

# European Journal of Internal Medicine

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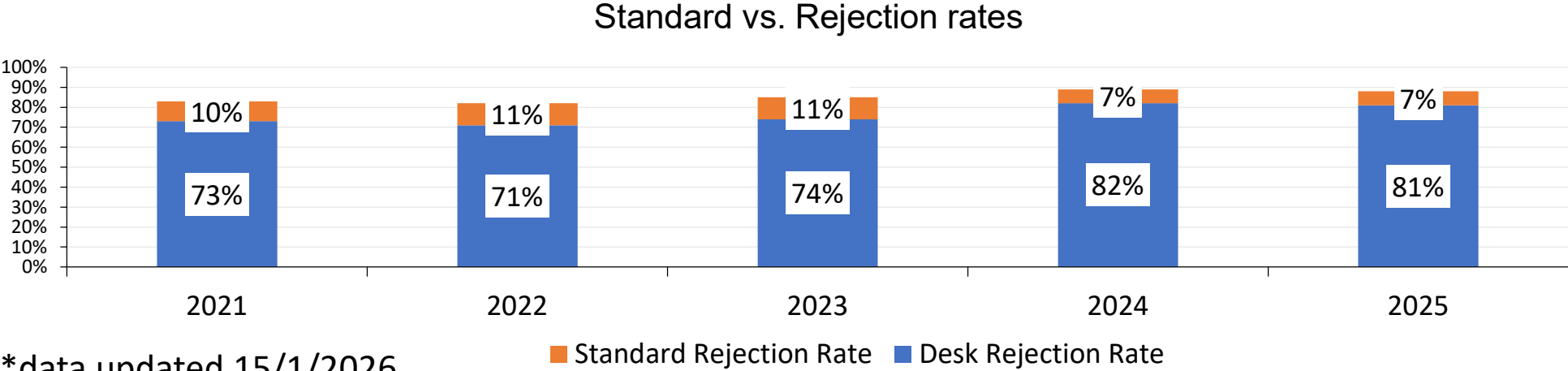
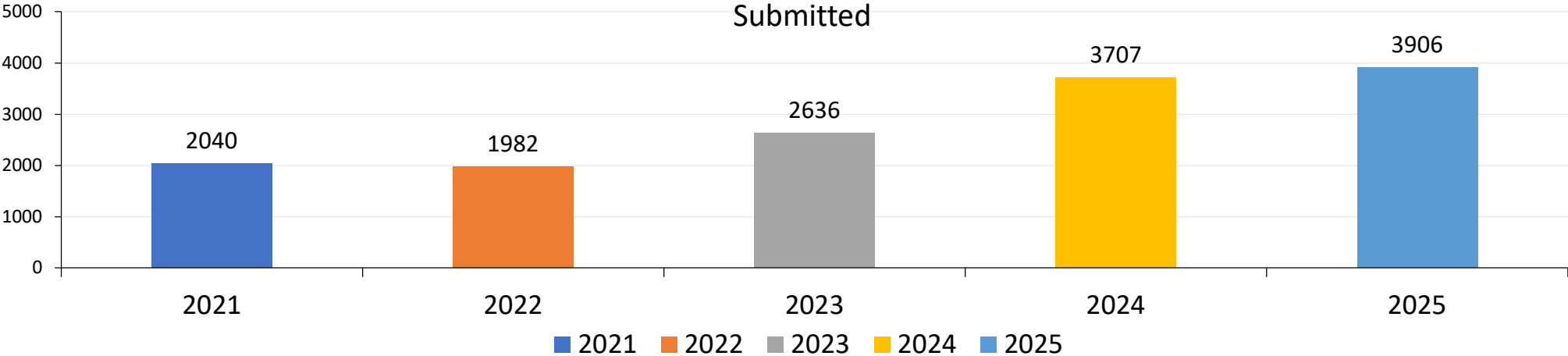
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# Submissions and Editorial Outcomes\*



