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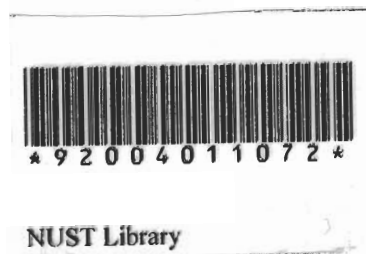
**AN EVALUATION OF THE USE AND IMPACT OF ELECTRONIC  
JOURNALS IN THE UNIVERSITY OF ZIMBABWE LIBRARY**

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## **ABSTRACT**

The research study investigates the level of use of electronic journals at the University of Zimbabwe and assesses the impact the journals have had in the institution. Exploration is done on the role played by the library in ensuring optimal utilisation of the electronic resources. The research used the descriptive design, employed the use of questionnaires and interviews as instruments of data collection. The population of the study included lecturers and postgraduates who added up to 110 and 16 librarians. The sampling technique used was the stratified random sampling. Data presentation was done using tables, graphs and charts created using Microsoft Excel. The findings of the study indicate that the level of awareness of the existence of electronic journals in the institution is on the upward trend. It is therefore, recommended that the library embarks on a vigorous marketing drive and increase access to the electronic journals. Information Literacy Skills training should be cascaded to lecturers and postgraduate students.