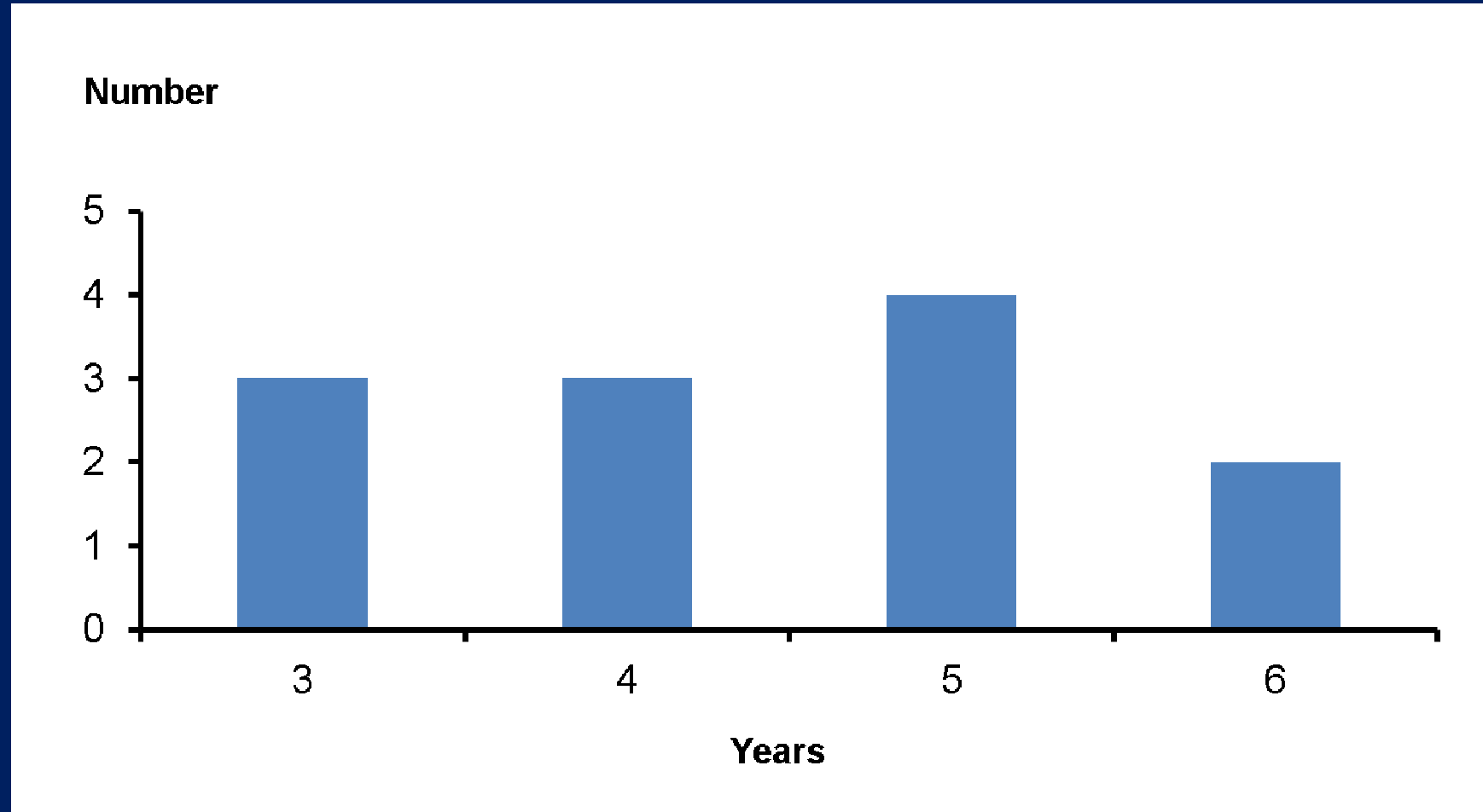
MJA	AFP	AHR	AJRH
207	7	21	121
18.59%	31.80%	1.08%	3.23%

# Time between first publication and thesis submission

Number



# Year Post Scholarship Thesis Submitted



# Barriers to Research

- Time
- Practice Commitments
- Money
- Fear of Failure/ embarrassment
- Complexity of Practice
- Lack of academic support

# 25% of Tasmanian GP PhDs

