



EFORT Open Reviews: The Scientific Editor’s perspective

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Now in its third year, *EFORT Open Reviews* is going from strength to strength, continuing a series of informative and authoritative contributions, of which 59 have been Instructional Lectures from across the world reflecting the expanding fields of Orthopaedics and Traumatology. To date, around 170 papers have been published.

The enthusiasm for the journal is reflected in the fact that 46% of papers submitted over the past year were

unsolicited (sent voluntarily by the authors), compared with only 27% in 2016. This is very pleasing: keep the papers coming! Figure 1 shows the international spread of papers that have been accepted for publication, and Figure 2 shows the spread of papers across the orthopaedic specialties.

All papers are indexed in PubMed as of May 2017. Furthermore, the journal has been accepted for indexing

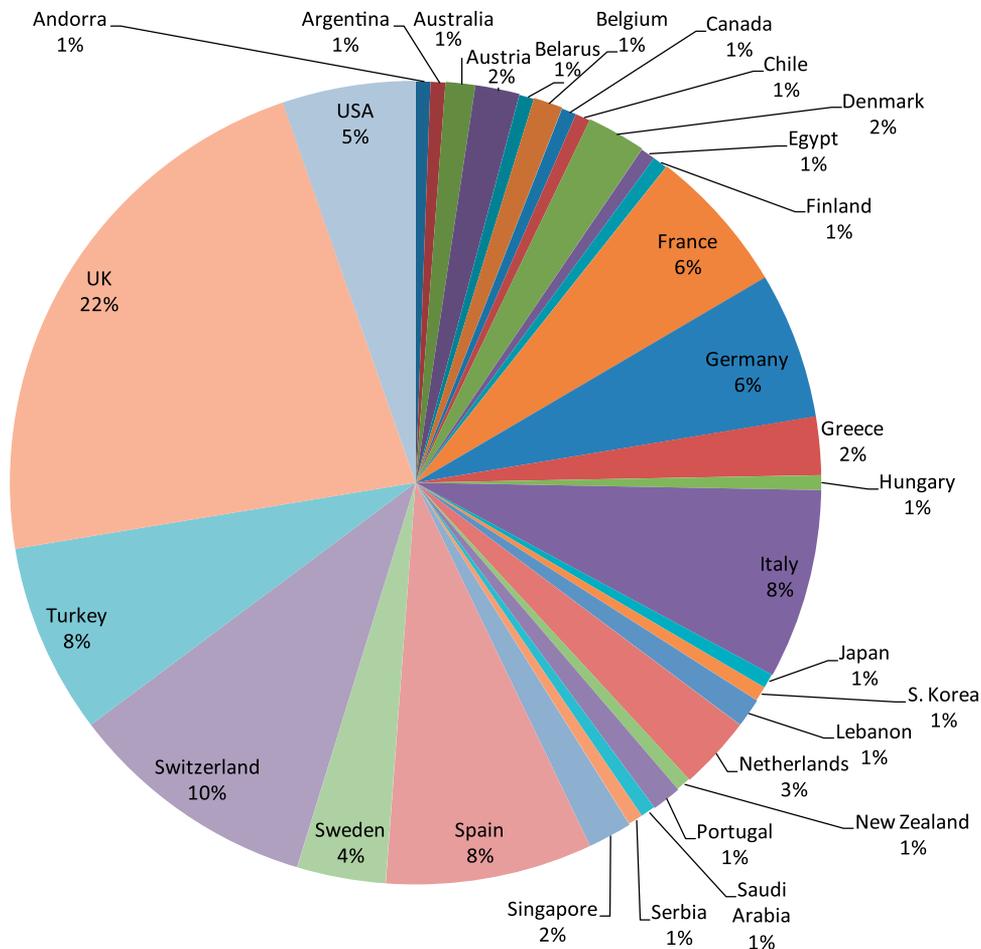


Fig. 1 Papers accepted for publication in EOR, by country.

