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2020... an extraordinary year

EJCRIM, like other publications, saw a huge increase in submissions due to COVID-19. We went from publishing an article every other day to publishing every day and twice a day sometimes, trying to give the due space to COVID-19 manuscripts at the beginning of the pandemic.
17% of the total submissions were COVID-19 related.

When the pandemic began, we tried our best to review and publish almost immediately such cases, while waiving all fees until June.
Publication data and performance

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2020 rejection rate: 57%
Average time to first decision: 6 days
Average time to publication: 47 days

Waiting for approval from the author
Looking ahead

2021 data as at 28/02/2021
A new landscape

We are now receiving many articles from the USA and from the Middle East.
A new landscape

How’s Europe doing?

PORTUGAL; 50%

BELGIUM; 4%

CROATIA; 0%

LATVIA; 0%

MALTA; 0%

NETHERLANDS; 1%

NORWAY; 0%

IRELAND; 1%

IRELAND; 1%

SLOVAKIA; 0%

SLOVENIA; 0%

SPAIN; 5%

SWEDEN; 1%

SWITZERLAND; 3%

UK; 8%

FRANCE; 6%

GERMANY; 1%

GREECE; 6%

ITALY; 12%

LATVIA; 0%

MIDDLE EAST 10%

AFRICA 4%

ASIA 7%

NORTH AMERICA 12%

SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA... 264 acceptances

EUROPE, 64%
Editor’s issues:

• Learning points: why is this “rare” event important?
• Anything with a section/chapter on it in a standard textbook is NOT “rare”
• “To the best of our knowledge” implies an exhaustive search of the literature
• Titles should be written so that a Google search will find them
• Frequent contributors:
  • How many rare conditions does one doctor see in a lifetime?
• Keep it simple and short, and relevant to Internal Medicine
We need to deal with the submission increment. How?

The Journal is now receiving about 13-15 articles each week, regardless of the pandemic.

Section Editors are getting increasing responsibility on the peer review process.

More editorial help should be considered...

The Editorial Board and our Referee pool should be widened, both in number and in specialty. Want to join in?
Web Traffic

6,000 monthly visitors
About 5,000 in 2021
2.5 pages consulted during each visit
91,362 total sessions
208,000 total visits

Most traffic comes from

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Traffic from channels

Not a hit-and-run

«googleing»

1. United States
2. Portugal
3. United Kingdom
4. India
5. Italy
6. Spain
7. Canada
8. Japan
9. China
10. Germany

A peak of **1000 visitors in one day** («cani morsu» article) in February 2020.

The number of visitors per day increased to make a constant public of **approx 500 visitors per day**.
About 14% of the sessions originate from referrals: external sites that have our link and sometime co-host our content.

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Social Media

About 10% of the sessions originate from Social Media of different kinds.

Our Facebook is our community of 3300 internists from all over the world. [www.facebook.com/ejcrim](http://www.facebook.com/ejcrim)

A growing community. It’s time to follow us and join the conversation. [www.twitter.com/ejcrim](http://www.twitter.com/ejcrim)

Many authors love to share their academic achievements on Linkedin.

YouTube is mostly used to host our author’s video material, but will also host our PODCAST. [www.youtube.com/ejcrim](http://www.youtube.com/ejcrim)
Reader’s favourites in 2020

2. Hamada et al. The Very First Change of the Tongue with the Development of Cancer (2017) - 14724 views

Surprisingly enough, 2020’s most read article is not a COVID-19 related article.
Reader’s favourites in 2020


Citations 2020

- **514** COVID-related citations
- **69** regular citations

**583 total citations**

*Citations are counted from Google Scholar, from 2020 only*
What are we doing in 2021?

- We just published the **Abstract Book** of the 19th ECIM Conference.
- We created a **Media Kit** to attract sponsors for our initiatives.
- We are working upon **sponsored supplements**.
- We are planning podcast sessions!
Let’s write a new future for the Journal

We feel like that at this present time EJCRIM is not a «small journal» anymore, and can now evolve and develop further features.

• Hospital Grand Rounds, with new hospitals
• Themed Collections
• Podcast sessions – *hear it all from the author*
• Educational video pills
• Webinars and educational programs
• A collaboration with EFIM Foundation...
Let’s write a new future for the Journal

A website restyle, another system upgrade and why not?

Scopus® and

Clarivate™ inclusion
Get in touch with us if you wish to collaborate and/or share ideas!

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