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Editor-in-Chief

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- Strategy (planned actions for 2023)
- EJIM as the journal for the European internists
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Submitted articles & editorial outcomes
Reporting on 2022 In- and Outflow

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Submitted and Accepted Articles by Country in 2022

Top 10 Countries & Regions by Submitted

- **Submitted**
  - China: 530
  - Italy: 230
  - Spain: 174
  - Germany: 126
  - Japan: 105
  - United States: 72
  - Israel: 66
  - France: 65
  - Turkey: 62
  - Portugal: 49

- **Accepted**
  - China: 23
  - Italy: 114
  - Spain: 39
  - Germany: 6
  - Japan: 19
  - United States: 23
  - Israel: 8
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Geographic breakdown of submissions to EJINME in January and February 2023 compared to the same period of 2021-22

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Average Editorial Speed for Accepted and Rejected Articles

- Submission to First Decision (Desk)
- Submission to First Decision (Standard)
- Submission to Final Editorial Outcome (Standard)

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Average Editorial & Publication Speed for Published Articles

- Submission to First Decision
- Submission to Acceptance
- Submission to First Online
- Submission to Publication VoR
- Submission to Final Publication

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Journal Impact Factor™ is calculated using the following metrics:

Citations in 2020 to items published in 2018 (849) + 2019 (552) = 1,401

Number of citable items in 2018 (147) + 2019 (156) = 303

\[ \frac{1,401}{303} = 4.624 \]

Journal Impact Factor™ is calculated using the following metrics:

Citations in 2021 to items published in 2019 (615) + 2020 (1,764) = 2,379

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Official EFIM publications

- Competence in multimorbidity (Bernabeu-Wittel, issue # 109; Citazione # 0)
- Community-acquired pneumonia (Gorken, issue # 106; Citazione # 0)
- Environmental degradation (Campos, issue # 104; Citations # 1)
- Pulmonary embolism (Becattini, issue # 96; Citations # 4)
- Methodology (Lesniak, issue # 77; Citations # 5)
- Less is more (Kherad, issue # 76; Citations # 12)
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Editorial Board members: duties and privileges

**Associate Editor:**
- Proactive scouting for high-quality reviews and papers (and article series or collections)
- Full handling of the manuscript (including editorial decision)
- Participation in the monthly call with the Editor-in-Chief and the Editorial Office
- Participation in the annual Editorial Board meeting (next in Barcelona on September 22nd)

**Editorial board member:**
- Proactive scouting for high-quality reviews and papers (and article series or collections)
- Review the assigned paper
- Provide «quick review» for desk decision
Editorial Board: call for nomination

• Associate Editor with clinical experience in endocrinology
• Associate Editor with clinical experience in oncology
• Editorial board member with clinical experience in epidemiology and biostatistics

Preference for:

• Under-represented countries (including non-European countries)
• Female scientists
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Actions for the next months

- Identify new members of the Editorial Board
- Finalize reviews (including those selected from the ECIM 2023 program)
- Scouting for high-quality studies
- Introduce new EJIM series as:
  - What clinician need to know about .....  
  - Updates 2023 in ..........  
- Finalize the publication of the Guidelines of the European Society of Hypertension
- Identify topics for article series or collection
- Introduce an efficient social media coverage of the published papers
DOWNLOADS FOLLOW TWEETS THAT CORRELATE WITH CITATIONS

How the Scientific Community Reacts to Newly Submitted Preprints: Article Downloads, Twitter Mentions, and Citations

Xin Shuai¹, Alberto Pepe²*, Johan Bollen¹

[Graphs showing correlation between Twitter mentions and arXiv downloads, as well as between Twitter mentions and citations.]
Hurdles for EJIM implementation

- Predatory journals
- Sister journals
- Low social media impact
- Low number of e-TOC and article downloading
- Low number of submission from some European countries
- Still relatively low number of multi-country studies
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TWEETS CORRELATE WITH CITATIONS

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