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2020... an extraordinary year

600

500

400

300

200

100

2015

Submission

2016

2017

Acceptance

2019

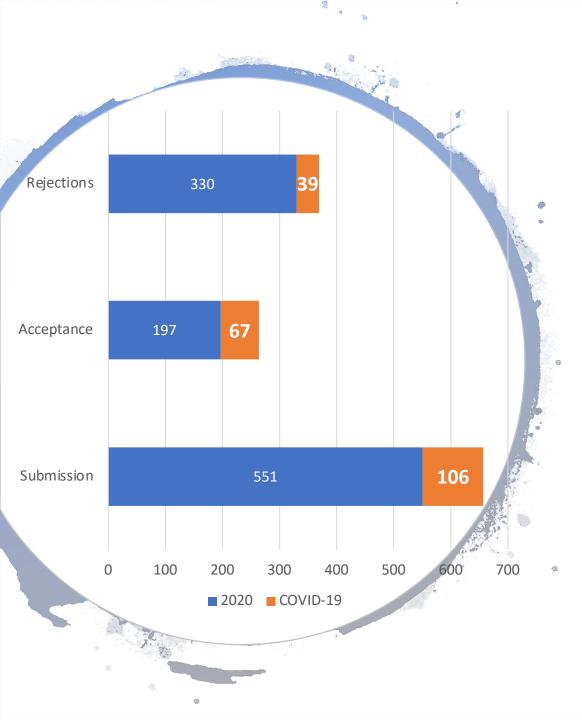
Rejection Publication

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.



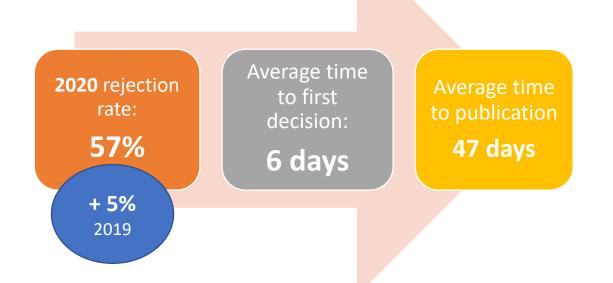
The COVID-19 situation

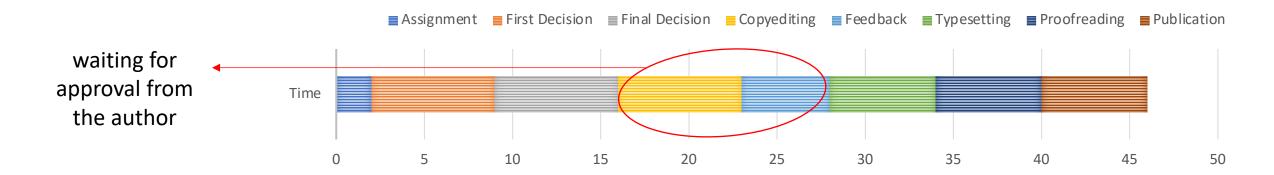
17% of the total submissions were COVID-19 related.

