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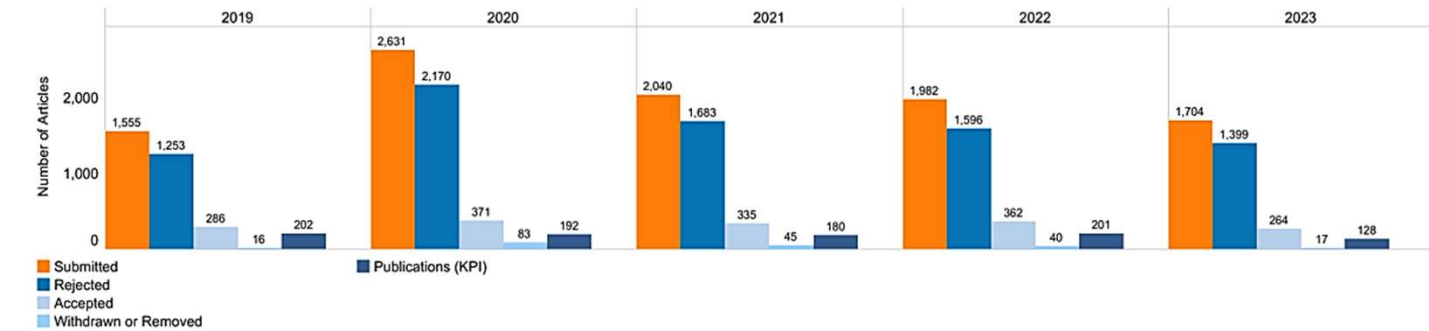
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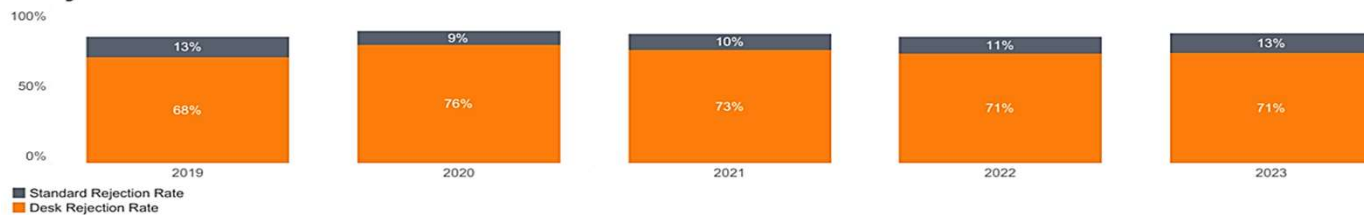
# Key Journal Performance Indicators 2019-2023 (Sep)



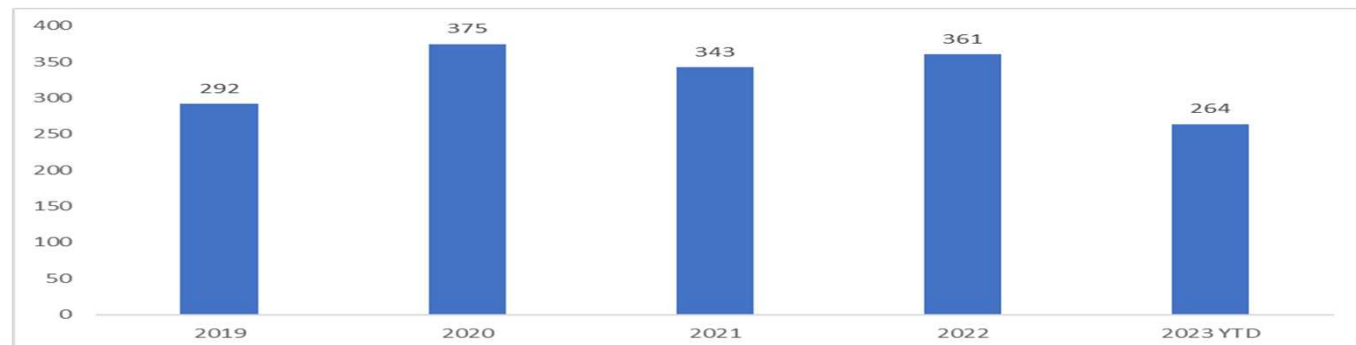
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Rejection rate