\*data updated 15/1/2026

## Assessed papers and outcomes by the type of article (2025)\*

<b>Article Type</b>	<b>Assessed</b>	<b>Accepted</b>	<b>Rejected</b>	<b>Rejection Rate</b>
Full length articles	2191	93	2098	95.75%
Correspondence	425	182	243	57.17%
Review articles	265	42	223	84.15%
Flashcards	206	33	173	83.98%
Commentaries	59	49	10	16.94%
Clinical Insights	27	3	24	88.88%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3173</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>2771</b>	<b>87.33%</b>

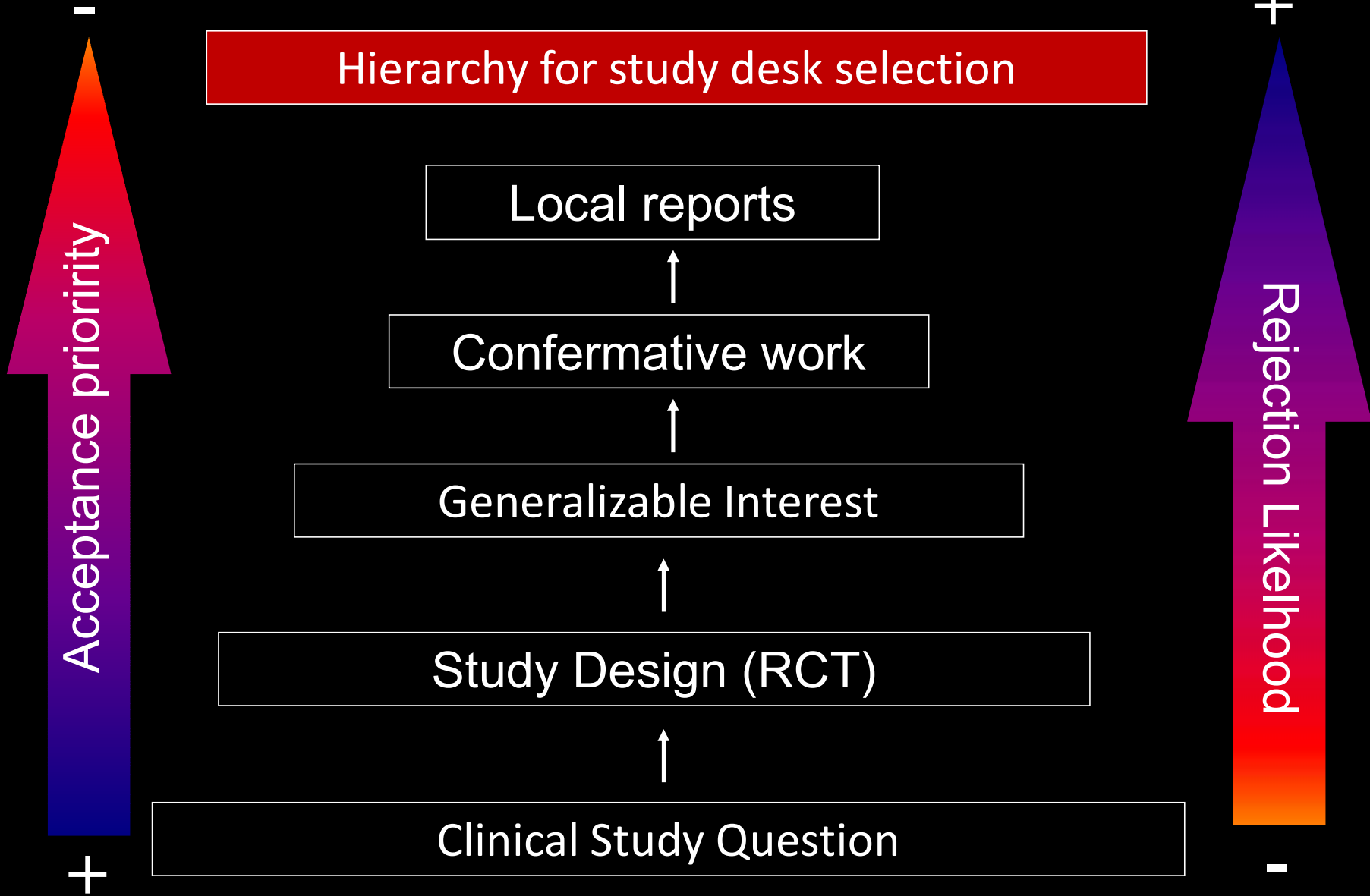
**Disclaimer:** Withdrawn articles and articles that are still under review have not been considered in this table

