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### Abstract

On behalf of the Editorial Office of *World Journal of Cardiology* (WJC), we extend our sincere gratitude to our authors, readers, Editorial Board members, and peer reviewers, thanking each and every one for their contributions to WJC in 2020 and with wishes for a Happy New Year. It was the collective support of all authors, Editorial Board members, peer reviewers and staff of the Editorial Office that allowed the Baishideng Publishing Group Inc. to carry out successfully the complete peer review, editing and publishing processes for WJC in 2020. We have now analyzed the metric data of WJC's manuscripts that were submitted and published in 2020, the peer review of manuscripts in 2020, the invited manuscripts for 2021 and the Editorial Board members' composition and activities. As a global academic journal in cardiology, the findings from such will facilitate greater productivity and more efficient collaborative efforts to raise the academic rank of WJC in 2021. We enthusiastically anticipate WJC's contributions to promote further cardiology research sharing and exchange in 2021.

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To date, *WJC* has 123 Editorial Board members<sup>[2]</sup> hailing from countries across the globe. *WJC* has published 638 articles, which have been cited 1071 times. The *WJC* is now abstracted and indexed in Emerging Sources Citation Index (Web of Science), PubMed and PubMed Central. It was through the continuous support, dedication and encouragement of all authors, subscribers and readers, along with an excellent team effort by our Editorial Board members and staff of the Editorial Office, that the *WJC* was able to advance so appreciably in 2020.

## DEVELOPMENT OF *WJC* IN 2020

We received a total of 103 manuscripts in 2020, of which 26 (25.24%) were rejected, 11 (10.68%) were withdrawn, eight (7.77%) were under review and 58 (56.31%) were published online by the Production Department. The 58 published manuscripts included 28 (48.28%) invited manuscripts and 30 (51.72%) unsolicited manuscripts. The main columns represented by the published manuscripts were original articles and reviews (Figure 1). The authors of the published manuscripts were from 17 countries and regions, with the most being from the United States (Figure 2).

In 2020, *WJC* sent out 3145 invitations to peer reviewers and its Editorial Board members to conduct peer review of submitted manuscripts. These invitations yielded 487 acceptances (15.48%), 311 declines (9.89%) and 2347 non-responses (74.63%). Among those who accepted the invitation, 176 (36.24%) submitted the peer review report on time, 425 (63.86%) failed to submit the peer review report on time and four have not submitted the peer review report yet.

As of December 31, 2020, *WJC* had received a total of 163 proposals for titles of invited manuscripts for submission and review in 2021. These include 96 (58.90%) review articles, 47 (28.83%) original articles, eight (4.91%) editorials, and 12 (7.36%) 'other' types. Among them, 19 (11.66%) articles have already been submitted online, and 144 (88.34%) will be submitted in the future.

The Editorial Board members of *WJC*<sup>[2]</sup> represent 123 experts from 30 countries and regions, with the greatest number from Italy (21.50%) (Figure 3). Among them, 49 (39.84%) submitted their peer review reports on time, and 20 (33.3%) failed to submit their peer review reports on time.

As of January 14, 2021, the number of total visits to the *WJC* homepage was about 1219647, of which 21.7% of those visits were from the United States, 17.2% from China and 9.7% from United Kingdom. The number of total downloads of *WJC* articles was about 477708, of which 37% of those visits were from the United States, 19.9% from China, and 15% from Germany (Figure 4). According to data from the Web of Science<sup>[3]</sup>, which *WJC* published 66 articles in 2018-2019, the yielded total cites in 2020 was 188 times.

As editors of *WJC* ourselves, we strive to work with the journal's Editorial Office staff to make the manuscript submission process as simple as possible and ensure an efficient communication with the authors to provide our support and answer their

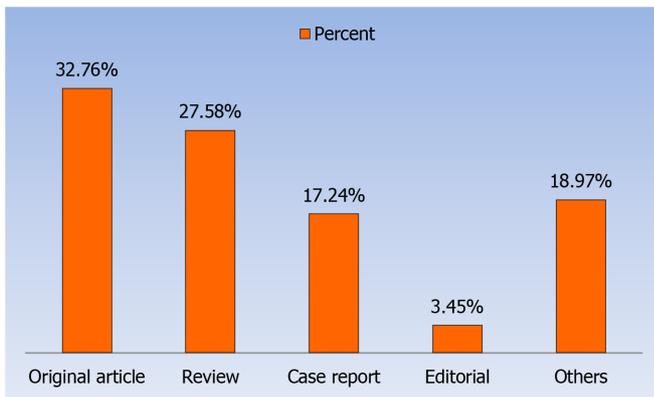


Figure 1 Column type distribution of manuscripts published in *World Journal of Cardiology* in 2020.