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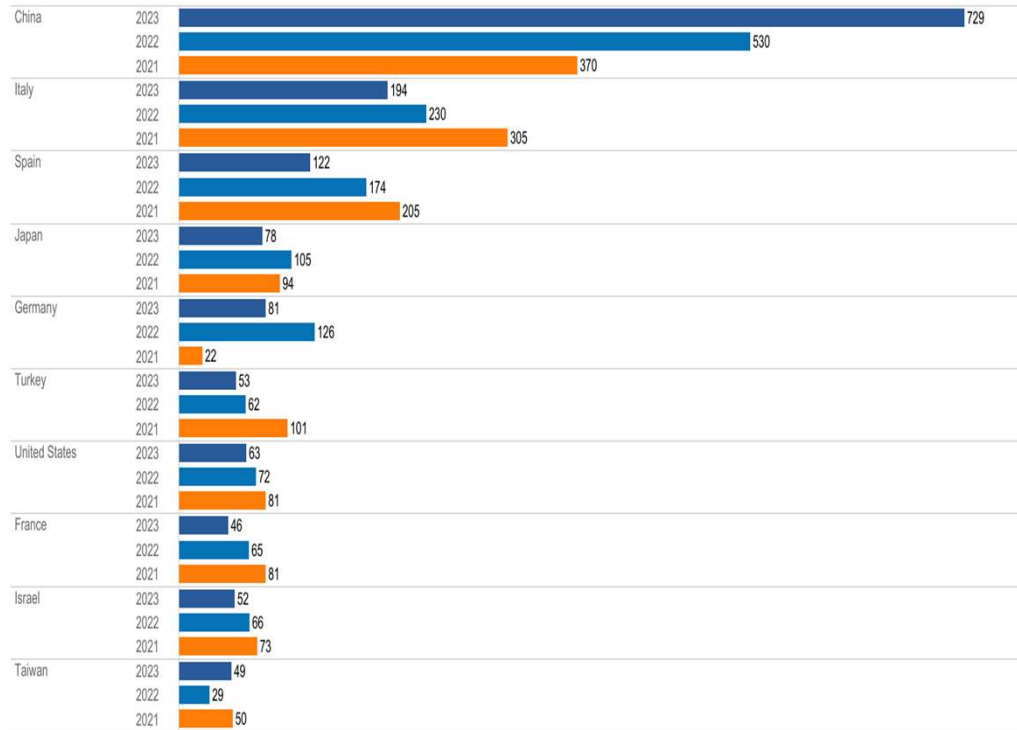


# Submitted, Accepted and Rejected by Publication Item Type (2023)

Pit Description	Submitted	Accepted or Rejected	Desk Decisions	Standard Decisions	Avg. Weeks Submission to First Decision (Desk)	Avg. Weeks Submission to First Decision (Standard)	Avg. Weeks Submission to Editorial Outcome (Standard)	Withdrawn or Removed	Accepted	Rejected	Rejection Rate
Full length article	1,394	1,371	1,082	289	1.0	5.6	8.2	0	117	1,254	91%
Correspondence	210	202	141	61	1.2	4.7	6.2	0	91	111	55%
Review article	167	149	101	48	1.0	4.4	7.7	0	27	122	82%
Short communication	156	147	147	0	4.8			0	22	125	85%
Discussion	44	44	39	5	1.0	5.7	6.6	0	30	14	32%
Editorial	9	8	7	1	1.5	5.3	5.9	0	7	1	13%
Grand Total	1,980	1,921	1,517	404	1.4	5.3	7.8	0	294	1,627	85%