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# Consequences of the increase number of submissions on EJIM

- Work overload for the Editorial Committee and Editorial office
- Delay in the review process
- Less time for the Editorial Board for scouting for high-quality papers and soliciting reviews and commentaries
- Less time to work on article collections
- Less time to interact with the authors (or potential authors) to optimize their submission.

# Hierarchy for study desk selection



## Hierarchy for paper selection (at the desk evaluation)

- **Clinical Study question**, that include both clinical impact and originality
- **Study design and methodology** with preference to RCT or at least prospective observational studies
- **Interest for the whole European community of Internal Medicine**
- **Papers considered as low-priority papers**
  - Retrospective study or post-hoc analysis of already published studies*
  - Unplanned "fishing for p-values analyses" from general large data base.*
  - Studies with small sample size studies or very preliminary results*
  - Ripetitive studies or meta-analyses on well covered clinical issues*
  - Studies on survey of physicians' clinical practice or patients' preference*
  - Delphi panel*

## Uniform Editorial Board criteria

- No geographic (or any other type prejudice)
- Articles that are sound/interesting but do not reach sufficient priority for publication as a full paper may be reconsidered as a Letter
- Commentaries and Editorials about issues that have a potential to raise discussion, widen its reach and serve as a survey of clinical opinions are identified by any members of the Editorial Board.
- Statistical analysis should be properly described and be sound.

## New “attitudes” of the authors

- Pre-submission inquiries for suitability of manuscripts for publication (further work overload for the Editorial Board)
- Double or triple contemporary submissions to different journals
- Salami slicing: the publication, or attempted publication, of whole or substantial parts of work/data/analysis that have already been published (or have been submitted elsewhere), without transparency or appropriate declaration/referencing
- Changing or adding authors in the byline in the revised version or in the accepted version
- Inappropriate use of AI to scout large databases and to write articles

## Fraudulent attitudes in paper handling

Dear Dr. G. Agnelli,

We know that this email we wrote may be a bit offensive, but we still want to contact you to discuss whether our new papers can be published in European Journal of Internal Medicine.

We will cite European Journal of Internal Medicine references in our papers ...

We can also provide authoritative experts to speed up the review process.....

After acceptance, we are willing to pay an additional fee to APC of \$1,000 or even higher APC.

