

By walking, we open the way

Se hace camino al andar

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Your journal, *Revista Española de Urgencias y Emergencias* (Rev Esp Urg Emerg), after its launch in July 2022, begins its 3rd year of editorial activity with this issue.¹

In the previous 2 years, corresponding to 3 volumes, 194 manuscripts were received, of which 135 (69.5%) were accepted, authored by 199 contributors, with the essential yet often underappreciated work of 76 reviewers. This effort enabled the publication of 44 articles in the Original Articles and Brief Originals sections — an average of 22 articles per full year. The average time to first editorial decision was 10 days, with a mean of 91 days to acceptance and 147 days to rejection — undoubtedly, an area for improvement.²

In line with the San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA),³ when evaluating our performance as a vehicle for scientific communication — in this case, the dissemination of knowledge and research in emergency medicine — Rev Esp Urg Emerg has been viewed by 73,434 individuals, with 377,411 visits to the journal's website and 2,863,742 interactions, resulting in 68,936 PDF downloads, showing a notable increase from 2022 to 2024 (Table 1). Analyzing these interactions monthly (6 months in 2022, 12 months in 2023, and the first 5 months of 2024), readers have downloaded an average of 300 PDFs per month, a 472% increase vs the journal's first volume (Table 1). A total of 60% of our readers come from Spain, 11% from other Spanish-speaking countries, 14% from the United States, and the remaining 15% from other European and Asian countries (Table 2). Although there are other Spanish-language journals in the field of Emergency Medicine — both general⁴ and pediatric⁵ — we can affirm that, together with EMERGENCIAS, SEMES (Spanish Society of Emergency Medicine) makes a significant contribution to advancing scientific knowledge in Spanish within our field.

At the beginning of this 3rd year, changes have taken place in the Editorial Committee:

We welcome Montse Amigó Tadín, nurse in the Emergency Department of *Hospital Clínic de Barcelona* (Barcelona, Spain) and

Professor Rafael Castro Delgado, Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine at the *Universidad of Oviedo* (Oviedo, Spain) and physician at *SAMU-Asturias*. Both bring strong clinical, academic, and research backgrounds, and it is an honor that they have joined as new Associate Editors. Furthermore, due to the increased editorial workload, we have expanded our management team with the Section Editor role. Alongside Fernando Rosell Ortiz and María Elena Castejón de la Encina, former Associate Editors and key witnesses to these first two years of growth, we now welcome Manuel Pardo Ríos, nurse at the Emergency and Health Emergencies Management 061 of the Region of Murcia and Professor at *Universidad Católica de Murcia*. With Professor Pardo, we inaugurate in this issue a new section dedicated to emerging technological advances such as advanced clinical simulation using virtual methodologies⁶ and generative artificial intelligence (GAI), which are poised to transform the practice of emergency medicine as we know it today⁷ (Figure 1). My personal and professional thanks to Elena and Fernando for joining this project when it was still an unknown venture and everything remained to be built. While we continue incorporating new Editorial Board members, whose primary role is to serve as reviewers and support the journal's scientific and editorial advancement, I would like to highlight the addition of Professor Roberto Barcala Furelos, Chair at the *Universidad de Vigo* (Vigo, Spain) researcher, and expert in lifesaving, rescue, and first aid. This reinforces Rev Esp Urg Emerg's commitment to being a comprehensive 360° reference in the field of emergency medicine.

SEMES continues to firmly support Rev Esp Urg Emerg. Evidence of this is the additional funding provided to obtain DOIs for all published articles since the first issue — a new requirement for the official recognition of scientific activity by the CNEAI of ANECA. Although being indexed in DIALNET already places us in a repository recognized by several Spanish universities (even required for doctoral publications), we continue striving to

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Table 1. Editorial data of Revista Española de Urgencias y Emergencias

Year	Website visits	Visits/month	Pages viewed	Pages/month	Requests*	Requests/month	PDF document downloads	Downloads/month
2022 (6 months)	19,448	3,241	100,701	16,784	811,757	135,293	7,914	1,319
2023 (12 months)	26,601	2,216	138,964	11,580	120,5845	100,487	29,891	2,491
2024 (5 months)	27,385	5,477	137,746	27,549	846,140	169,228	31,131	6,226
TOTAL (23 months)	73,434	3,192	377,411	16,409	2,863,742	124,511	68,936	2,997

* Page entry, search engine use, or PDF download.