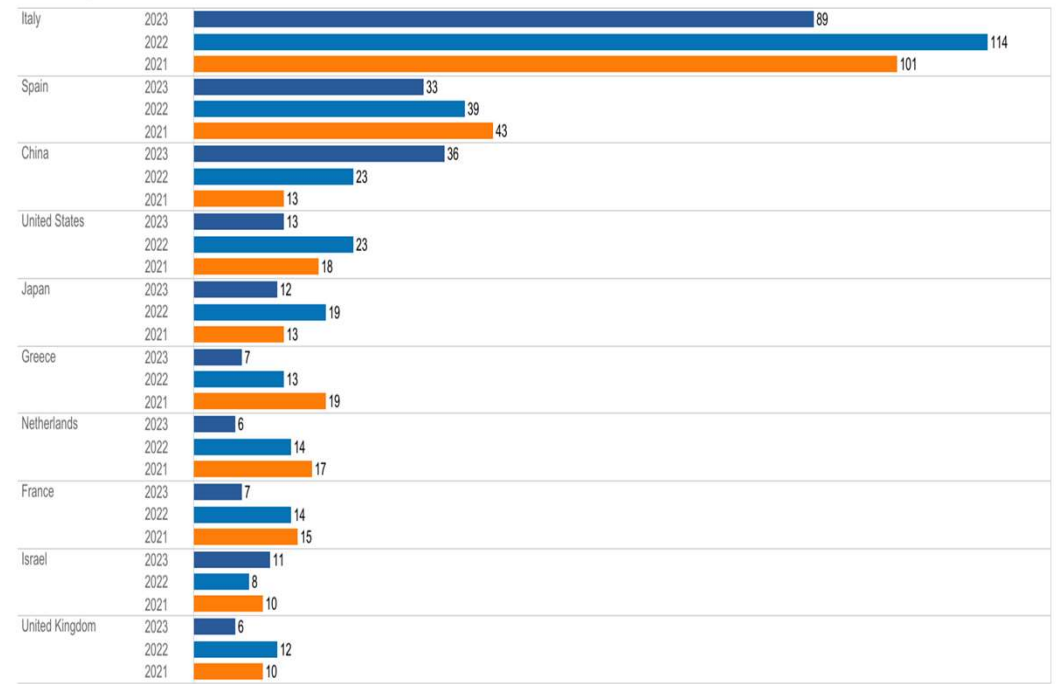
## Trend in Top 10 Countries & Regions by Submissions (Submission Date)