Alison Chen

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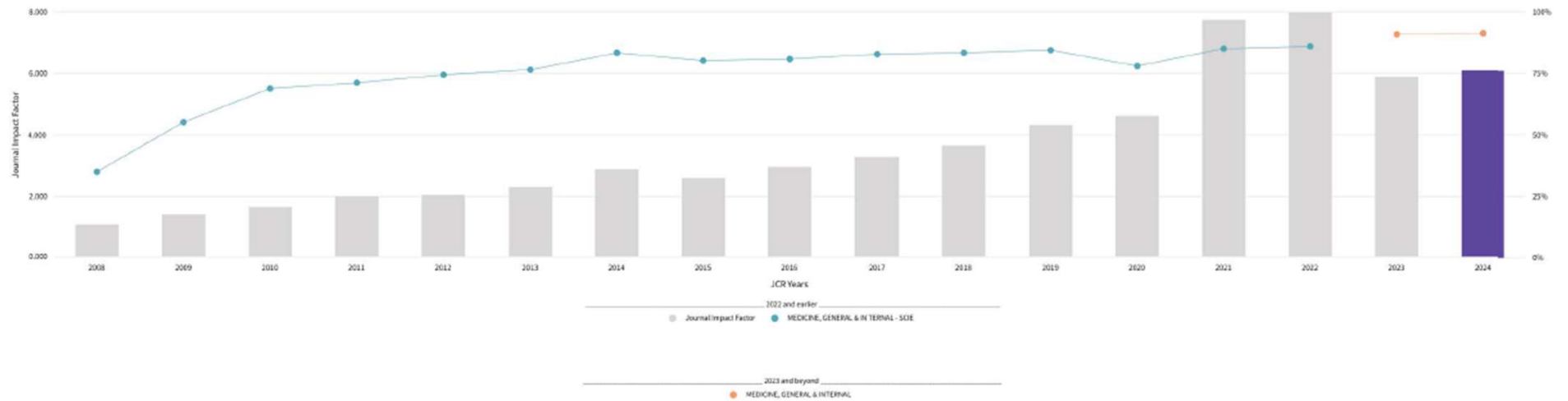
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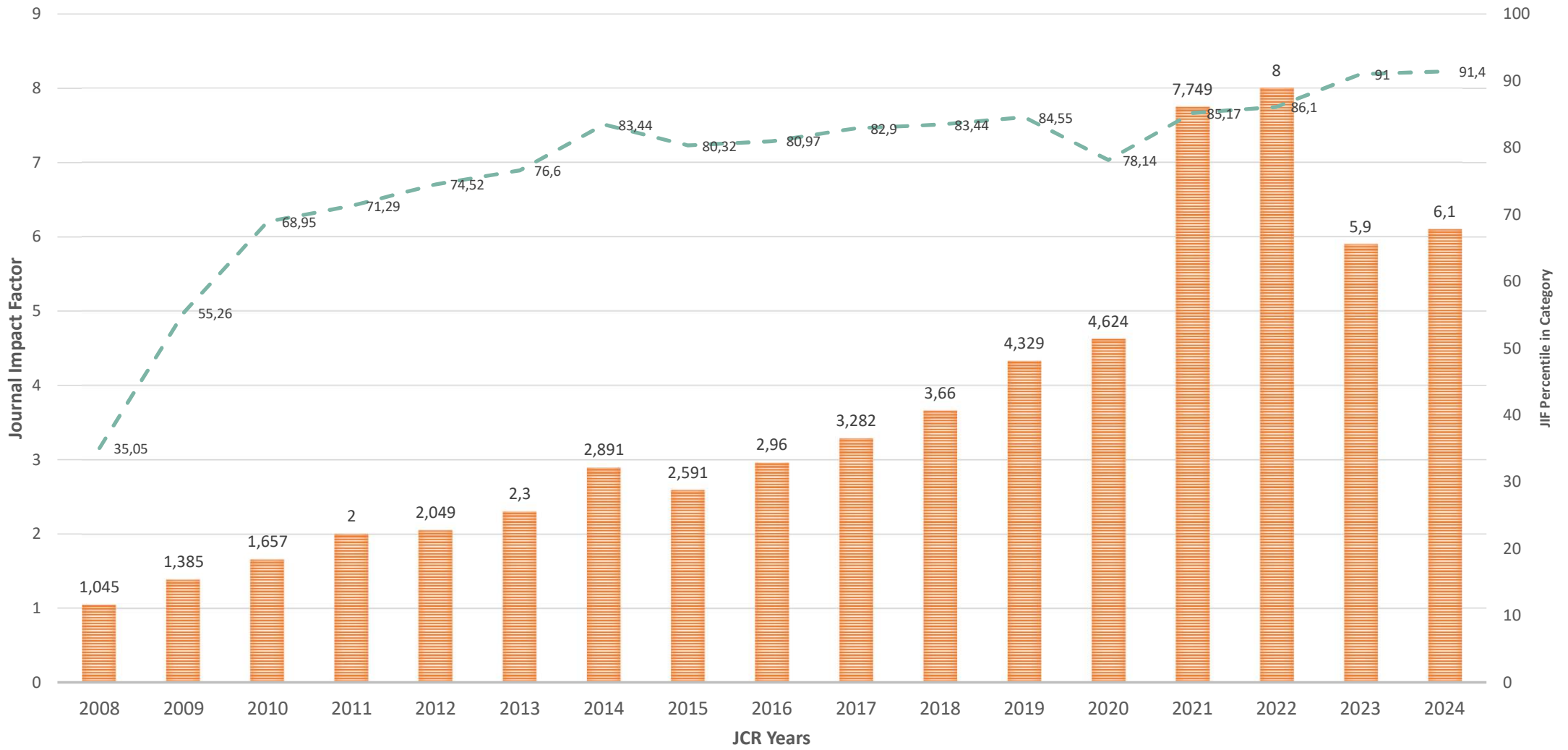
2024 JOURNAL IMPACT FACTOR WITHOUT SELF CITATIONS

