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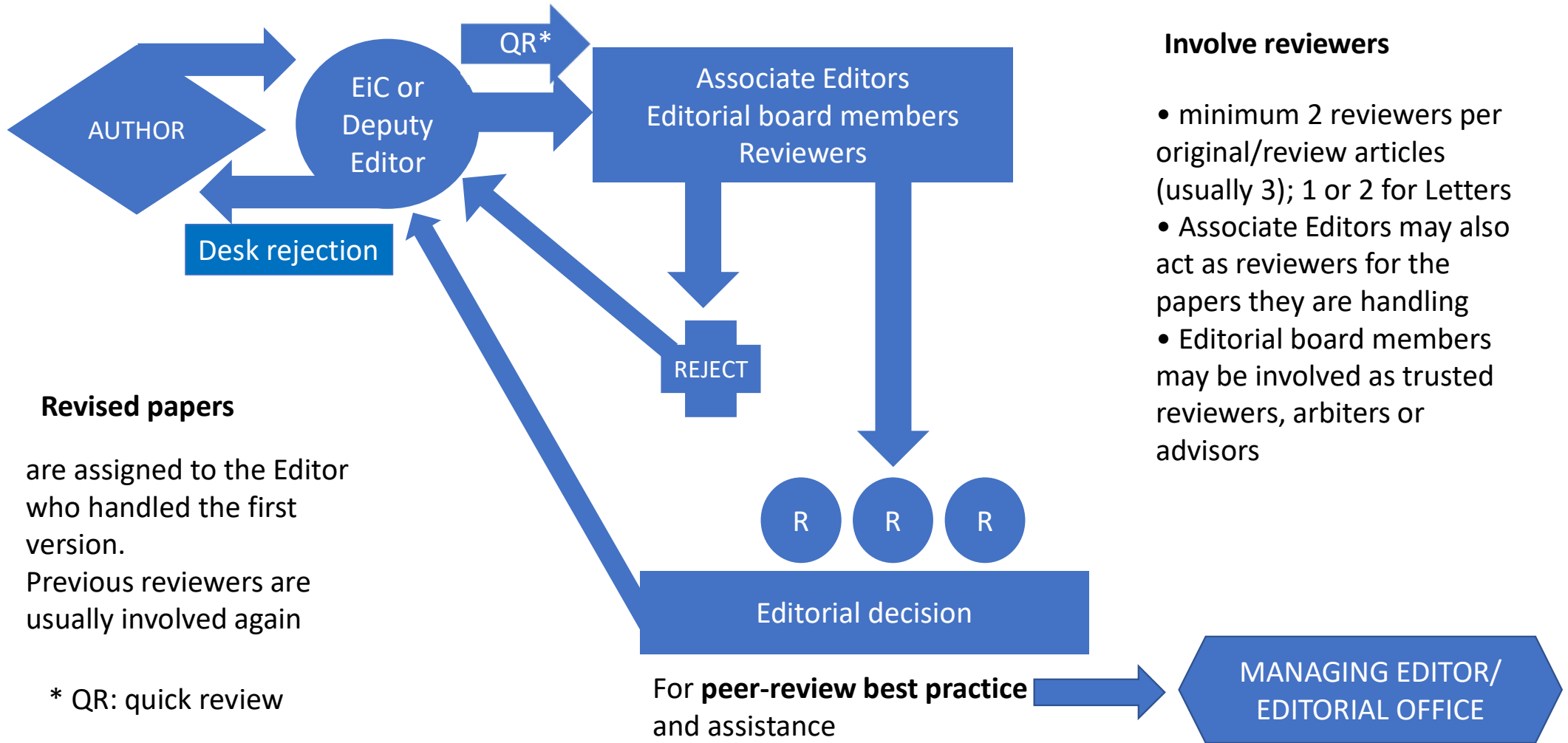
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Peer-review workflow



Uniform criteria




- Topic should be of interest for the clinical internist (no animal studies or too specialist issues).
- High scientific quality: consider the limits of:
 - Retrospective observational studies
 - Administrative data-base studies
 - Sub-analysis of registries or trials
 - Opinion surveys
 - Repetitive work
 - COVID-19 papers
- No geographic prejudice but consider articles from non European countries but extra attention.
- Articles that are sound/interesting but do not reach sufficient priority for publication as a full paper due to small sample size or other limitations may be resubmitted as a Letter.
- Commentaries and Editorials may be invited about issues that have a potential to raise discussion, widen its reach and serve as a survey of clinical opinions.
- Statistical analysis should be properly described and be sound.

