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Abstract

As editors of World Journal of Critical Care Medicine (WJCCM), it is our great pleasure to take this opportunity to wish all our authors, subscribers, readers, Editorial Board members, independent expert referees, and staff of the Editorial Office a Very Happy New Year. On behalf of the Editorial Team, we would like to express our gratitude to all authors who have contributed their valuable manuscripts and to the independent referees and our subscribers and readers for their continuous support, dedication, and encouragement. The excellent team effort by our editorial board members and staff of the Editorial Office allowed WJCCM to advance remarkably in 2020. In the future, the Baishideng Publishing Group and WJCCM's editorial board will continue to increase their communication and collaboration, both internally and involving our external contributors, in order to promote our collective impact on the field of Critical Care Medicine even further.

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INTRODUCTION

First of all, we, on behalf of all editors of the Baishideng Publishing Group (BPG), extend our sincere gratitude to you for your contributions to the World Journal of Critical Care Medicine (WJCCM) in 2020. We wish you a Happy New Year!

In 2020, BPG routinely published 47 open-access journals, including 46 Englishlanguage journals and 1 Chinese-language journal. Our successes were accomplished through the collective dedicated efforts of BPG staff and Editorial Board Members, such as yourself. BPG's Editorial Board Members number 3136, and Peer Reviewers number 29039.

ACADEMIC INFLUENCE OF WJCCM

As one of the key developing journals of BPG, WJCCM was founded in 2012 as a highquality, online, open-access, single-blind, peer-reviewed journal published by the Baishideng Publishing Group[1]. The journal has a total of 31 official editorial board members[2], and their country distribution is shown in Figure 1. WJCCM mainly publishes articles reporting research results obtained in the field of critical care medicine and covering a wide range of topics, including acute kidney failure, acute respiratory distress syndrome and mechanical ventilation, application of bronchofiberscopy in critically ill patients, cardiopulmonary cerebral resuscitation, coagulant dysfunction, continuous renal replacement therapy, fluid resuscitation and tissue perfusion, hemodynamic monitoring and circulatory support, intensive care unit management and treatment control, infection and anti-infection treatment, rational nutrition and immunomodulation in critically ill patients, sedation and analgesia, severe infection, and shock and multiple organ dysfunction syndrome. While we are celebrating WJCCM's 9-year anniversary, we are very proud to share with you that since its launch, WJCCM has published 155 articles (Figure 2). Among these, the total cites is 1738, and the average cites per article is 11.21 (Figure 3). The current number of total visits to the WJCCM homepage is about 370000, of which 20.6% of those visits have been from the United States, 17.7% from Bosnia and Herzegovina, and 9.6% from China. The specific traffic data and download statistics are shown in Figure 4A and B. The WJCCM is now abstracted and indexed in PubMed, PubMed Central, China National Knowledge Infrastructure, China Science and Technology Journal, and Superstar Journals databases^[2]. BPG will be submitting an application to Clarivate Analytics in 2022, with anticipation of it being abstracted and indexed in the Science Citation Index Expanded.

In 2020, WJCCM received a total of 23 manuscripts from authors around the world for consideration of publication and published nine articles^[3]. The distribution of published manuscripts by type is shown in Figure 5. The distribution of authors of published articles by country/territory is shown in Figure 6.

In the last month of 2020, we received 68 manuscripts for consideration for publication in 2021 following successful completion of peer-review. The specific types and number of manuscripts received are shown in Figure 7A and B. As a global academic journal in critical care medicine, our authors hail from various countries and regions, reflecting a diversified contribution to the field that is embodied within an optimized platform to promote worldwide medical research sharing and exchange.

All the good achievements that were made in the past year are inseparable from the dedication of our authors, subscribers, readers, Editorial Board members, independent expert referees, and staff of the WICCM's Editorial Office. To date, WICCM has 31 official editorial board members. We hope that each WJCCM Editorial Board Member will continue to conduct high-quality peer reviews for WJCCM in 2021 and support



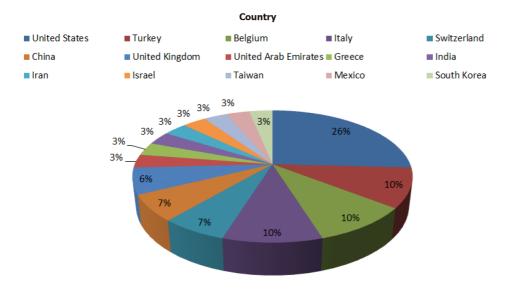
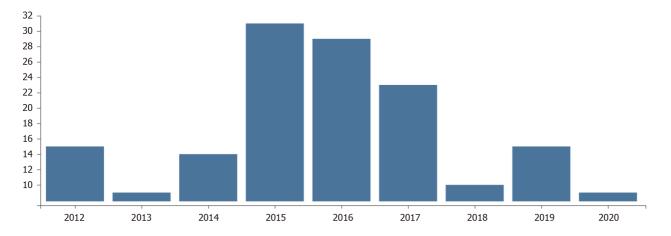
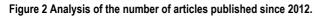


