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## 2020... an extraordinary year

600

500

400

300

200

100

2015

Submission

2016

2017

Acceptance

2019

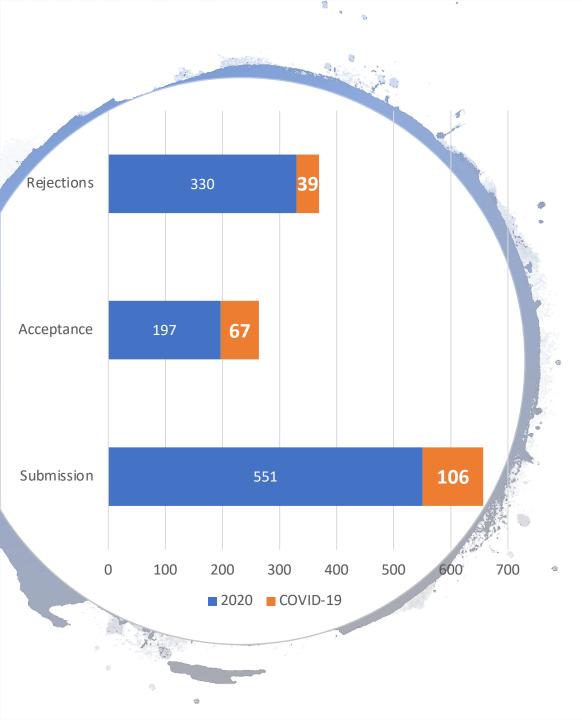
Rejection Publication

2018

2020

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.



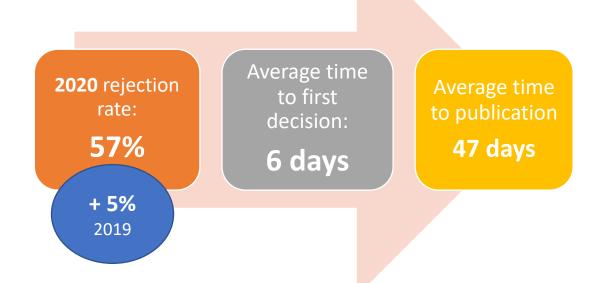
## The COVID-19 situation

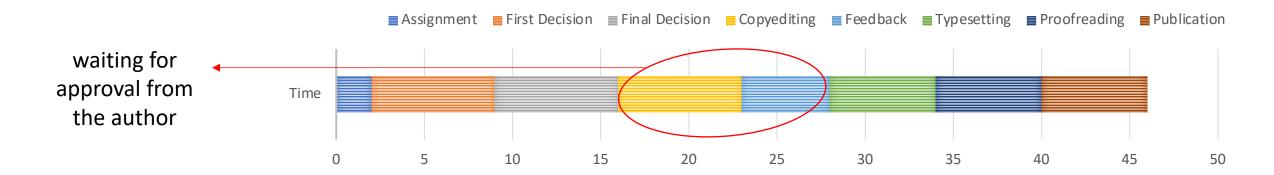
17% of the total submissions were COVID-19 related.