Journal Structure



 Source items

 Non-source items

Type of articles received

Spontaneous

- Original articles
- Review Articles
- Letter-to-the-Editor
- Internal Medicine Flashcards

Invited

- Commentaries and Editorials
- Review Articles
- Editorials:
 - Ideas and Opinions*
 - Clinical insights*
 - Beyond the Guidelines*
 - Clinical controversies*

Publishing space

(per Editors' strategy)

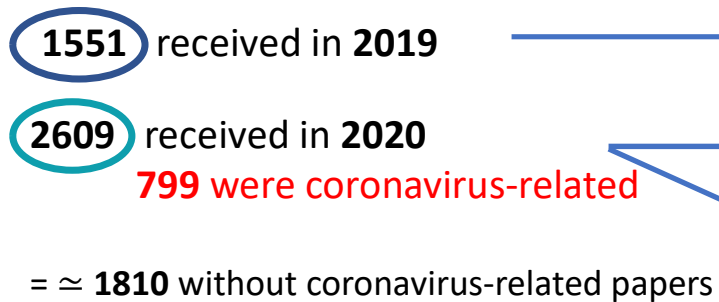
12 Issues/year

No more than **10-12 source items**/issue
per month or **120 per year**

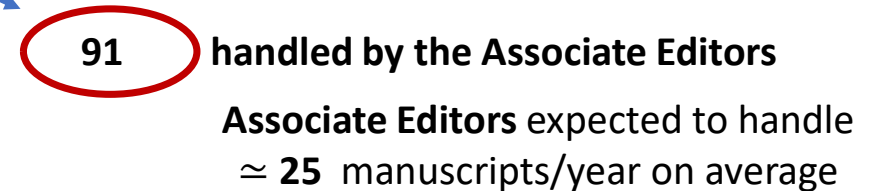
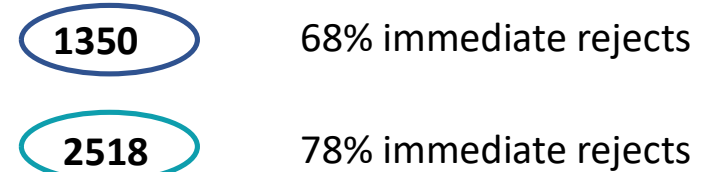
No limit for **non-source items**

Peer-review

Total submissions



Manuscripts handled by EiC



Fast and fair decisions



Time from Submission to first decision:

24.1 days in **2019**

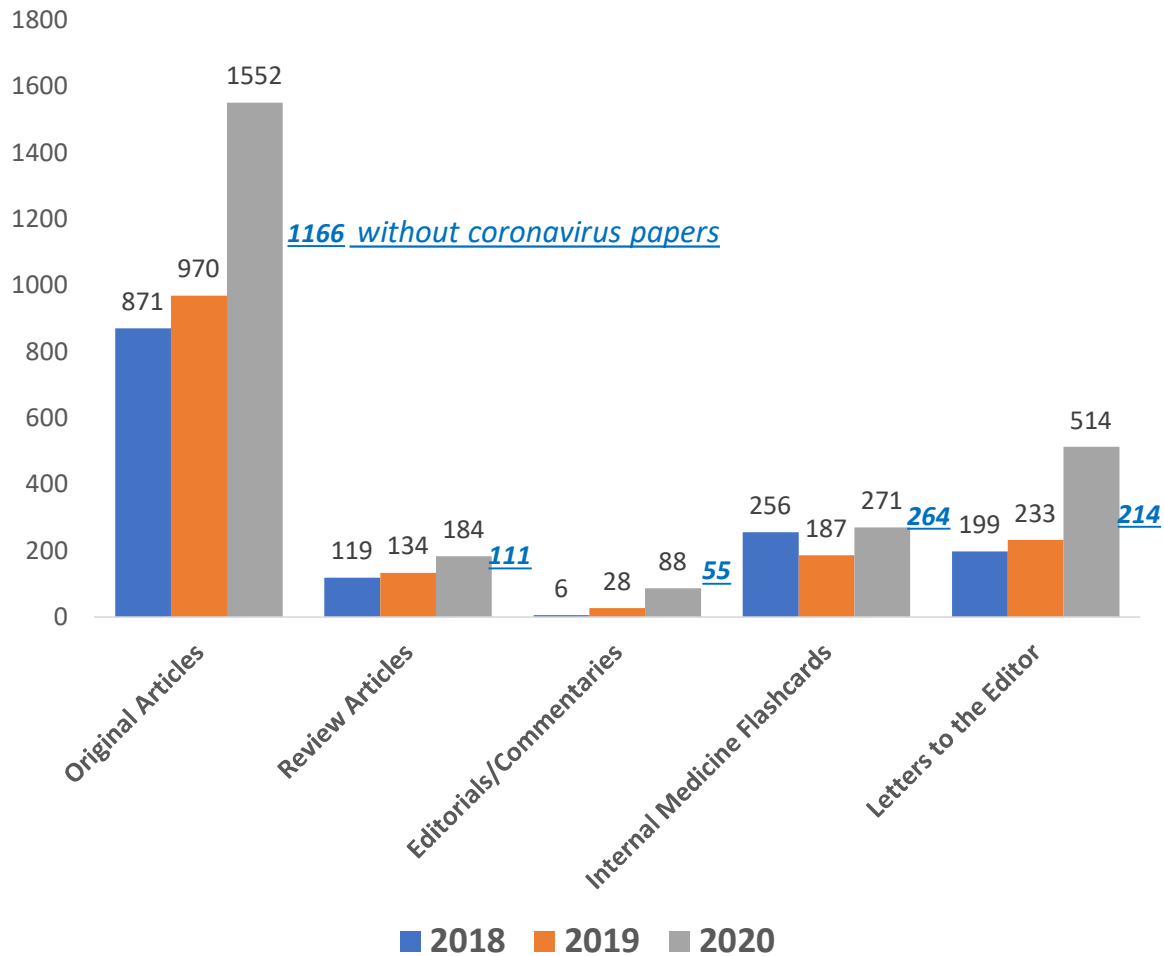
13.7 days in **2020**

EJIM among Elsevier's best performing journals
Speed and fairness of peer-review: a mark of quality

2 weeks: time reviewers are asked to review a paper

20 days: average time in which authors resubmit a revision

Manuscripts per article type 2018-2020



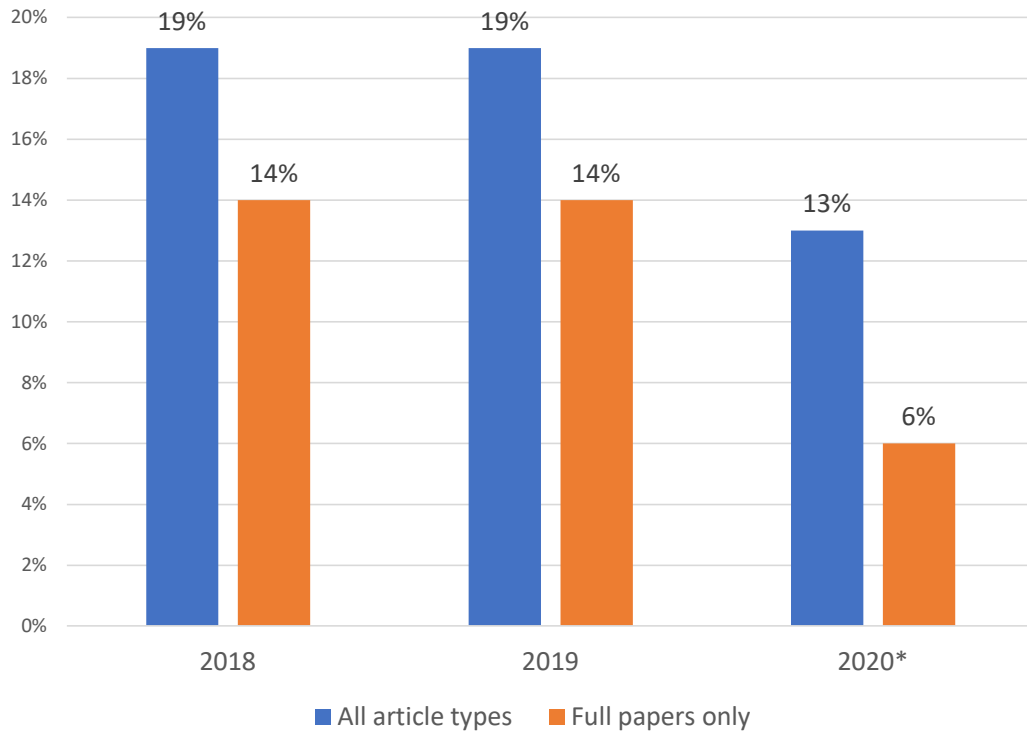
	2018	2019	2020
Original Articles	871	970	1552
Review Articles	119	134	184
Editorials/Commentaries	6	28	88
Internal Medicine Flashcards	256	187	271
Letters to the Editor	199	233	514
TOTAL	1451	1552	2609
AVERAGE PER MONTH	121	129	217