Submitted Count

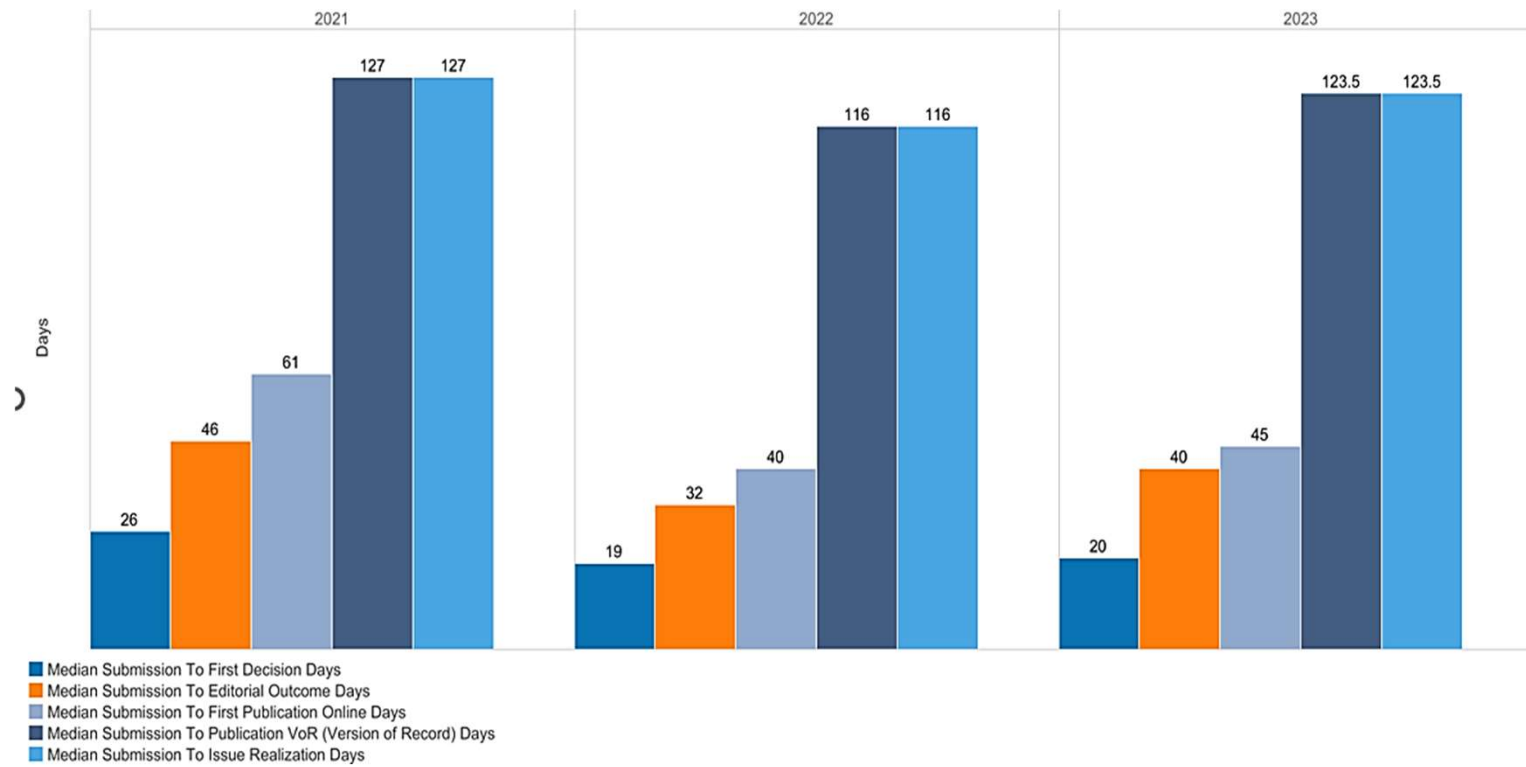
Oct 2023 data

## Trend in Top 10 Countries & Regions by Accepted (Editorial Outcome Date)



Editorial Outcome Accepted Count

## Median Editorial & Publication Speeds for Published Articles



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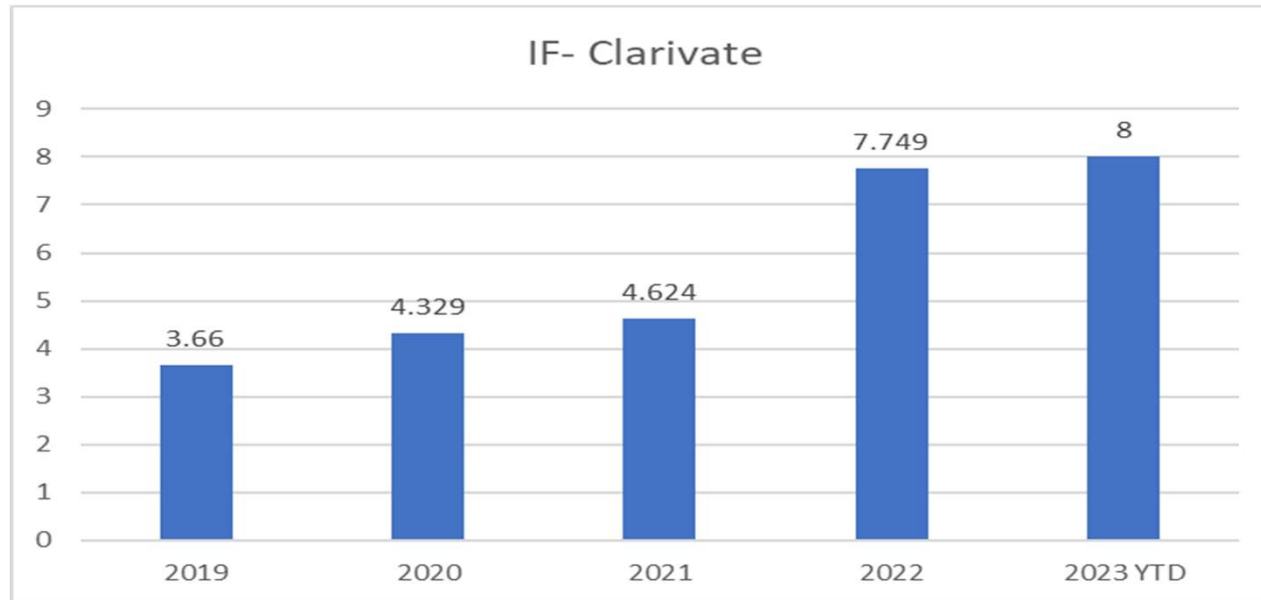
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# The EJIM Impact Factor journey