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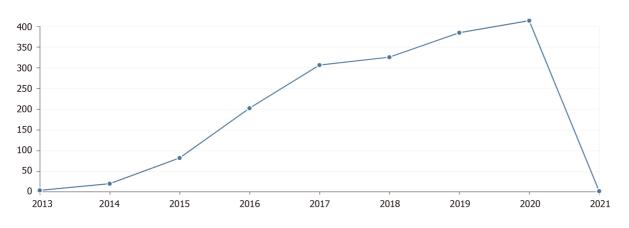


Figure 3 According to the year of publication, the citation frequency of the article.

WJCCM's mission of publishing high-quality articles that will make substantive contributions to the development of basic medical and clinical research. Meanwhile, we hope that every expert in the field of critical care medicine will contribute more articles to support our efforts towards that end. We look forward to more outstanding experts and scholars actively applying to become members of our editorial department. As always, all peer review experts are urged to review each manuscript in a timely

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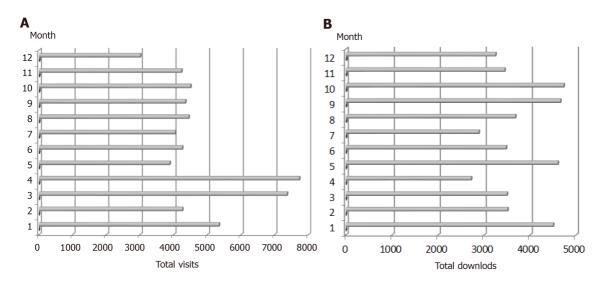


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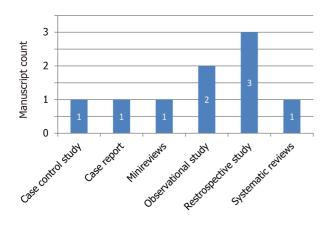


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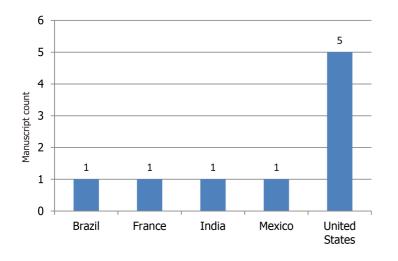


Figure 6 Distribution of authors' countries for the manuscripts published in World Journal of Critical Care Medicine in 2020.

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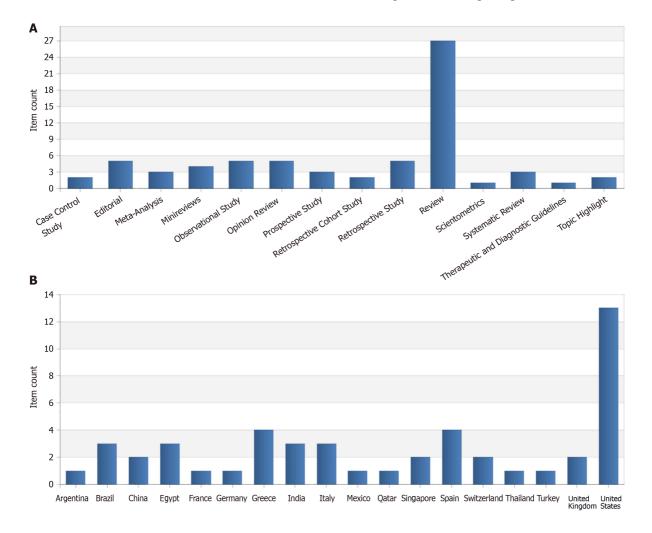


Figure 7 Bibliographic data for articles received by the World Journal of Orthopedics in the last month of 2020. A: Article types; B: Authors' countries.

CONCLUSION

It is with your great support that we expect to be more productive and to be able to raise the academic rank of WJCCM even higher in order to achieve these goals, we appreciate the continuous support and submissions from authors and the dedicated efforts and expertise by our invited reviewers, many of who also serve on our editorial board. The Editors-in-Chief will continue to strive to work with the journal's Editorial Office staff to make the manuscript submission process as simple as possible and to ensure efficient communication with the authors, providing professional support and answering their questions. Ultimately, we will remain open to any suggestions that could improve WJCCM's operation and publication. Please feel free to contact us (editorialoffice@wjgnet.com) if any question on your personal submission arises or you have any suggestions.

Once again, on behalf of WJCCM, we wish you and your families the best for the New Year.

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