Coronavirus-related papers in 2020

Original Article	386
Review Article	73
Letter to the Editor	300
Internal Medicine Flashcard	7
Commentary	22
Editorial	11
TOTAL	799

Acceptance rate 2018-2020

**Acceptance rate
all article types vs full papers only**



* 110 papers pending a decision are not included in the calculation

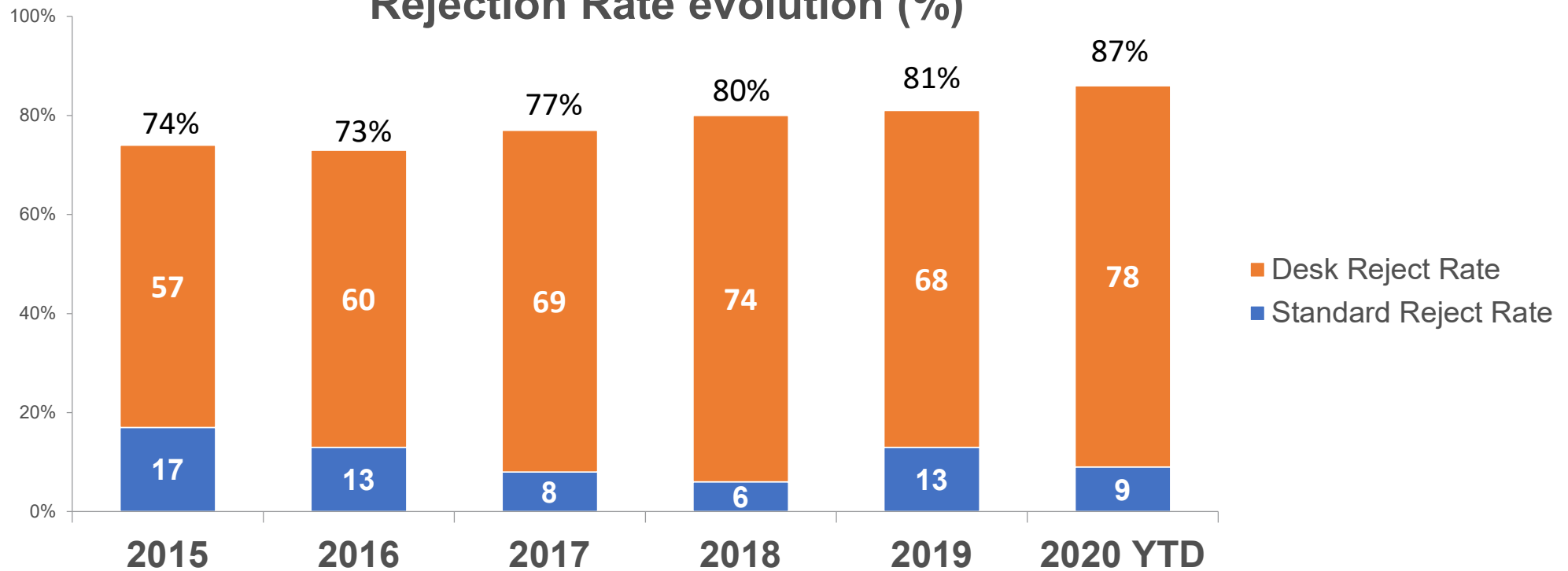
2020	SUBMITTED	ACCEPTED	ACCEPTANCE RATE
Original Article	1552	87	6%
Review Article	184	21	13%
Letter to the Editor	514	128	26%
Internal Medicine Flashcard	271	35	15%
Commentary	65	46	72%
Editorial	23	5	23%
	2429	322	13%

Coronavirus papers 9% acceptance

CORONAVIRUS 2 PAPERS	SUBMITTED	ACCEPTED	ACCEPTANCE RATE
Original Article	386	7	2%
Review Article	73	4	6%
Letter to the Editor	300	50	17%
Internal Medicine Flashcard	7	0	0%
Commentary	22	7	32%
Editorial	11	2	20%
	799	70	9%

Desk rejects

Rejection Rate evolution (%)



