

Editors' Report

Editors' Report for 2015, December 2015

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During 2015, the *British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology* published 272 articles in total, 140 of which were classified as research articles, of which 21 were Clinical Trials paper, 4 were on Translational Research, 3 were in the Education series and 1 was part of the New Drug Mechanisms series. Eighty three articles were Reviews, 17 of which were systematic reviews and 3 were meta-analyses; 19 were commissioned and 18 were un-commissioned; 26 were themed. The journal published 26 Letters, 11 Editorials, 7 papers in the Methods in Pharmacology series, 3 Commentaries, 1 Historical Perspective and 1 Book Review.

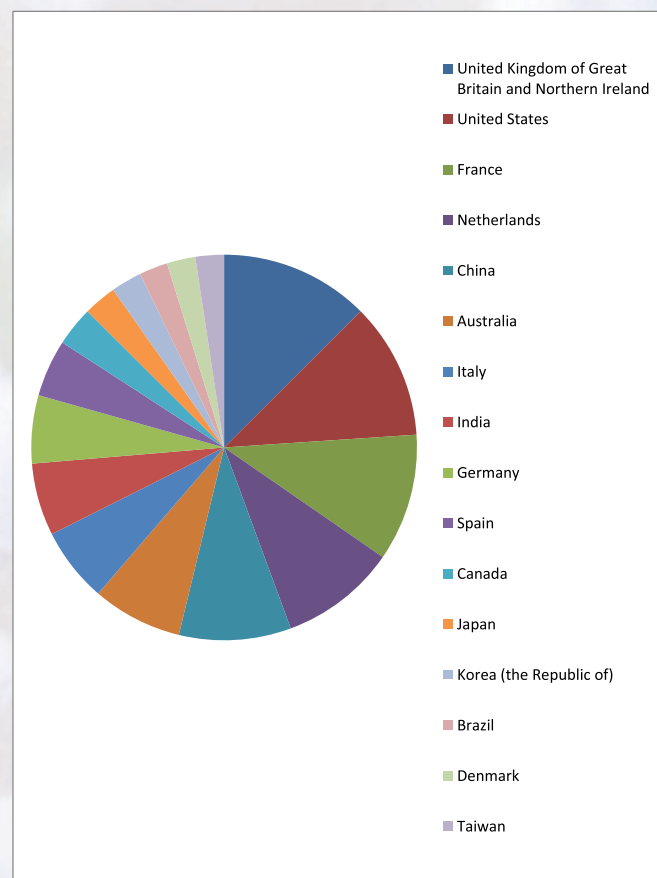
There were four themed issues: Population Analysis in the January issue (79:1), Future of Antimicrobials in the February issue (79:2), Paediatric Prescribing in the March issue (79:3) and Adverse Drug Reactions in the October issue (80:4).

We received 655 submissions from 1st January 2015 to 31st October 2015 an increase of 103, of which 440 were original research papers. Of these, 18% have been accepted, with the remainder rejected, pending a decision or awaiting a revision. We have seen a substantial increase of submissions of reviews and meta-analyses, with 108 to date, compared with 75 in 2014.

Overall, submissions for the period came from 58 countries (57 countries in 2014 and 63 in 2013): United Kingdom (68, 10% of total), USA (62, 9%), France (58, 9%), the Netherlands (53, 8%), China (51, 7%), Australia (41, 6.2%), Italy (34, 5.3%), India (33, 5%), Germany (31, 4.7%), Spain (26, 3.9%), Canada (18, 2.7%), Korea (18, 2.7%), Japan (15, 2.3%), Denmark (13, 2.0%), and 44 other countries (less than 10 submissions each).

Papers were submitted and handled electronically via the ScholarOne website.

Distribution of submissions by country



Median publication times were as follows:

- from submission to first decision: 25 days compared with 31 days in 2014;
- from submission to final acceptance: 102 days compared with 85 days in 2014;
- from receipt at the Publishers to first (Accepted Article) publication: 3 days compared with 5 days in 2014; and
- from receipt at the Publishers to issue publication: 181 days compared with 189 days in 2014.

These results are encouraging, especially in the categories 'from receipt at Publishers to first publication', the mean of which has decreased by 2 days and 'from receipt at the Publishers to issue Publication', which has decreased by 8 days. This reflects the commitment of the Editors, Executive Editors, Referees and our Publishing Team. The longer time 'from submission to final acceptance' asks for our attention.

Our Impact Factor (2014) rose again, from 3.688 to 3.878, an enhancement of 5.2% (following a 3.1% in 2013). *BJCP* is ranked now 45th out of 256 journals (up 5 positions) in the Web of Knowledge Pharmacology and Pharmacy category.

Changes in the Editorial Boards

The Editor in Chief and Senior Editor Team

In November this year, we were sad to hear that one of our Senior Editors, David Flockhart, passed away. During 2 years he contributed greatly to the *BJCP*. There will be a separate In Memorial in one of the coming issues of the *BJCP*.

Professor Adam Cohen began his term as the Editor-in-Chief on January 1st 2015.

Professor Andrew Somogyi completes his term as Australasian Editor in December 2015, with Professor

Geoff Isbister joining as the new Australasian Editor on January 1st 2016.

Dr Yoon Loke completes his term as European Editor in December 2015, with Dr Andy Webb joining as the new European Editor on January 1st 2016.

Dr Rob Bies joined as the American Senior Editor.

Executive Editorial Board

Professor David Burger, Dr Serge Cremers, Professor Ann Daly, Professor Arjen Dondorp, Professor Carl Kirkpatrick and Dr Catherine Sherwin joined the Executive Editorial Board. We would like to express our appreciation for the dedication and hard work from Dr Una Martin and Professor Henry Chrystyn, who have ended their terms. Professor Geoff Isbister and Dr Andy Webb have moved to a Senior Editor position, and we would like to thank both for their support of the journal as Executive Editors.

International Editorial Board

Dr Pei Hu, Dr Lionel Lewis and Dr Hongliang Li joined the International Editorial Board.

The Senior Editors wish to thank all Board Members for their commitment and enthusiasm over the past year.

Logistical matters

The Senior Editorial Team continues to have monthly teleconferences, which continue to help manage journal business, to streamline journal processes and to deal with appeals in a fair, timely and structured manner. We thank all the publishing staff at Wiley, including Lisa Deakin (Senior Journal Publishing Manager), Annette Butler (Editorial Assistant), Carmen Sherry (Production Editor) Sally Harvey (Marketing Manager) and Tom Broomfield (Journal Publishing Assistant) for their unwavering and enthusiastic support, overseen with calm efficiency by our Society Relationship Consultant, Elizabeth Whelan.