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### Journal Impact Factor Trend 2024



# JOURNAL IMPACT FACTOR TREND 2024



## EJINME's 2024 Impact Factor, Clarivate

Journal Impact Factor is calculated using the following metrics

$$\frac{\text{Citations in 2024 to items published in 2022 (995) - 2023 (796)}}{\text{Number of citable items in 2022 (159) + 2023 (137)}} = \frac{1,791}{296} = 6.1$$

2025 Clarivate citations for papers published in 2023-24: **2,379**

2025 Clarivate citations for papers published in 2025 as per January 21st 2026: **566**

CiteScore [2024](#)



$$7.9 = \frac{5,978 \text{ Citations 2021 - 2024}}{761 \text{ Documents 2021 - 2024}}$$


Calculated on 05 May, 2025

CiteScoreTracker 2025 [i](#)

$$9.1 = \frac{7,106 \text{ Citations to date}}{778 \text{ Documents to date}}$$

Last updated on 05 February, 2026 • Updated monthly

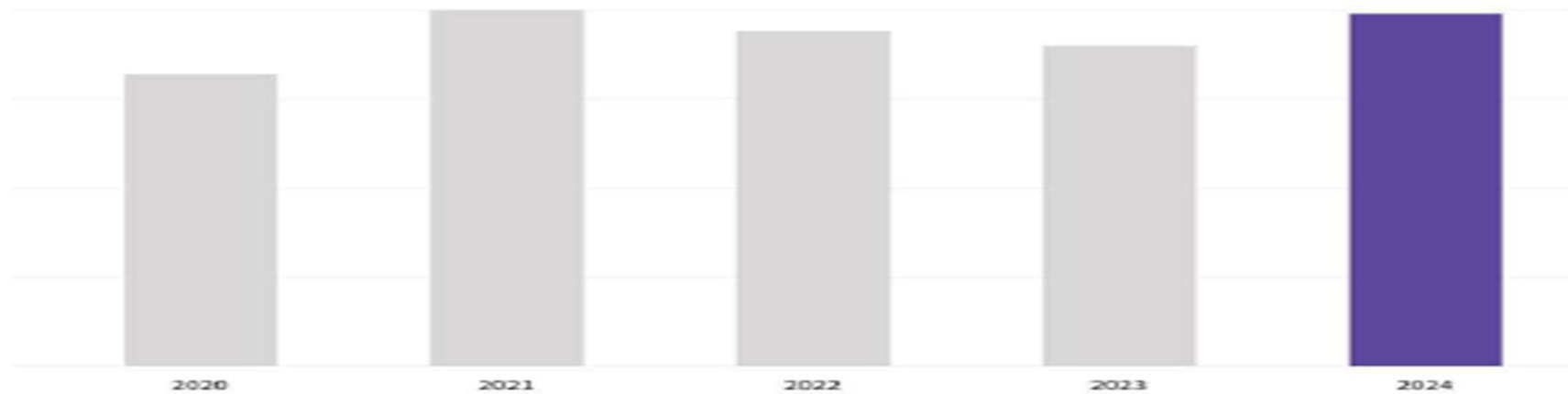
## CiteScore rank 2024 [i](#)

