

Review of Revista Española de Urgencias y Emergencias' first year

Balance del primer año de la Revista Española de Urgencias y Emergencias

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"Few health professionals, and only on very rare occasions, have the privilege of participating in the birth and early steps of a scientific journal." It is now time to reflect on the first year of the *Revista Española de Urgencias y Emergencias*—the second scientific publication of the Spanish Society of Emergency Medicine (SEMES)—a quarterly, open-access journal with no publication fees for authors.¹ These features exemplify the paradigm of open science dissemination, alongside other principles such as the availability of raw research data in repositories (open data) (Figure 1).^{2,3}

As of May 2023, a total of 106 manuscripts had been submitted through the OJS editorial management system, primarily original articles (41%) and letters to the editor (19%). The overall acceptance rate was 65%, with a median time to first editorial decision of 12 days (external review stage), 21 days from that decision to final acceptance, and 11 days in cases of rejection (Table 1).

Regarding journal access metrics, there were 32,215 visits from 22,730 unique users, who collectively downloaded a total of 145,288 PDF documents. It is worth noting that both individual articles and complete issues can be downloaded in this format. On average, each visitor downloaded a total of 6 scientific documents. In terms of geographic origin, 42% of accesses came from Spain, 15% from other European countries, 23% from the United States, 11% from other Spanish-speaking countries (including 2% from Mexico), 6% from Eastern Europe, 2% from Asia, and the remaining 1% from other regions such as Australia and Africa (Table 2).

The journal is currently indexed in Latinex,⁴ Google Scholar,⁵ and Dialnet,⁶ and is awaiting responses for inclusion in SciELO España, the Spanish Bibliographic Index in Health Sciences (IBECS), Cuiden, and CINAHL (Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature). Once the minimum eligibility period for evaluation is reached, applications will be submitted for inclusion in Creative Commons and the Directory of Open

Access Journals (DOAJ). Inclusion in Journal Citation Reports (JCR)/Web of Science and PubMed/MEDLINE will require at least 5 years since the journal's launch,^{7,8} though earlier consideration could be possible if bibliometric and editorial criteria are met. The number of visits and downloads is highly encouraging, considering that only 1 year has passed since the publication of the first issue and that citation opportunities remain limited in recent literature. We believe the journal's future is promising.

Furthermore, Rev Esp Urg Emerg was founded with the goal of increasing the visibility of research in emergency medical systems and highlighting their multidisciplinary nature. The journal also seeks to foster the scientific growth of nursing professionals and emergency medical technicians, and to enhance knowledge in the management, organization, and experience of emergency and disaster care. We therefore encourage professionals from these fields to consider this journal their ally.⁹ At the academic level, several doctoral programs already recognize publication in Rev Esp Urg Emerg, given its



Figure 1. Components of open science. UNESCO, 2020.

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Table 1. Editorial data of Rev Esp Urg Emerg

Journal section	Submissions received N (%)	Submissions accepted N (%)	Articles published	Submissions in process	Submissions rejected			Days to First Editorial Review (days) - mean		
					Total N (%)	Before editorial review N (%)	After editorial review N (%)	First editorial decision (Mean)	Days until acceptance (Mean)	Days until rejection (Mean)
Editorial	9 (8.5)	9 (100)	9	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
Original Articles	43 (40.5)	28 (78)	20	7	8 (19)	3 (7)	5 (12)	7	99	152
Brief Reports	6 (5.7)	3 (50)	2	2	1 (17)	0	1 (17)	12	121	134
Scientific Letter	7 (6.6)	4 (57)	4	1	2 (29)	0	2 (29)	18	224	52
Letter to the Editor	20 (18.9)	13 (65)	15	1	6 (30)	4 (20)	2 (10)	27	80	67
Review	10 (9.4)	4 (40)	4	1	5 (50)	2 (20)	3 (30)	9	120	154
Viewpoint	2 (1.9)	2 (100)	1	0	0	0	0	3	3	0
Consensus Statement	1 (0.95)	1 (100)	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Special Article	8 (7.5)	4 (50)	5	1	3 (38)	2 (25)	1 (13)	22	41	22
Total	106	67 (64)	61	13	25 (24)	11 (10)	14 (13)	12	76	64

bibliometric indexing level, as an appropriate outlet to fulfill requirements prior to the defense of a doctoral thesis—an additional incentive to submit manuscript.¹⁰

This editorial project would not be possible without the many individuals involved: the authors who submit their work, the reviewers—whose invaluable contributions can never be sufficiently acknowledged—and the readers, the ultimate driving force of our editorial team. Editorial secretariat support, as well as technical assistance in IT, translation, and layout, also play an essential role in ensuring each issue is available online as scheduled. Advertisers—through banner placements, reprints, or sponsorship of sections such as FETOC¹¹—contribute to the journal's financial viability without additional costs to SEMES. In any case, the full endorsement of this project by the National Executive Board of SEMES¹² is not only an encouragement but also a responsibility we assumed one year ago, and

the outcomes presented here are also submitted for their evaluation. Our spirit remains critical, our enthusiasm unwavering, and we sincerely thank all those who continue to make this endeavor possible.

Table 2. Rev Esp Urg Emerg in numbers

Readers	22,730
Articles downloaded	145,288
Geographic origin	Spain: 42%
	Latin America: 11%
	Rest of Europe: 21%
	USA: 23%
Manuscript acceptance rate	64%
Editorial timelines	Rejected articles: 12 days (median)
	Accepted articles: 21 days (median)
Indexing repositories	Latindex
	Google Scholar
	Dialnet

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