

EDITORIAL

Annual report 2025 of the editors of ANALES DE PEDIATRÍA

Informe anual 2025 de los editores de ANALES DE PEDIATRÍA



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One more year, the Editorial Committee of *Anales de Pediatría* shares the most relevant aspects of the journal through its annual report. In 2024, the number of articles submitted to the journal stabilized. We have maintained the dynamic approach to the editorial process, adjusting the contents of each issue and succeeding in further reducing editorial times. *Anales de Pediatría* was positioned in the second quartile of the 186 journals of its category in the *Journal Citation Report 2023*, and its visibility increased, with the number of visits exceeding 12 million.

Online monographic issues

The Editorial Committee successfully launched three special online issues devoted to fields of growing scientific interest and relevance: genetics, child and adolescent psychiatry and research methodology, each comprised of six special articles.

This editorial strategy, supported by Elsevier, aims to respond to the need for up-to-date information in emerging fields in pediatrics and to increase the international visibility of the journal by reinforcing its standing in subjects of global interest.

Each monographic issue gathers a selection of special articles published in different regular issues of *Anales de Pediatría*. This format offers readers a cohesive, easily accessible thematic dossier on areas of interest and increases the visibility of articles by bringing them together under a common theme, which is also prominently featured on the publishing platform. At the same time, it adds flexibility to the management of articles without disrupting the established editorial schedule. All articles in special online issues are indexed individually and retain their original citability.

The three selected subjects correspond to strategic priorities identified by the Editorial Committee. Genetics is a cross-cutting research area in many fields of pediatrics that has a growing impact on diagnosis, prognosis and treatment and is experiencing rapid scientific and technological advances. The increase in mental health problems in the pediatric population and the limited training of health care professionals in this field evince the urgency to disseminate new knowledge in child and adolescent psychiatry. Finally,

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Figure 1 Anales de Pediatría Q2. Thank you.

improving knowledge on research methodology is key to strengthening the quality of scientific output and fostering a culture of critical thinking among our readers.

Each special issue has featured guest editors, all renowned experts in their fields, who played a key role in selecting the topics for each issue, proposing authors recognized at the national and international levels, and managing the editorial process for the manuscripts (preliminary evaluation, proposal of peer reviewers and editorial decision-making). From the Editorial Committee, we would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for their commitment, rigor, dedication, and leadership, which have been instrumental in ensuring scientific quality and contributing to the success of this initiative. We would also like to thank the authors who have contributed to the spe-

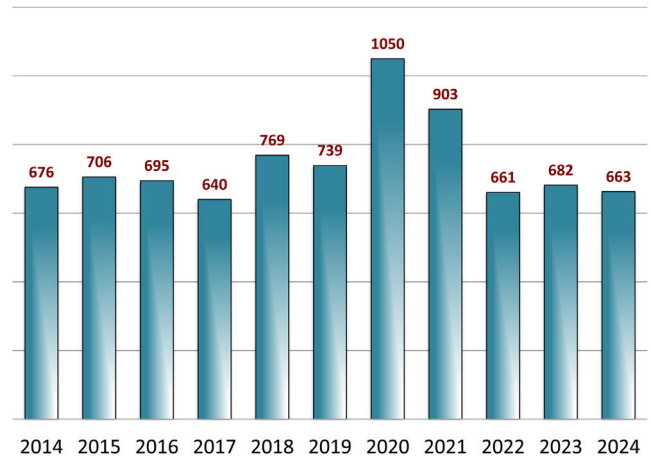


Figure 2 Annual changes in the total number of submitted original articles and acceptance rate in the 2014–2024 period.

cial online issues with high-quality work, adhering to the required deadlines and standards.

With this editorial strategy, we reaffirm our commitment to excellence, current scientific knowledge and the service to the pediatrics scientific community.

Anales de Pediatría Q2. Thank you

The Editorial Committee continues to invest on strategies to improve the appeal of the journal through the dissemination from the Asociación Española de Pediatría (AEP) of an infographic and a video with the message “Anales de Pediatría Q2. Thank you” (Fig. 1). Their contents highlight the improvement in the impact of the journal, which reached the second quartile in 2023, and thanks authors and reviewers for their contributions.

Manuscript processing

The number of manuscripts submitted to the journal in 2024 was 663, of which 54% were original or special articles, with the percentage of scientific letters (24%) and images (18%) remaining similar to previous years. The rejection rate was 70% overall and reached 78% for original articles (Figs. 2 and 3).