Category	Rank	Percentile
Medicine		
Internal Medicine	#27/171	 84th

## Total Citations

8,566

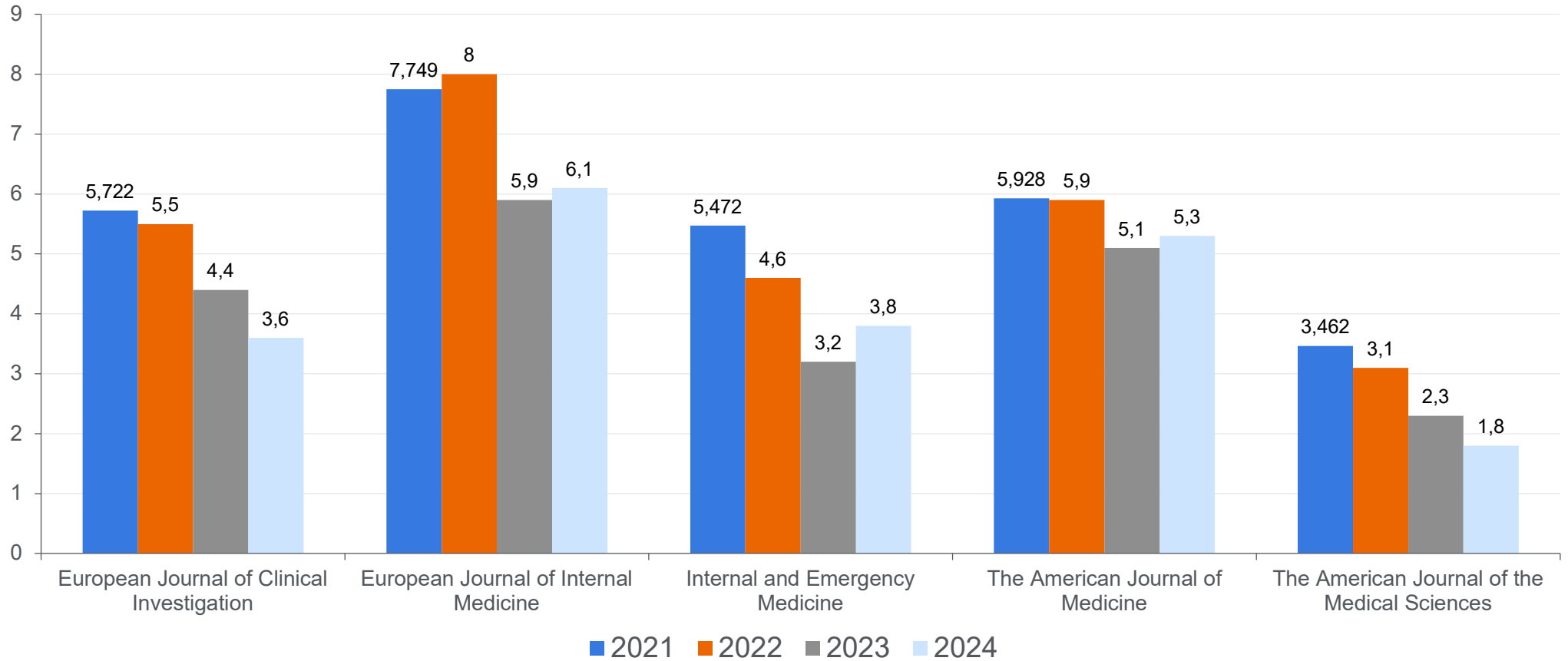
The total number of times that a journal has been cited by all journals included in the database in the JCR year. Citations to journals listed in JCR are compiled annually from the JCR years combined database, regardless of which JCR edition lists the journal.