Total n. manuscripts

1206

1409

1451

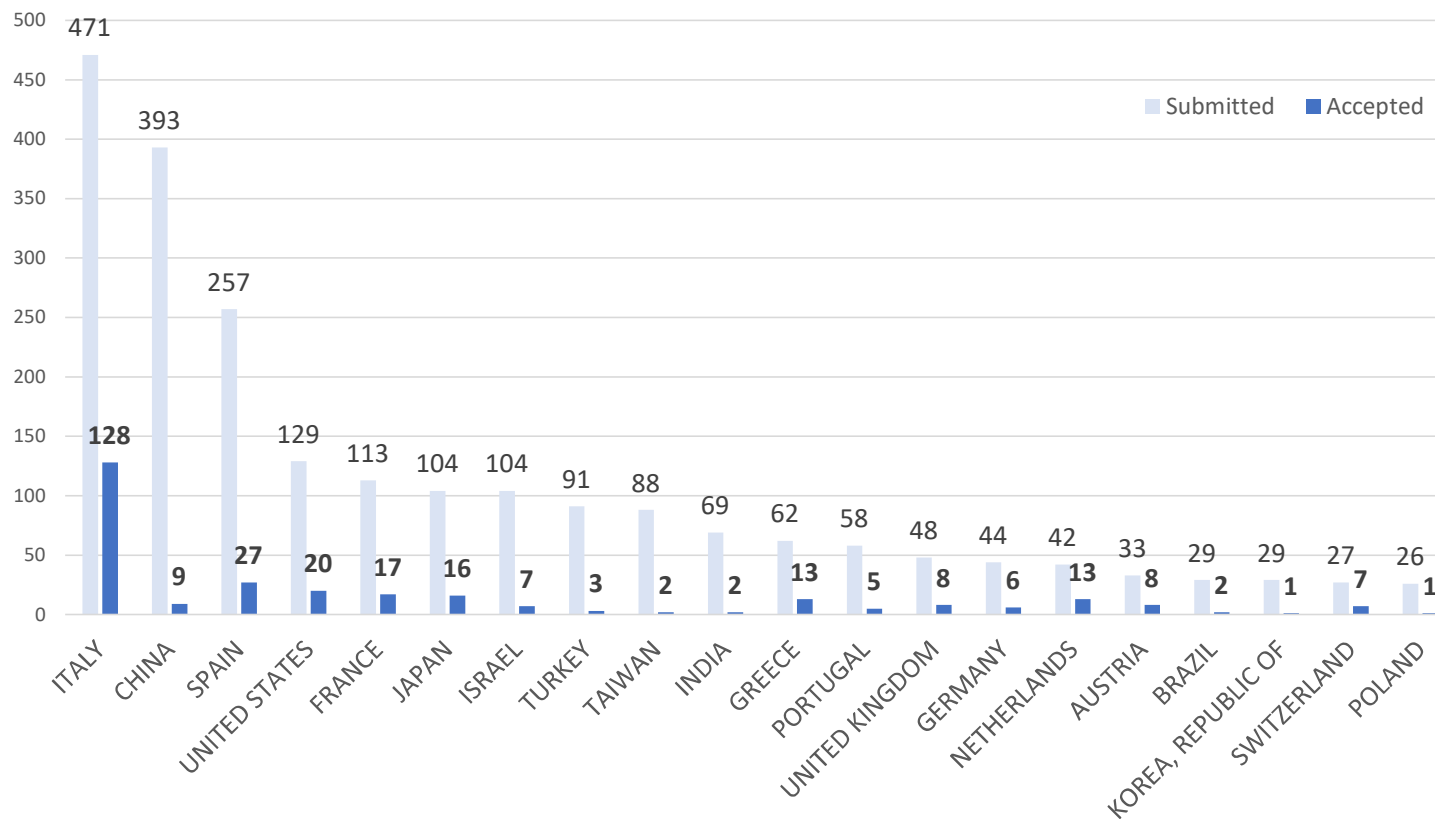
1555

2499*

* Papers with a decision.
110 pending papers as at 5/1/21

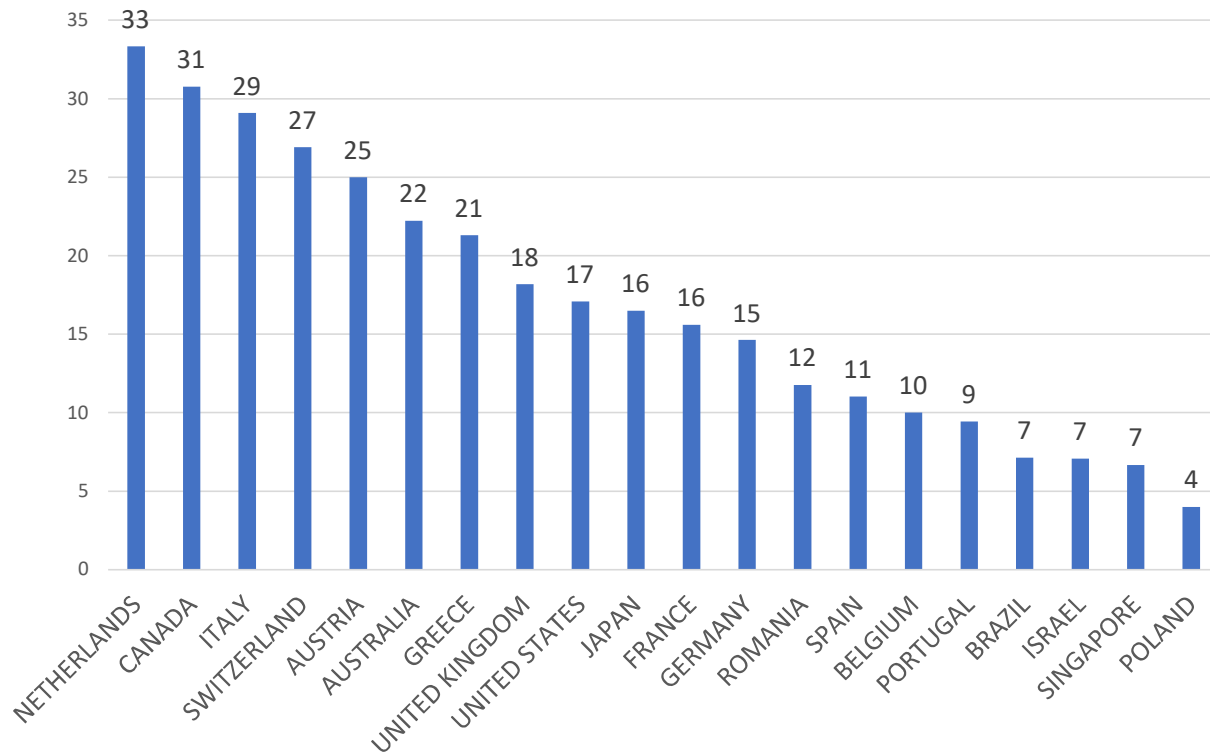
75 countries in 2020 vs. 66 countries in 2019

Top 20 submitters in 2020



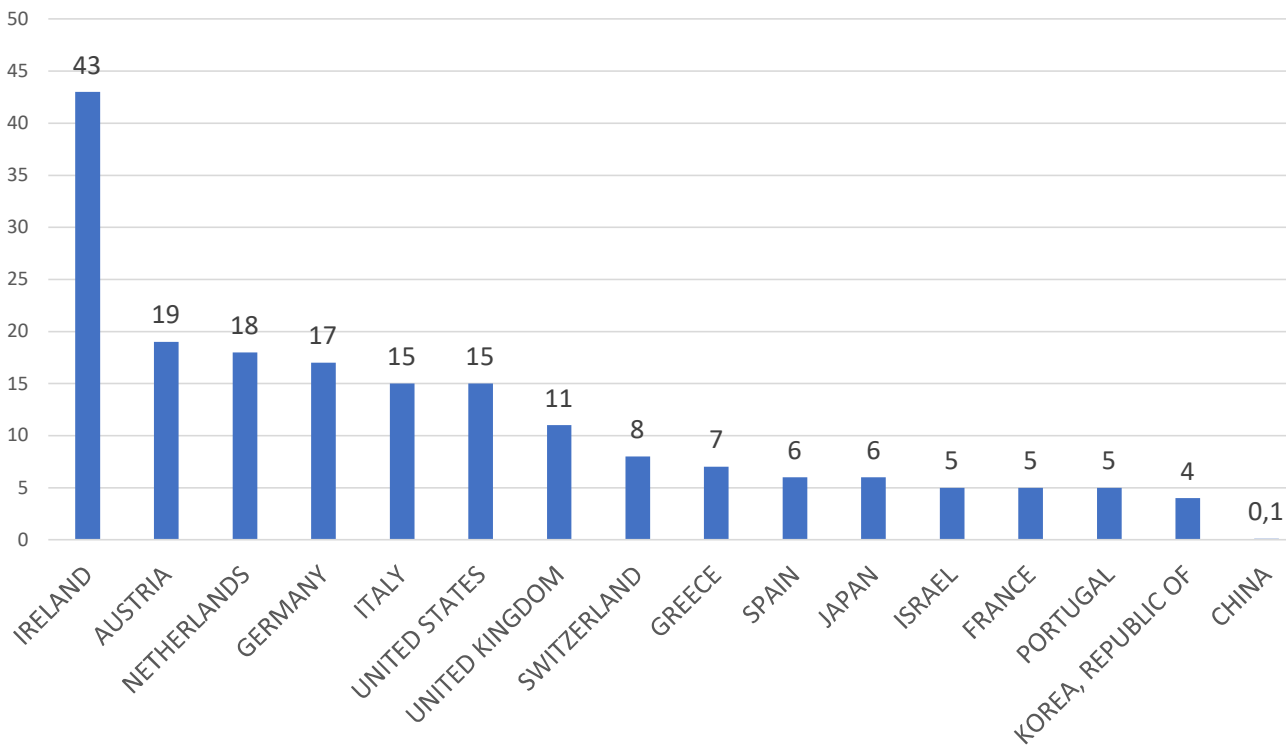
	COUNTRY	SUBMITTED	ACCEPTED
1	ITALY	471	128
2	CHINA	393	9
3	SPAIN	257	27
4	UNITED STATES	129	20
5	FRANCE	113	17
6	JAPAN	104	16
7	ISRAEL	104	7
8	TAIWAN	88	2
9	TURKEY	91	3
10	INDIA	69	2
11	GREECE	62	13
12	PORTUGAL	58	5
13	IRAN	54	0
14	UNITED KINGDOM	48	8
15	GERMANY	44	6
16	NETHERLANDS	42	13
17	EGYPT	40	0
18	AUSTRIA	33	8
19	BRAZIL	29	2
20	SWITZERLAND	27	7
21	BELGIUM	23	2
22	POLAND	26	1
23	KOREA, REPUBLIC OF	29	1
24	MEXICO	23	0
25	AUSTRALIA	19	4