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

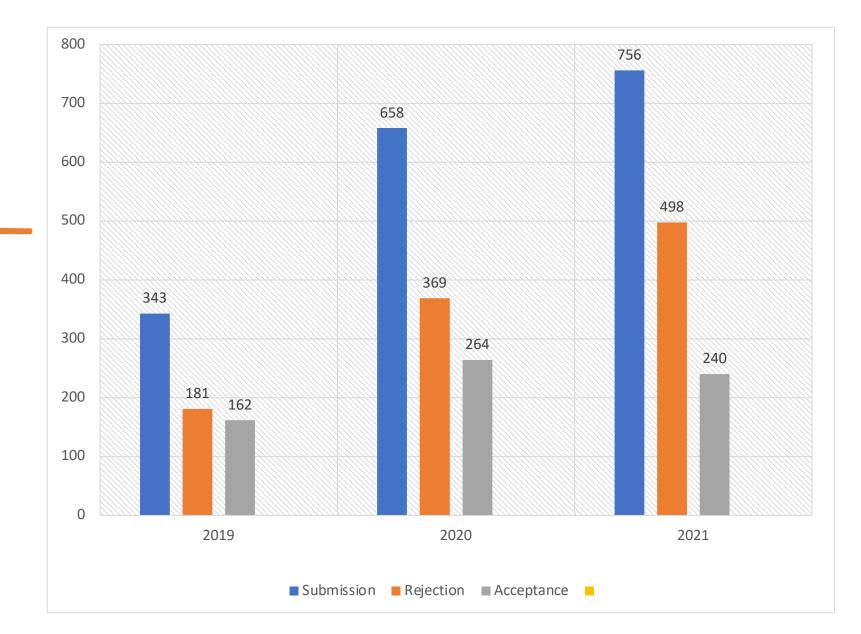
## Publication data and performance

	2018	2019	2020
lssues	12	12	12
Articles x issue	8	9-12	>20
Submitted	162	343	658
Accepted	78	162	264
Published	84	184	292