Table 2. Website interactions with Revista Española de Urgencias y Emergencias by country of origin*

Country	2022**	2023***	2024****	Total	% total
Spain	540,543	711,048	450,995	170,2586	59.45
USA	95,924	159,166	161,912	417,002	14.56
Mexico	19,033	55,179	26,774	100,986	3.53
Argentina	14,652	25,202	13,951	53,805	1.88
Chile	6,897	15,597	16,663	39,157	1.37
Peru	8,992	20,035	6,680	35,707	1.25
Colombia	6,524	16,198	12,540	35,262	1.23
Ecuador	5,329	10,276	7,627	23,232	0.81
Cuba	6,009	7,836		13,845	0.48
Bolivia		5,337		5,337	0.19
Venezuela		3,895		3,895	0.14
Uruguay	2,018				0.00
Others	105,836	176,076	148,998	430910	15.05
TOTAL	811,757	120,5845	846,140	2,863,742	

*Page entry, such as clicking the download button or performing a search.

July–December period; * Full year; **** January–May period.

broaden our indexing. On June 28th, we received notification of our inclusion in the CUIDEN bibliographic database. Moreover, we have applied for evaluation by SCOPUS and SCIELO, following the journal's fulfillment of the minimum editorial activity period. Soon, we will apply for inclusion in the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ), and our medium-term goal is to be indexed in the Emerging Sources Citation Index™ (Clarivate™) — the first step toward inclusion in the Journal Citation Reports™.

As stated in the editorial "Las guerras",⁸ published in this issue, on June 5th, 2024, Dr. Padilla Bernáldez, Secretary of State for Health, announced the imminent creation of the Specialty in Emergency Medicine in Spain. As you may know, the Council of Ministers approved our specialty on July 2nd, later published in the Official State Gazette (BOE) on July 3rd, 2024 (Figures 2 and 3). In the past 48 hours, much has been said about this historic milestone — more than 30 years in the making — and the reaction from emergency professionals across media and social networks has been overwhelmingly positive. We echo the words of President Tato Vázquez Lima, expressing gratitude to all who contributed along this long road: the successive



Figure 1. Poster of the ERC at the 1st International Symposium of Immersive Reality for Resuscitation (Universidad Católica de Murcia, May 24th, 2024).

SEMES boards, past presidents, members, and professionals who proved through daily work that our specialty existed de facto long before official recognition; to patient associations, regional parliaments, scientific societies, unions, OMC, UEMS, EuSEM, patients, and of course, our families.

As Drs. Pepe Millá and Luis Jiménez Murillo reminded us: "How many times were we ignored, deceived, or came so close to achieving it. Remember the old saying — every minister who announced the specialty left office within days." It has been a long, long journey.

In Dr. Juan González Armengol's words, a collective effort — teamwork, perseverance, leadership, and resilience when the obvious was denied. As Dr. Toranzo noted: "We always believed it was possible; the secret was never giving up — and there, we were strong." This has been the work of many people over many years — a relay marathon with excellent runners.

The Spanish National Health System, patients, and SEMES all win with this achievement.

We surely remember colleagues who passed away before seeing this dream in print, and others now retired who will watch from the sidelines — perhaps with some sadness for not holding the title of specialist, yet with joy for future Spanish residents who will.



Figure 2. QR — Press release from the Council of Ministers, July 2nd, 2024.



Figure 3. QR — Official State Gazette (*Boletín Oficial del Estado*), July 3rd, 2024.

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