**Ranking by acceptance rate:
ALL TYPES OF ARTICLES (%)**



	COUNTRY	SUBMITTED	ACCEPTED	REJECTED	MS with a decision	RATE %
1	NETHERLANDS	42	13	26	39	33
2	CANADA	14	4	9	13	31
3	ITALY	471	128	312	440	29
4	SWITZERLAND	27	7	19	26	27
5	AUSTRIA	33	8	24	32	25
6	AUSTRALIA	19	4	14	18	22
7	GREECE	62	13	48	61	21
8	UNITED KINGDOM	48	8	36	44	18
9	UNITED STATES	129	20	97	117	17
10	JAPAN	104	16	81	97	16
11	FRANCE	113	17	92	109	16
12	GERMANY	44	6	35	41	15
13	ROMANIA	17	2	15	17	12
14	SPAIN	257	27	218	245	11
15	BELGIUM	23	2	18	20	10
16	PORTUGAL	58	5	48	53	9
17	BRAZIL	29	2	26	28	7
18	ISRAEL	104	7	92	99	7
19	SINGAPORE	16	1	14	15	7
20	POLAND	26	1	24	25	4

**Ranking by acceptance rate
ORIGINAL ARTICLES only**

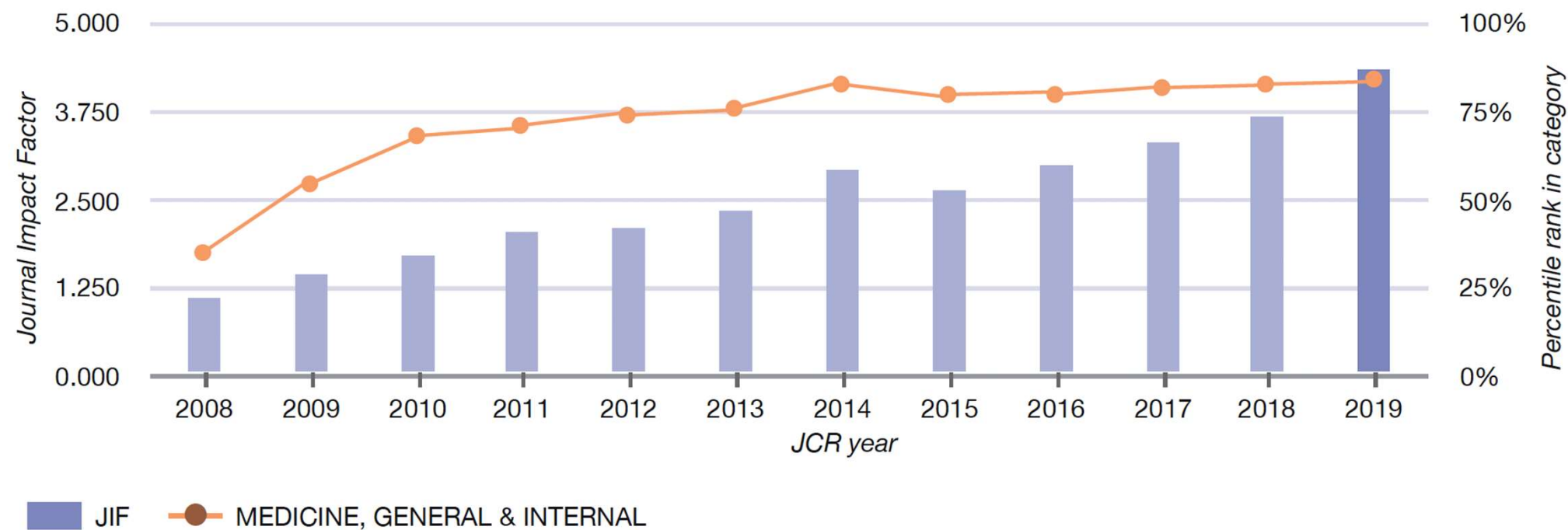


	COUNTRY	OA Submitted	OA Accepted	OA Rejected	RATE %
1	IRELAND	8	3	4	43
2	AUSTRIA	28	5	22	19
3	NETHERLANDS	24	4	18	18
4	GERMANY	30	5	24	17
5	ITALY	243	34	192	15
6	UNITED STATES	43	6	34	15
7	UNITED KINGDOM	18	2	16	11
8	SWITZERLAND	12	1	11	8
9	GREECE	28	2	25	7
10	SPAIN	176	11	160	6
11	JAPAN	22	1	21	6