## Other Journals in the same Category and 2024 IF!

Journal Title	JIF Quartile	2024 Impact Factor	2023 Impact Factor	Change Percentage
JAMA Internal Medicine	Q1	23.3	22.5	3.5%
Annals of Internal Medicine	Q1	15.4	19.6	-21.4%
Journal of Internal Medicine	Q1	9.2	9.0	2.2%
Mayo Clinic Proceedings	Q1	6.9	7.2	-4.2%
European Journal of Internal Medicine	Q1	6.1	5.9	3.3%
The American Journal of Medicine	Q1	5.3	5.1	3.9%
European Journal of Clinical Investigation	Q1	3.6	4.4	-18.2%

# Journal Comparison Clarivate Impact Factor



Articles 2023-2024: citations by type of article (reviews in green) as per January 25th, 2026

Kreutz (2024)	2024 ESH clinical practice guidelines for hypertension	141
Lekakis (2024)	Natural history of MASLD	122
Farsetti (2023)	How epigenetics impacts on human diseases	93
Burnier (2024)	The role of adherence in patients with chronic diseases	65
Mellemkjær (2024)	Cardiovascular risk in patients with MASLD	63
Zen (2023)	Mortality and causes of death in systemic LES	63
Zoncapé (2024)	Non-invasive testing and risk-stratification in MASLD	59
Mirijello (2023)	Management of acute alcoholic intoxication	59
Portincasa (2024)	Gut microbes in metabolic disturbances	55
Suthahar (2023)	Fat mass and type-2 diabetes	53
Tanriover (2023)	Metabolically healthy obesity	41
Pompili (2023)	Albumin administration in internal medicine	40
Gomez-Delgado (2024)	Residual cardiovascular risk: when should we treat it?	39
Mei (2024)	Scores for major bleeding in AF patients on DOACs	38
Armandi (2024)	Dietary and pharmacological treatment in MASLD	37
Vedovati (2023)	Recurrence and major bleeding in patients with CAT	36
Boriani (2023)	Heart failure and cardiac implantable electronic devices	35
Boriani (2024)	Asymptomatic vs. symptomatic atrial fibrillation	33
Kaneda (2023)	Long-term recurrence in patients with VTE on DOACs	33
Longo (2023)	Vasovagal syncope: pathophysiological mechanisms	33

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**Article collection on MASLD: Editors Van K. Erpecum and G. Dalekos  
(published in April 2024)**

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Overall 317 citations as per March 24th, 2026. Data are from Scopus

## Planned 2026 Article collections

- Amyloidosis (Chairman: Gianfranco Sinagra)
- Artificial intelligence in clinical medicine (Chairman: Marcel Levi)
- Cardiovascular-Kidney-Metabolic syndrome (Chairman: Roberto Pontremoli)

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- Neurologic and psychiatric disorders following correction of profound hyponatremia - A cohort study
- **Falhammar et al. (Sweden)**
- Efficacy and safety of once-daily oral semaglutide in patients with heart failure with preserved ejection fraction, type 2 diabetes and obesity: a real-world study
- **Trenas et al. Spain)**
- Burden and risk factors for 30-day readmission and mortality after CAP hospitalization: A population-based cohort study
- **Reichel et al. (Germany)**
- Prospective study of risk factors for community-acquired acute kidney injury
- **Ragnarsdottir et al. (Iceland)**  
Hyperhomocysteinemia is linked to MASLD
- **De Matteis et al. (Italy)**
- Predictors of pulmonary embolism in chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases patients admitted for worsening respiratory symptoms: An individual participant data meta-analysis
- **Mismetti et al. (France)**
- Long-term quality of life after sleeve gastrectomy vs Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass in patients with severe obesity: Results from the Sleeve Bypass multicentre randomised controlled trial.
- **'t Hart et. al. (The Netherlands)**

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**Best ECIM paper session on Thursday 26th at 16-40 (Room Trabanstube)**

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## Editorial strategies

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Continuing to implement invited Reviews, Editorial, and Commentaries

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Implement Article Collections  
(including presentations at the EFIM congresses)

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*Improve promotion by social media and registration for the e-TOC alert*

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Reduce the critical aspects of the external review

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Update the Editorial Board with focus on underrepresented countries and areas by proposing of new candidates

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## Hurdles for EJIM implementation

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Predatory journals & hijacked medical journals and sister journals

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*Low number of submission from some European countries*

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*Still relatively low number of collaborative multi-country studies*

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Limited number of registration for e-TOC alert

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Limited presence in the Social Media

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