Journal Impact Factor™ is calculated using the following metrics:

$$\frac{\text{Citations in 2021 to items published in 2019 (615) + 2020 (1,764)}}{\text{Number of citable items in 2019 (156) + 2020 (151)}} = \frac{2,379}{307} = 7.749$$

### Calculation ×

Journal Impact Factor™ is calculated using the following metrics:

$$\frac{\text{Citations in 2022 to items published in 2020 (1,252) + 2021 (1,096)}}{\text{Number of citable items in 2020 (153) + 2021 (142)}} = \frac{2,348}{295} = 8.0$$

# Top 30 Journals ranked by 2022 Impact Factor in General and Internal Medicine

Journal Title	Journal Impact Factor	JIF Rank	Last Year Impact Factor	Last JIF Rank	Increasing JIF	JIF Rank Change	JIF Without Self-Cites	JIF Without Self-Cites Rank	JIF 5-Year	JIF 5-Year Rank	Journal Citation Indicator	JCI Rank	Citations	Citable Items
The Lancet	168.9	1	202.731	1	Decreasing	0	167.847	1	118.1	1	21.23	2	365043	223
The New England Journal of Medicine	158.5	2	176.082	2	Decreasing	0	157.587	2	115.7	2	24.74	1	456891	310
JAMA - Journal of the American Medical Association	120.7	3	157.375	3	Decreasing	0	119.55	3	81.4	4	11.43	4	211699	207
BMJ, The	105.7	4	96.216	4	Increasing	0	103.808	4	68.5	5	9.28	5	171860	187
Nature Reviews Disease Primers	81.5	5	65.038	5	Increasing	0	81.3	5	94.8	3	17.5	3	27771	37
Annals of Internal Medicine	39.2	6	51.598	6	Decreasing	0	38.532	6	35.1	6	4.91	7	72041	144
JAMA Internal Medicine	39	7	44.424	7	Decreasing	0	38.488	7	27.3	8	4.8	8	28112	83
The Lancet Digital Health	30.8	8	36.615	9	Decreasing	1	30.342	8	30.9	7	5.13	6	4803	72
Journal of Travel Medicine	25.7	9	39.194	8	Decreasing	-1	24.416	9	13	11	1.69	22	5367	84
Military Medical Research	21.1	10	34.915	10	Decreasing	0	20.467	10	12.7	13	2.24	14	3109	53
Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine	17.3	11	18	11	Decreasing	0	16.682	11	11.2	15	1.38	30	5398	27
PLoS Medicine	15.8	12	11.613	22	Increasing	10	15.671	12	14.3	9	2.41	11	46220	185
eClinicalMedicine	15.1	13	17.033	12	Decreasing	-1	14.934	13	13.8	10	2.73	9	12087	456
Canadian Medical Association Journal	14.6	14	16.876	13	Decreasing	-1	14.033	14	12.2	14	2.19	15	19570	93
JAMA network open	13.8	15	13.36	15	Increasing	0	13.416	15	13	11	2.7	10	47813	1564
QJM - Monthly Journal of the Association of Physicians	13.3	16	14.04	14	Decreasing	-2	12.554	16	7.2	26	1.08	44	7416	66
Medical Journal of Australia	11.4	17	12.776	17	Decreasing	0	10.793	18	9.2	21	1.31	35	13616	89
Journal of Internal Medicine	11.1	18	13.068	16	Decreasing	-2	10.989	17	10.5	18	1.93	18	15138	122
BMC Medicine	9.3	19	11.806	21	Decreasing	2	9.2	19	10.4	19	2.09	17	25871	477
Journal of Cachexia, Sarcopenia and Muscle	8.9	20	12.063	19	Decreasing	-1	7.751	23	10.7	17	1.92	19	8828	248
Mayo Clinic Proceedings	8.9	20	12.213	18	Decreasing	-2	8.769	20	9.4	20	1.68	23	21862	133
Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews	8.4	22	11.874	20	Decreasing	-2	8.165	21	10.9	16	1.34	34	83897	346
European Journal of Internal Medicine	8	23	7.749	26	Increasing	3	7.451	24	5.7	34	1.13	40	8143	159
Translational Research	7.8	24	10.171	23	Decreasing	-1	7.759	22	7.7	23	2.14	16	6585	89
Deutsches Ärzteblatt International	7.7	25	8.251	25	Decreasing	0	7.287	25	8	22	1.47	28	8214	79
Journal of Evidence-Based Medicine	7.3	26	6.224	33	Increasing	7	7.164	26		166	0.97	51	1163	37
British Medical Bulletin	6.7	27	5.841	37	Increasing	10	6.576	27	6.5	28	1.15	39	5328	26
Journal of Urban Health	6.6	28	5.801	38	Increasing	10	6.389	28	5.2	38	1.6	25	6045	101
Cleveland Clinic Journal of Medicine	6.1	29	6.522	30	Decreasing	1	6.081	29	4.2	45	0.53	96	2564	38
Chinese Medical Journal	6.1	29	6.133	34	Decreasing	5	5.787	31	3.9	52	0.89	55	12376	234