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

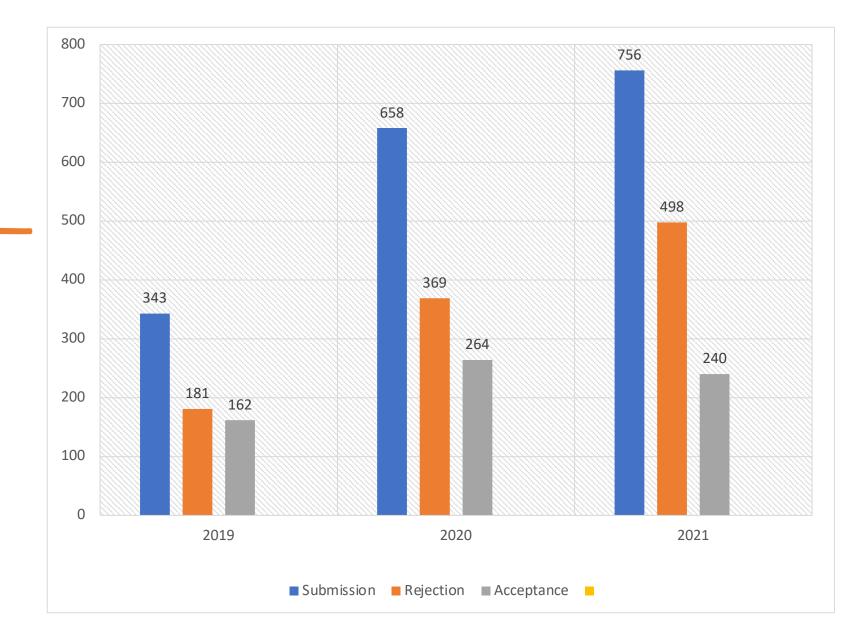
Publication data and performance

	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





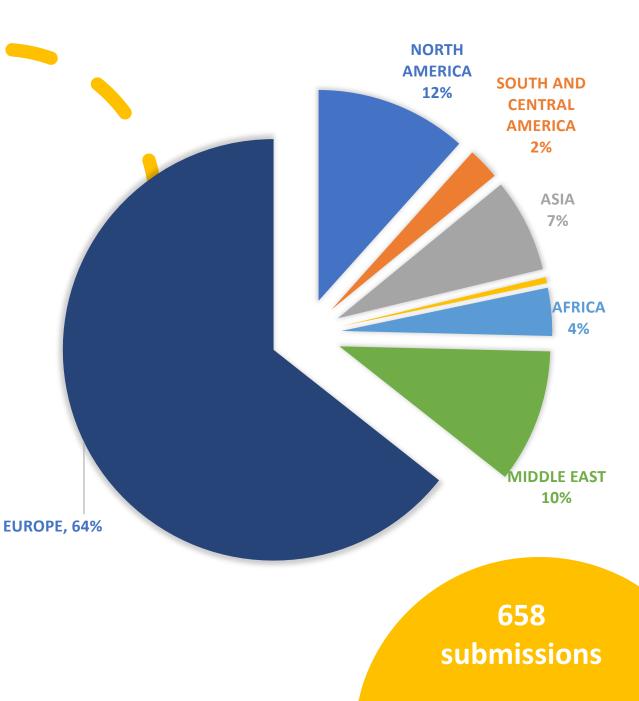
Looking ahead

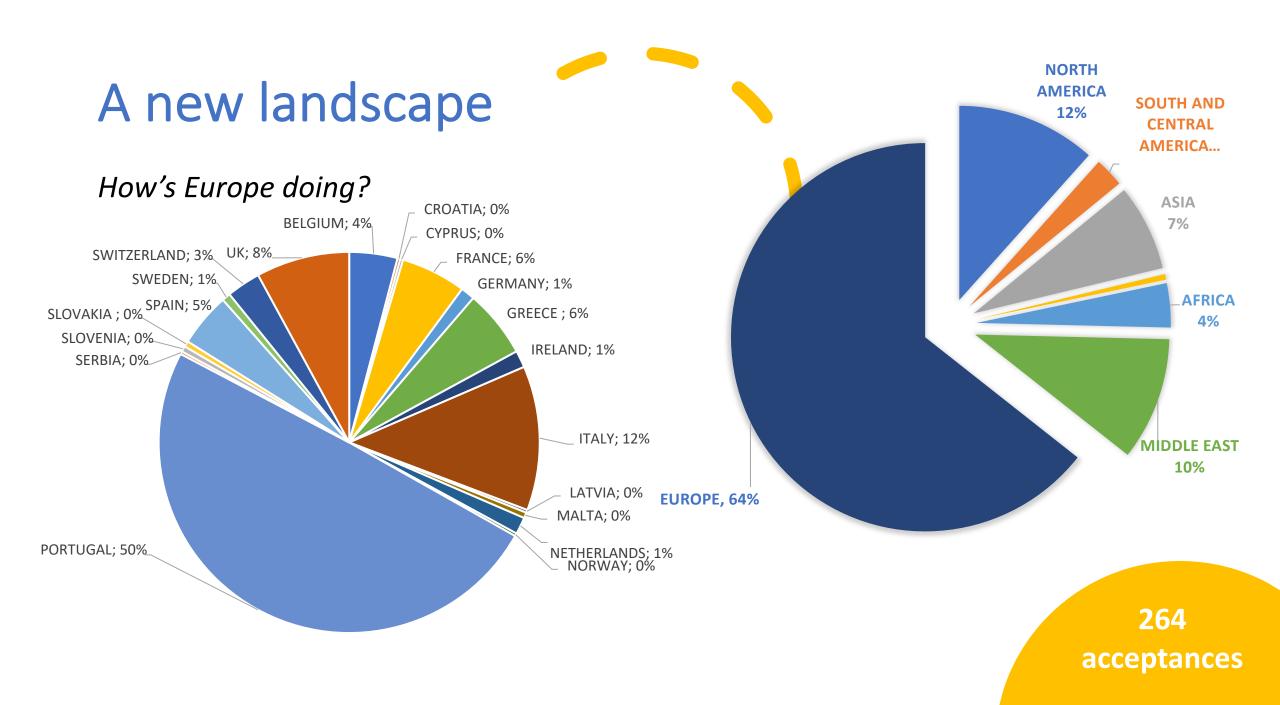


2021 data as at 28/02/2021

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.

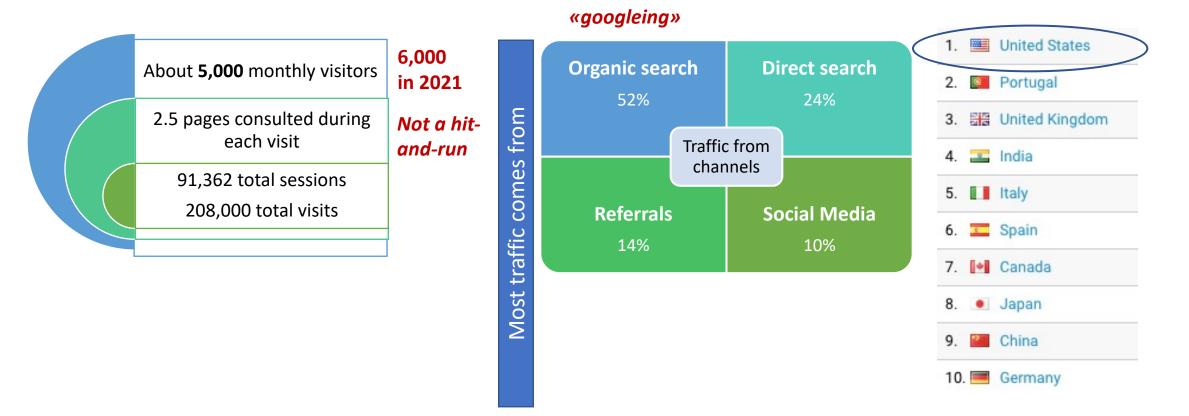


More **editorial help** should be considered...



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%	
Google Scholar	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

in

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 COVID-19 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 COVID-19 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 COVID-19 (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 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**...

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Scopus[®] and

Clarivate[™] inclusion

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