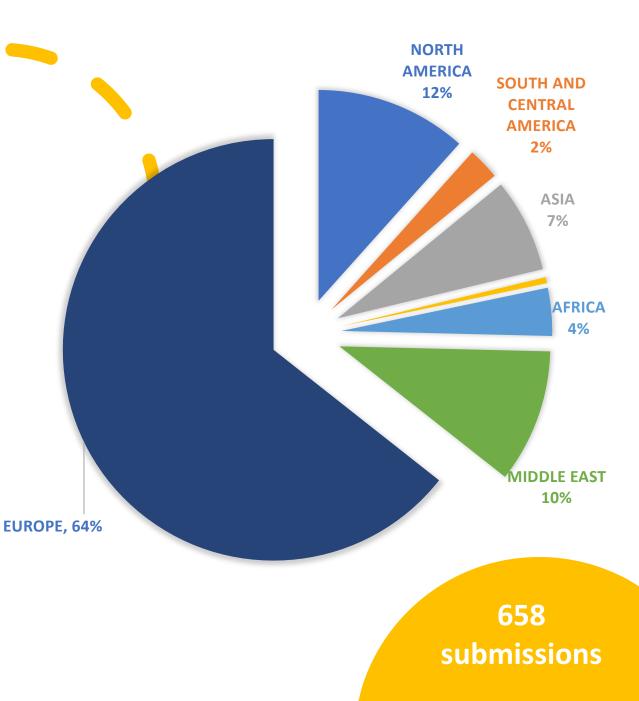
# Looking ahead

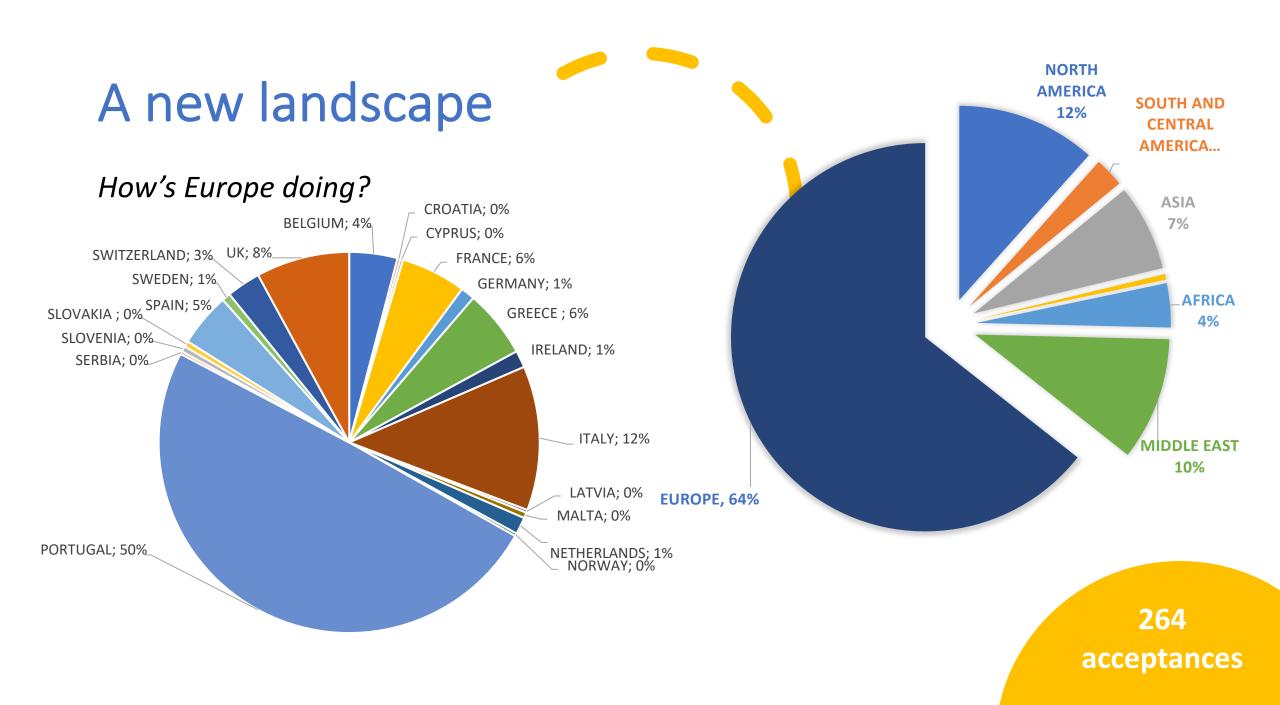


2021 data as at 28/02/2021

## A new landscape

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







## 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.

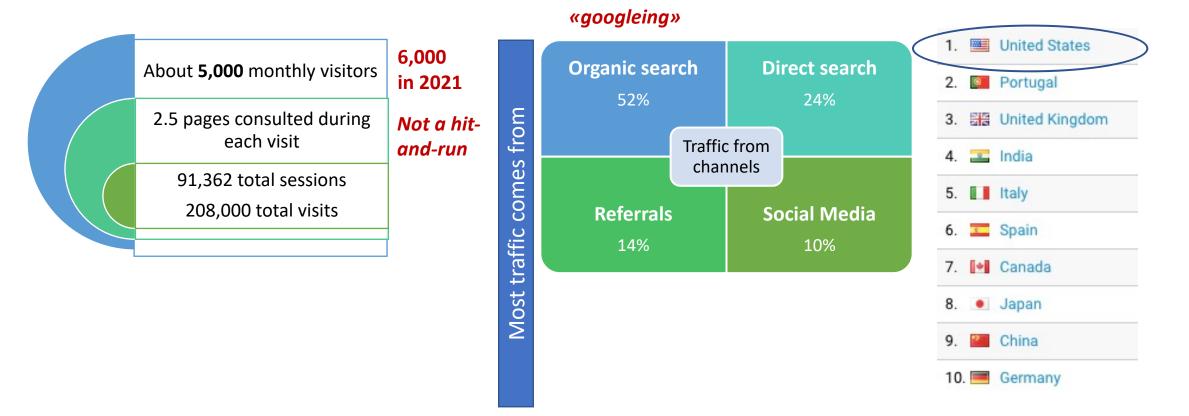


More **editorial help** should be considered...



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

## Web Traffic



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**.

### Referrals

About 14% of the sessions originate from referrals: external sites that have our link and sometime co-host our content.

PubMed Central	12%	
Sci-Hub	11,5%	
<b>Google Scholar</b>	10%	
PubMed	8.8%	
DOAJ	2%	



## 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

A growing community. It's time to follow us and join the conversation. www.twitter.com/ejcrim

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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. <u>www.youtube.com/ejcrim</u>

## Reader's favourites in 2020

Surprisingly enough, 2020's most read article is not a COVID-19 related article.

Ribeiro et al. An Acute Finger: A Case of Achenbach's Blue Syndrome (2019)	31033 views	
Hamada et al. The Very First Change of the Tongue with the Development of Cancer (2017)	14724 views	
3 van Kraaij et al. Tocilizumab in Severe <b>COVID-19</b> Pneumonia and Concomitant Cytokine Release Syndrome (2020)	11624 views	

## Reader's favourites in 2020

Poggiali et al. Deep Vein Thrombosis and Pulmonary Embolism: Two Complications of <b>COVID-19</b> Pneumonia (2020)	5587 views	
5 Mader et al. Being Licked by a Dog Can Be Fatal: Capnocytophaga canimorsus Sepsis with Purpura Fulminans in an Immunocompetent Man (2019)	4739 views	
Hughes et al. Cerebral Venous Sinus Thrombosis as a Presentation of <b>COVID-19</b> (2020)	4320 views	

### Citations 2020

- 514 COVID- related citations
- 69 regular citations



\*Citations are counted from Google Scholar, from 2020 only

## What are we doing in 2021?



We just published the **Abstract Book** of the 19<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>®</sup> and

Clarivate<sup>™</sup> inclusion

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

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