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# Top Cited Articles 2022, Published 2020-2021

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Article Title	Corresponding Author	Publication Date	Article Type	Access Type	Is Special Content	Scopus Citations	Lifetime SD Usage	Lifetime Scopus Citations	Social Media Count
The pivotal link between ACE2 deficiency and SARS-CoV-2 infection	Verdecchia, Paolo	02/06/2020	Review article	Subscription	N	224	12,263	826	40
Prevalence of Post-COVID-19 Symptoms in Hospitalized and Non-Hospitalized COVID-19 Survivors: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis	Fernández-de-las-Peñas, César	01/10/2021	Full length article	Subscription	N	106	10,630	215	27
Efficacy and safety of tocilizumab in severe COVID-19 patients: a single-centre retrospective cohort study	Dagna, Lorenzo	02/06/2020	Full length article	Subscription	N	68	4,222	310	18
Hyperuricaemia and gout in cardiovascular, metabolic and kidney disease	Borghi, Claudio	18/09/2020	Review article	Subscription	N	43	2,812	117	
Incidence of acute Pulmonary Embolism in COVID-19 patients: systematic review and meta-analysis.	Roncon, Loris	31/12/2020	Review article	Subscription	N	41	2,696	98	
SARS-CoV-2 Vaccines: Lights and Shadows	Angeli, Fabio	27/05/2021	Review article	Subscription	N	39	5,982	67	158
Creatinine: From Physiology to Clinical Application	Kashani, Kianoush	16/02/2020	Review article	Subscription	N	37	5,626	110	2
Active smoking is not associated with severity of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)	Lippi, Giuseppe	21/04/2020	Correspondence	Subscription	N	36	7,720	263	425
Impact of low dose tocilizumab on mortality rate in patients with COVID-19 related pneumonia.	Scarpazza, Cristina	02/06/2020	Full length article	Subscription	N	35	6,196	203	180
Factors associated with mortality in patients with COVID-19. A quantitative evidence synthesis of clinical and laboratory data	Martins-Filho, Paulo Ricardo	02/06/2020	Correspondence	Subscription	N	35	1,455	110	



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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

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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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# Breakdown by **accepted** article type 2019-2023 Oct.



Access	Article type	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 Oct
<b>Hybrid Open Access</b>	Discussion				1	
	<b>Full length article</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>28</b>
	<b>Review article</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>
	Short communication				1	2
<b>Subscription</b>	Correspondence	76	126	111	132	101
	Discussion	5	50	35	37	28
	Editorial	9	7	5	8	4
	Erratum			3	2	2
	<b>Full length article</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>68</b>
	<b>Review article</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>14</b>
	Short communication	43	41	36	39	24
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>292</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>279</b>