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Abstract

On behalf of the Editorial Office of *World Journal of Orthopedics* (WJO), we extend our sincere gratitude to our authors, subscribers, readers, Editorial Board members, and peer reviewers, thanking each and every one for their contributions to WJO in 2020 and with wishes for a Happy New Year. It was the support of all our Editorial Board members and peer reviewers that allowed the Baishideng Publishing Group Inc to successfully carry out the complete peer review, editing and publishing processes for WJO in 2020. We have analyzed the data of WJO's manuscript submissions and article publications in 2020, the invited manuscripts for 2021, manuscript peer review, composition of Editorial Board, and citation of WJO's articles, and present the findings here. We expect to be even more productive and to further raise the academic rank of WJO in 2021.

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INTRODUCTION

As editors of *World Journal of Orthopedics (WJO)*, we extend our sincere gratitude to our authors, subscribers, readers, Editorial Board members, and peer reviewers, thanking them for their contributions to the *WJO* in 2020 and wishing them a Happy New Year. We also give thanks for the support of all Editorial Board members and peer reviewers, whose efforts allowed for the Baishideng Publishing Group Inc (BPG) to successfully carry out the complete peer review, editing and publishing processes for *WJO* in 2020.

ACADEMIC INFLUENCE OF WJO

The *WJO* was launched by the BPG on November 18, 2010, and since then has grown into a high-quality, online, open-access, peer-reviewed journal. While we are celebrating *WJO*'s 11-year anniversary, we are very proud to share with you that since its first publication, *WJO* has published 698 articles that have been cited 8676 times.

In 2020, *WJO* received a total of 154 manuscripts for consideration of publication. Among the 119 which received a first decision by the Science Editor Development Department, 54 were edited and processed and advanced to the second decision, 56 (36.4%, 56/154) were rejected, and 64 (41.6%, 64/154) were published online by the Production Department (Figure 1)^[1]. Among the 64 published articles, 18 (28.1%, 18/64) were invited manuscripts and 46 (71.9%, 46/64) were unsolicited manuscripts; in addition, 28 (43.8%, 28/64) were original articles, 19 (29.7%, 19/64) were review articles, 15 (23.4%, 15/64) were case reports, 1 (1.6%, 1/64) was an editorial and 1 (1.6%, 1/64) was 'other' (Figure 2A). The authors of those articles hail from 24 countries or regions. Among them, 14 (21.9%, 14/64) were authored by researchers from the United States, 5 (7.8%, 5/64) from the United Kingdom, 5 (7.8%, 5/64) from the Netherlands, 4 (6.3%, 4/64) from Italy, and 36 (56.3%, 36/64) from other countries or regions (Figure 2B).

As of December 31, 2020, *WJO* has received a total of 204 titles submitted for invited manuscripts for consideration of publication in 2021, including 116 (56.9%) review articles, 80 (39.2%) original articles, and 8 (3.9%) editorials. Among them, 28 (13.7%) had been submitted online and 176 (86.3%) have not been submitted yet (Figure 3).

In 2020, 5609 invitations were sent out to peer reviewers and Editorial Board members to conduct peer review of *WJO* manuscripts, yielding 660 acceptances (11.7%, 660/5609), 603 declines (10.8%, 603/5609), and 4346 non-responses (77.5%, 4346/5609) (Figure 4). Among the peer reviewers and editorial board members who accepted invitations, 224 (33.9%, 224/660) submitted the peer review report on time, 425 (64.4%, 425/660) failed to submit the peer review report on time, and 11 have not submitted the peer review report yet.

The *WJO* Editorial Board is composed of 60 members^[2], and the Editorial Office has received 32 new applications to evaluate for inclusion on the member list. The 60 Editorial Board members came from 27 countries or regions. Among them, 10 (16.7%) are from Italy, 6 (10%) from the United States, 4 (6.7%) from Germany, 4 (6.7%) from Iran, 4 (6.7%) from Austria, and 32 (53.3%) from other countries or regions (Figure 5), among which 40 (66.7%) have conducted peer review and 20 (33.3%) have yet to conduct their first peer review.

