



## Annual Report of the Productivity of “Iranian Journal of Public Health” during 2020-2023

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As usual, here an annual report is presented based on the annual activities of **Iran J Public Health**, for the year 2023. This report will be a comparison of the journal actions during the years 2020-2023. The total number of manuscripts received during 2023 was 2055 from 66 countries. Of course, only the country of corresponding author was considered, so altogether much more countries we had in the panel. It is worth mentioning that in some cases there were two corresponding authors in share. This year, Iran had the highest rate of submission, followed by China and Turkey (Table 1). Fig. 1 presents the total number of articles published during 2020-23 in terms of the frequency of submission, rejection and acceptance rate.

Out of total submission of 2055 articles during 2023, 1749 articles were rejected after initial in-house evaluation in addition to subsequent peer review. Therefore, the acceptance rate for this year was 8.27%.

AS usual, during the last year, we screened all submitted papers using iThenticate plagiarism checker software to check the probable plagiarism. We tried mostly to ask the authors to correct their articles for minor plagiarism. Overall, we are bound to Committee of Publication Ethics (COPE), so we observe its rules on how to monitor the cases detected as plagiarism. Fortunately, altogether, less than five articles were rejected due to major plagiarism.

The Journal continued its policy as for exact peer review rules including in-house evaluation followed by double blind peer review system. Fig. 2, demonstrates the total number of articles published during 2020-23 in terms of the percentage of acceptance and rejection rate. Some manuscripts submitted during 2023, are still in the process of peer review so we have no idea of their destination. However, the rejection rate in 2023 was 85%.

The types of articles published during 2020-23 are shown in Fig. 3. Accordingly, Original Articles had the highest rate of publication during the last four years.

Due to high flow of submitted manuscripts, in some cases, the authors were asked to change the format of “Original Article” to “Letter to the Editor”.

The Impact Factor (IF) announced by Clarivate Analytics (Formerly ISI) for the year 2022 was 1.4, nearly similar to previous years. According to <https://www.scimagojr.com/journalsearch.php> the H index of the journal was 48 until 2022, moreover the rank of the journal was Q3 (Fig. 4). Besides, SCOPUS has reported SJR as 0.36 and Cite Score as 2.2 for the year 2022.



**Table 1:** The frequency of manuscripts received by Iran J Public Health during 2023 in terms of the frequency of submission, rejection and acceptance rate\*

No.	Country	Sub- mis- sion	Re- ject	Ac- cepted
1	Afghanistan	1	1	0
2	Albania	1	1	0
3	Algeria	5	5	0
4	Armenia	3	3	0
5	Bangladesh	10	10	0
6	Bosnia	1	1	0
7	Brazil	6	4	2
8	Bulgaria	9	8	0
9	Burkina Faso	1	1	0
10	Canada	1	1	0
11	China	520	392	70
12	Colombia	1	1	0
13	Congo	1	1	0
14	Cyprus	6	6	0
15	Egypt	5	5	0
16	Ethiopia	4	4	0
17	Gambia	1	1	0
18	Georgia	4	4	0
19	Greece	2	2	0
20	India	51	47	1
21	Indonesia	180	168	7
22	Iran	690	589	57
23	Iraq	47	47	0
24	Italy	1	1	0
25	Jakarta	2	1	0
26	Japan	1	1	0
27	Jordan	11	11	0
28	Kazakhstan	11	9	1
29	Korea	32	19	8
30	Korea-Iran	1	0	1
31	Kuwait	1	1	0
32	Kyrgyzstan	1	1	0
33	Lebanon	1	1	0

34	Malaysia	13	10	0
35	Mauritius	1	1	0
36	Mexico	3	3	0
37	Montenegro	8	7	0
38	Morocco	11	10	1
39	Mozambique	1	1	0
40	Nigeria	3	3	0
41	Oman	3	3	0
42	Pakistan	39	38	0
43	Palestine	2	1	0
44	Peru	3	3	0
45	Poland	1	0	1
46	Portugal	1	0	1
47	Qatar	1	1	0
48	Romania	4	4	0
49	Russia	1	1	0
50	Saudi Arabia	19	18	1
51	Serbia	17	14	3
52	Slovakia	1	1	0
53	South Africa	4	2	1
54	South Af- rica-USA	1	0	0
55	Spain	2	1	0
56	Sri Lanka	1	1	0
57	Sudan	1	1	0
58	Taiwan	2	2	0
59	Tanzania	1	1	0
60	Thailand	13	11	1
61	Tunisia	5	4	1
62	Turkey	276	257	12
63	United Arab Emirates	1	1	0
64	USA	2	1	0
65	USA-Iran	1	0	1
66	Vietnam	1	1	0
	Total	2055	1749	170

**\*Note:** Some manuscripts submitted during 2023, are still in the process of peer review so we have no idea of their destination. Accordingly, the cell is left blank.