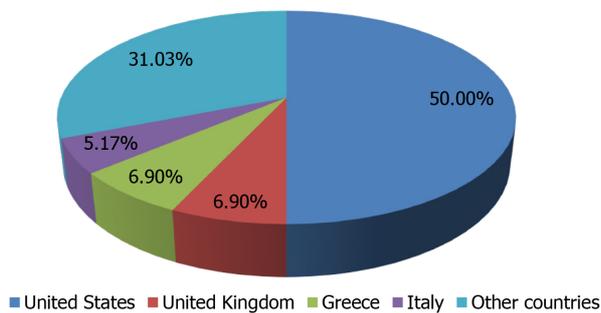


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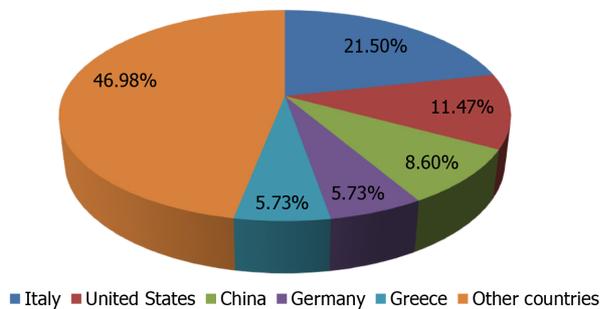
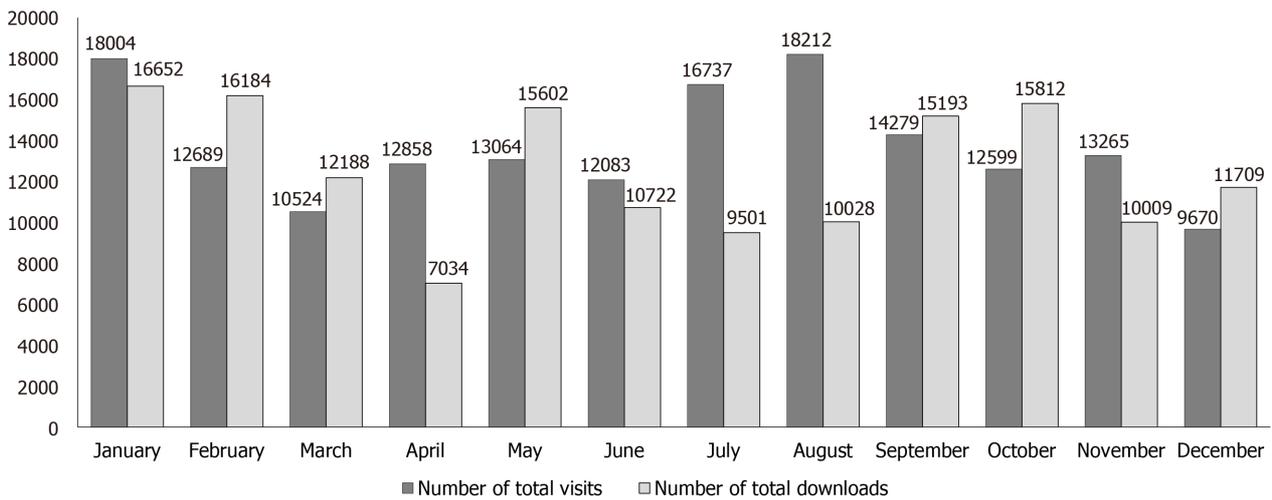


Figure 3 Distribution of Editorial Board members' countries for *World Journal of Cardiology*.

questions. In order to maximize readers' access to the latest research results, thereby promoting development of the field of cardiology, we have invited all Editorial Board members to conduct Article Quality Tracking-Peer-Review and published their comments after article publication. In order to advance the publishing efficiency and quality of *WJC*, Baishideng Publishing Group developed an automated manuscript editor system for manuscript revision and submission as well as an artificially intelligent program to generate a PDF version of the manuscript. Finally, to enable more peers to read, share and cite authors' published research results and to help enhance their global academic influence and reputations, thereby also promoting the overall development of the field of cardiology, we have begun the routine of sending published articles *via* email to many highly influential experts, in a topically-accurate manner.



**Figure 4** Number of total visits to the *World Journal of Cardiology (WJC)* homepage and number of total downloads to the *WJC* articles in 2020.

## CONCLUSION

In 2020, with the great support of all our authors, readers, Editorial Board members, independent expert referees and staff of the editorial office, we successfully published 12 issues of *WJC*. In order to raise the academic rank of *WJC* in 2021, we will rely on the continuous support and submissions from our established and new authors and the dedicated efforts and expertise of our invited reviewers, many of whom also serve on our Editorial Board. We will invite more scientists in the field of cardiology to join the *WJC* Editorial Board, more active scientists to conduct peer review for *WJC* manuscripts and more scientists to contribute high-quality original and review manuscripts to *WJC*. By publishing more high-quality articles, the *WJC* will be able to make more substantive contributions to the development of basic medical and clinical research in the field of cardiology.

We remain open to any suggestions that could improve *WJC*'s operation and publication. If you have any questions or suggestions on *WJC*, please feel free to contact us at [y.j.ma@wjgnet.com](mailto:y.j.ma@wjgnet.com).

Once again, on behalf of the Editorial Office of *WJC*, we wish you and your families the best for the New Year.

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