12	ISRAEL	85	4	76	5
13	FRANCE	55	3	50	5
14	PORTUGAL	22	1	20	5
15	KOREA, REPUBLIC OF	26	1	23	4
16	CHINA	318	1	316	0.1
17	TAIWAN	73	0	73	0
18	TURKEY	65	0	63	0
19	EGYPT	33	0	33	0
20	IRAN	32	0	32	0

2019 Journal Impact Factor & percentile rank in category for: European Journal of Internal Medicine

4.329

2019 Journal Impact Factor

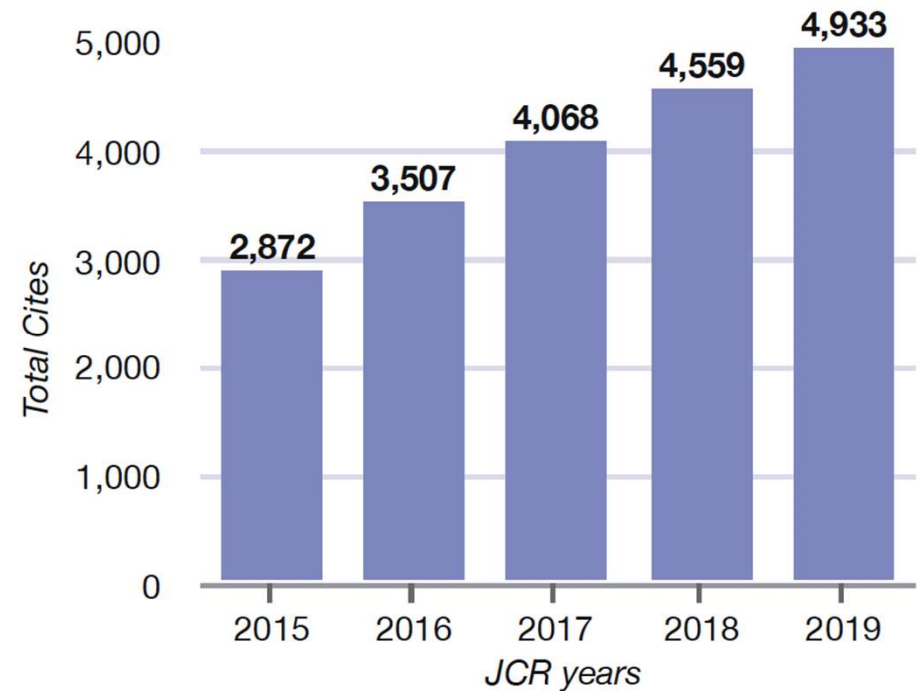


2019 Journal Impact Factor = $\frac{1,225}{283} = 4.329$

How is Journal Impact Factor Calculated?

$$\text{JIF} = \frac{\text{Citations in 2019 to items published in 2017 (566) + 2018 (659)}{\text{Number of citable items in 2017 (136) + 2018 (147)}} = \frac{1,225}{283}$$

Total citations trend



Actions for the coming months

Uniform criteria



- Increase the engagements of the EFIM-affiliated countries.
- Ongoing enrichment of the list Associate Editors and members of the Editorial Board
- Clinical insights: Young EFIM internists
- Clinical insights. Focus on sections.
- Solicit high quality review and editorials
- Promote the best EJIM papers