In 2020, the number of total visits to the *WJO* homepage was about 254463, of which 26.7% of those visits were from the United States, 10.8% from the United Kingdom, and 8.2% from China^[3]. The number of total downloads to the *WJO* articles is about 176327, of which 47.9% of those visits have been from the United States, 11.2% from China, and 8.4% from Germany^[4] (Figure 6).

As of January 4, 2021, according to data from the Web of Science, the *WJO* published 88 articles in 2018-2019 from authors in 27 countries or regions. Among them, 33 authors (37.5%, 33/88) came from the United States, 12 (13.6%, 12/88) from the United Kingdom, and 7 (8.0%, 7/88) from Italy. These 88 published articles included 83 classified as "article" or "review" and yielded total cites of 190 times in 2020.

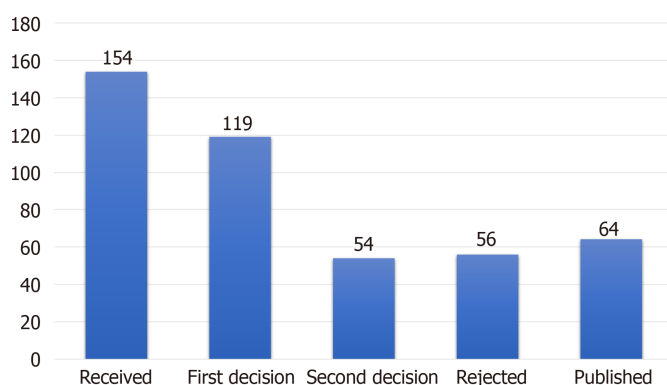


Figure 1 *World Journal of Orthopedics* 2020 manuscript processing. The numbers of manuscripts processed, from submission through publication, are presented.

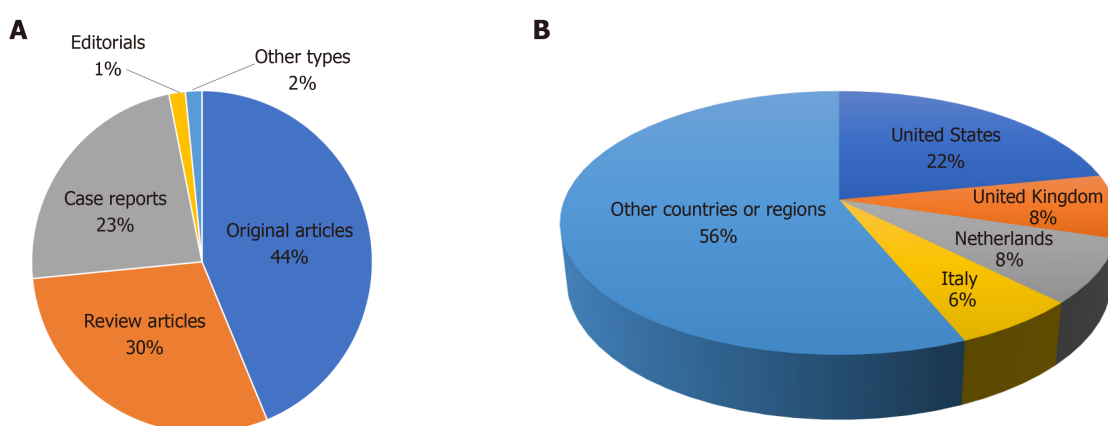


Figure 2 Bibliographic data for articles published by the *World Journal of Orthopedics* in 2020. A: Article types; B: Authors' countries.

According to data from Scopus, the *WJO*'s CiteScore for 2019 is 3.2 and Scopus CiteScore rank 2019: Orthopedics and sports medicine is 77/261 (Figure 7).