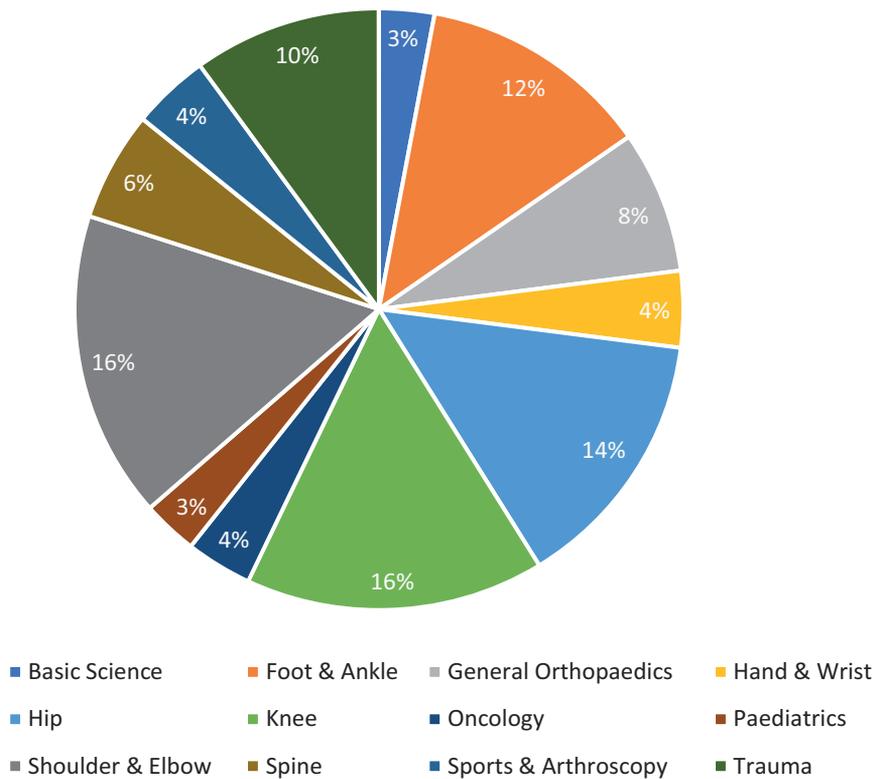


Fig. 2 Papers accepted for publication in EOR, by specialty.

in the Web of Science Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI) from January 2018. Since all the articles published since the beginning of 2017 are now available in the Web of Science Core Collection, this will increase the journal’s readership. Figure 3 shows the growing readership on the EOR website at www.efortopenreviews.org; in addition to this, the journal achieves on average 20,000 full-text downloads per month on PubMed, and a growing number each month on Web of Science.

Inclusion in ESCI is seen as the precursor to acceptance in the Science Citation Index Expanded which, all being well, will result in the achievement of an Impact Factor for EOR from the 2019 volume onwards, which would then be included in the Journals Citations Report in 2020. Also, EOR has been submitted for indexing in Scopus.

The new 2018 Barcelona Congress print issue is slightly larger, with 23 Instructional Lecture papers plus 2 regular review articles, which it is useful to have all in one volume.

The editors and the Board of Associate Editors, the EFORT executive and Bone & Joint Publishing wish to thank all the authors, reviewers and staff for their unstinting activity in ensuring the excellent progress of EOR. In this context we would like to welcome two new Associate Editors: Dr Bernd Grimm and Dr Marino Delmi.

The acceptance time for papers depends on reviewer times and the need for placing and planning the grouping of topics. Nevertheless, the acceptance time is short and is recorded as soon as the decision is made. We are working to improve this further. The experiment of publishing a group of reviews on related topics appears to be well accepted and will continue.

The selection of the reviews for this year’s print issue is diverse, as usual, and contains ‘cutting edge’ as well as established data to make the papers as useful as possible for trainees, consultants and specialists alike, bearing in mind that our colleagues in Nursing and all the associated specialties now attend the Congress. It would be very interesting to have some reviews from all those who attend the Congress and EFORT’s other activities.

As always, we are delighted to receive feedback regarding the journal and the IL book, and especially your papers.

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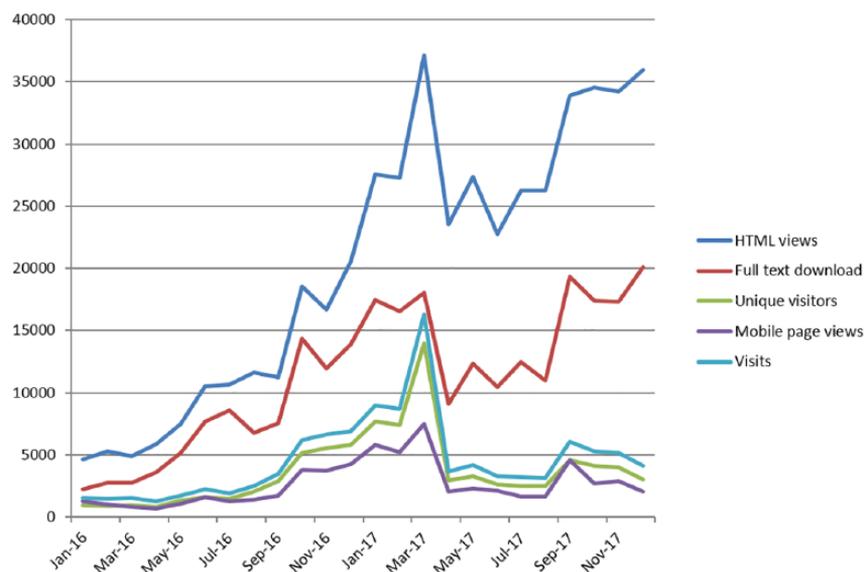


Fig. 3 Growing readership of EOR.

and we will miss him greatly. We wish him all of our very best for his “retirement”.

We look forward to meeting many of you in the beautiful city of Barcelona – and remember to visit the EFORT networking area.

Meanwhile, may all your practice, teaching, and research endeavours be as successful and worthwhile as possible.

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