The countries are mentioned based on the corresponding authors' countries', so there some mixed coun-tries in the table.

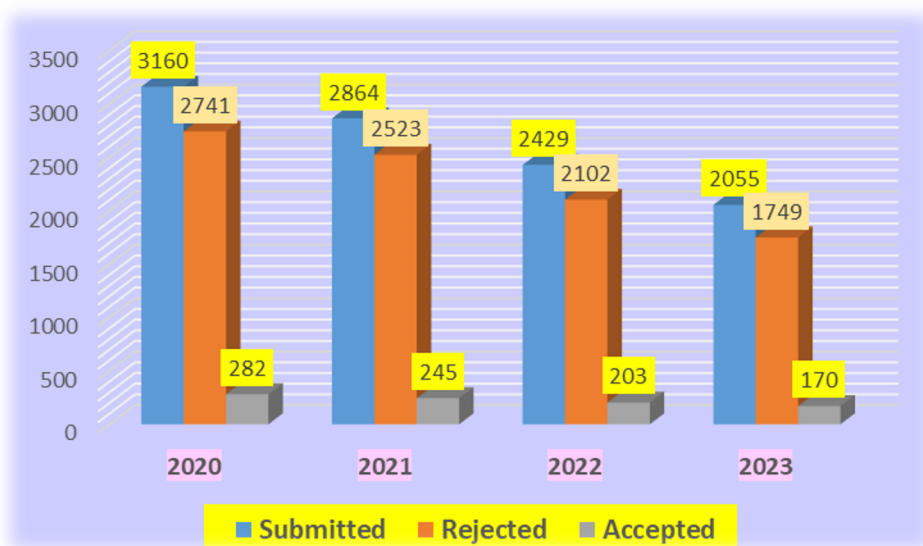


Fig. 1: Total number of articles submitted during 2020-23 in the context of the frequency of submission, rejection and acceptance rate.



Fig. 2: The percentage of acceptance and rejection rate during 2020-23.

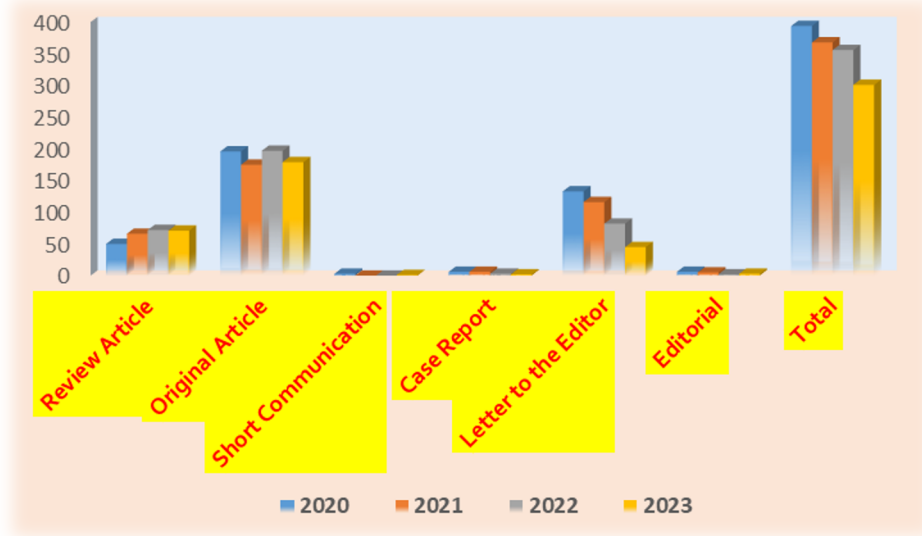


Fig. 3: Total number of articles during 2020-23 based on the type of published papers.



Fig. 4: Key Indicators announced by Scimagojr.com for the year 2022.