CONCLUSION

At present, *WJO* still has some problems to be solved, including: (1) A lower than desired number of manuscript submissions, especially of high-quality original and review manuscripts; (2) A lower than desired number of peer review reports received for each manuscript; (3) The academic quality of published articles should be further improved; (4) A lower than desired number of submissions of invited manuscripts from Editorial Board members; and (5) An insufficient number of Editorial Board members, which presents a challenge to the peer review process for some manuscripts.

With continued dedicated support from all our authors, reviewers, Editorial Board members and readers, we expect to be more productive in this new year. For our part, we commit to working with you all to raise the academic rank of *WJO* in 2021. In order to achieve these goals, we will invite more scientists in the field of orthopedics to join the *WJO* Editorial Board, more active scientists to conduct peer review for *WJO* manuscripts, and more scientists to contribute high-quality original and review manuscripts to *WJO*. By publishing more high-quality articles, the *WJO* will be able to make more substantive contributions to the development of basic medical and clinical research in the field of orthopedics.

We remain open to any suggestions that could improve *WJO*'s operation and publication. Please feel free to contact us at j.l.wang@wjgnet.com, if you have any questions or suggestions on *WJO*.

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

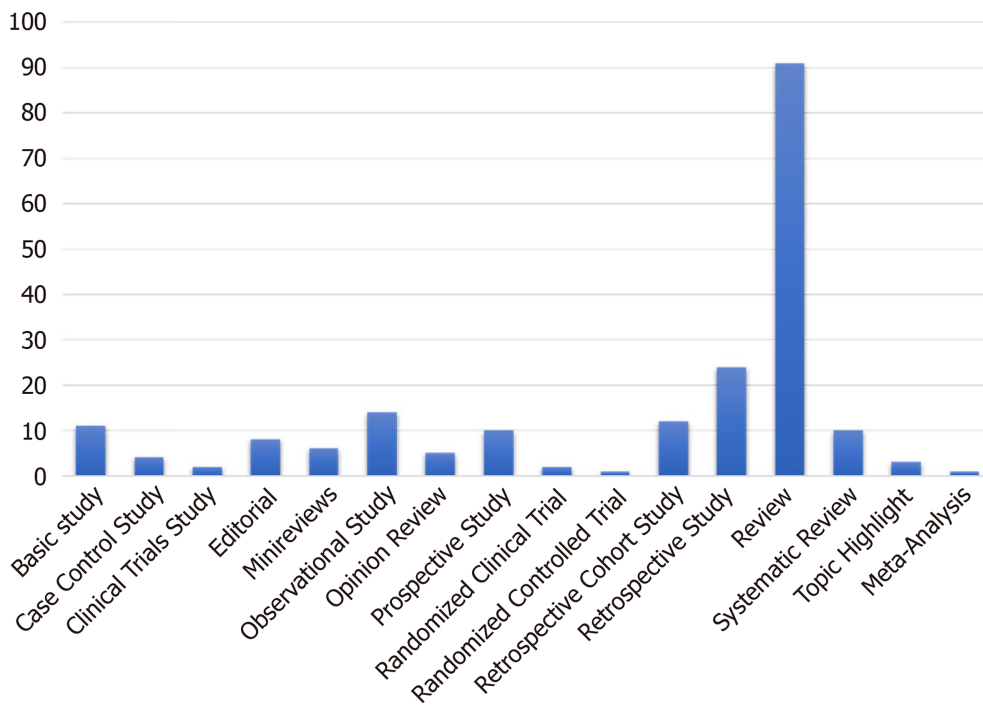


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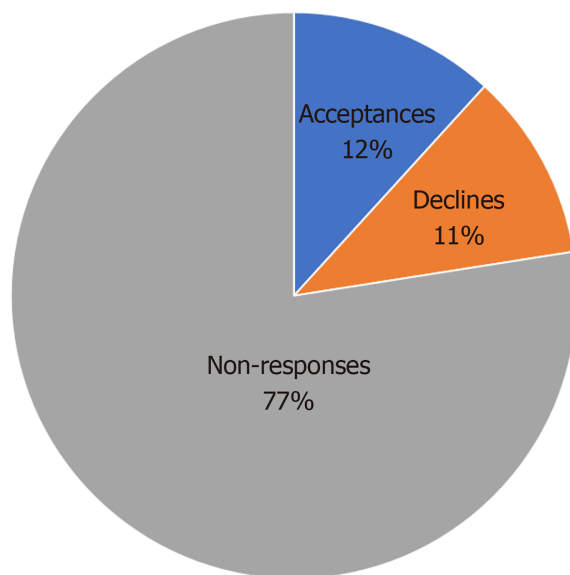


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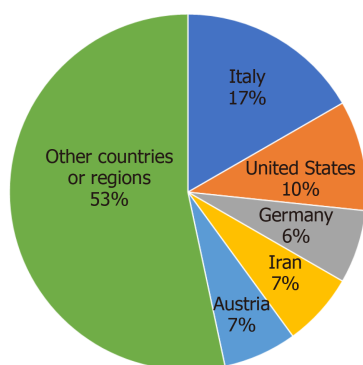


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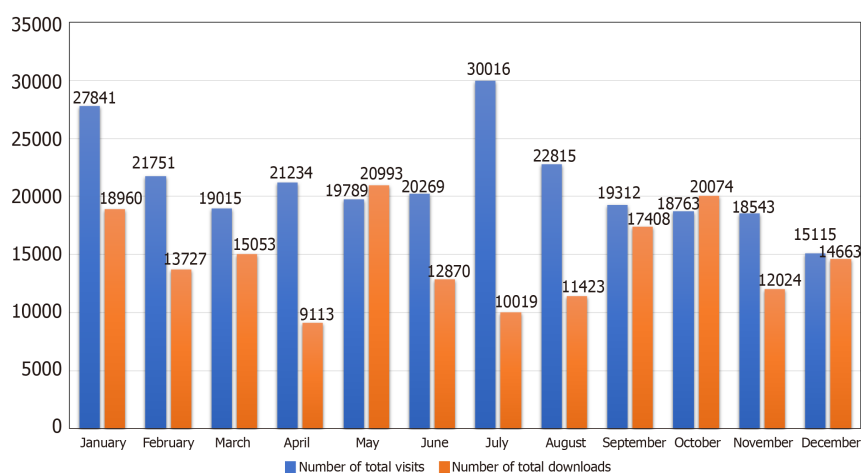


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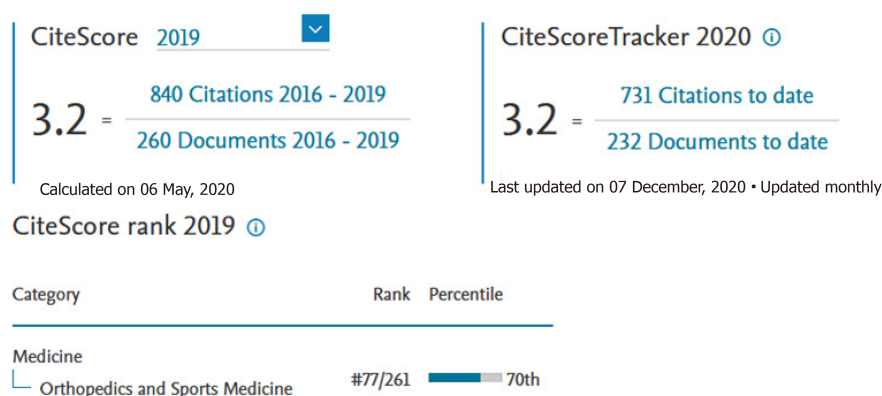


Figure 7 Formula for the anticipated 2019 CiteScore for the *World Journal of Orthopedics*.

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