The dynamic management of the manuscripts has achieved a reduction in processing times, with a mean time elapsed from reception to first response of approximately 20 days, a record time of 4 weeks from acceptance to online publication and 11 weeks to assignation to a journal issue. All the editorial processing times are currently in the optimal range and showing decreasing trends, and we have also managed to reduce the peer reviewer response time to fewer than 13 days (Figs. 4 and 5). In spite of the strategies implemented by the Editorial Committee, there is still considerable margin for improvement in the time to assignation and response of peer reviewers. It is a veritable challenge to find experts in the subject of each of the manuscripts willing to accept the invitation to participate in the peer review process, as we discuss further down.

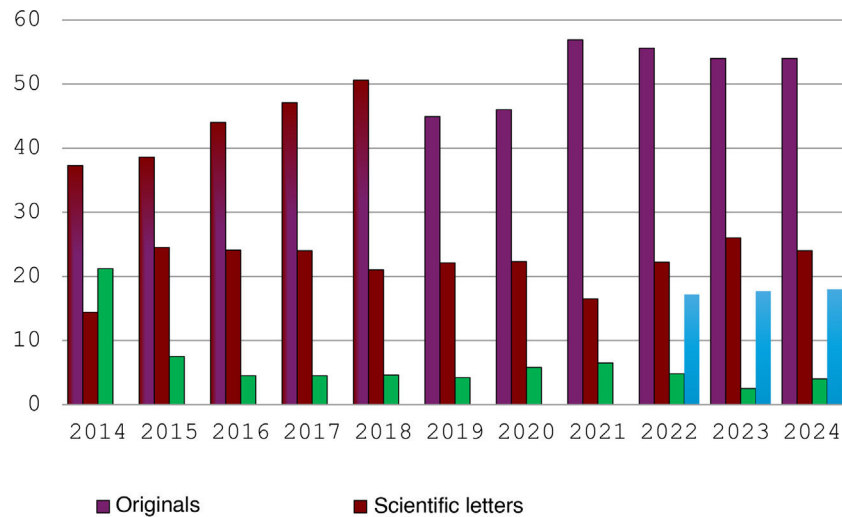


Figure 3 Annual changes in the percentage of original articles, scientific letters and letters to the editor received in the 2014–2024 period.

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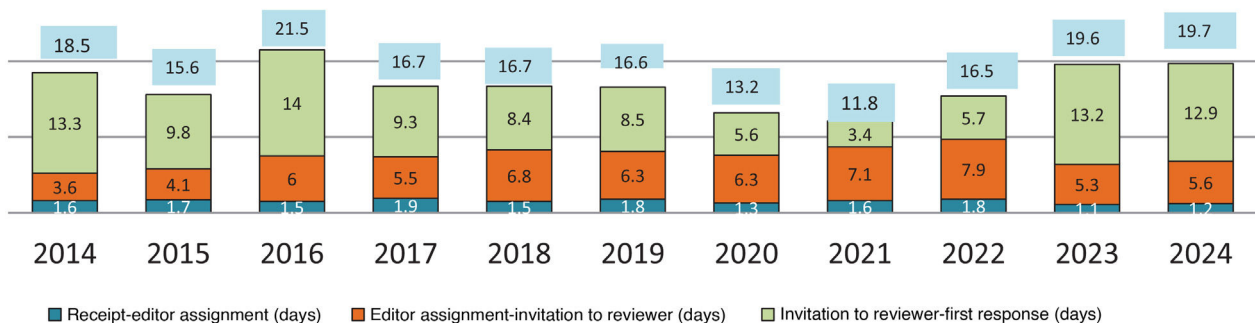


Figure 4 Mean time elapsed from reception to first response by the Editorial Committee (2014–2024).

Visibility of *Anales de Pediatr a*

Visibility metrics continue to improve each year, with visits to the journal currently exceeding 12 million and increases in the number of visits through both ScienceDirect and the website of *Anales de Pediatr a* (Figs. 6 and 7). The most read article in 2024, with 92 508 was “The Relationship Between Parental Awareness of Sexual Abuse and Children’s Skills to Say No” by Kirbař and řahin, published in the March issue.¹

We continued our activity through the social media accounts of the AEP with the daily posting of articles in X and monthly posting of the contents of each issue of the journal. The publication that achieved the greatest engagement

(13.49 thousand reactions) was “Inhaled Medications and Inhalation Chambers for Childhood Asthma. Spanish Network of Working Groups on Asthma in Pediatrics (REGAP)” by Juli a Benito et al.,² an article of the AEP that featured tables with information about inhaled medications and inhalation chambers frequently used in the management of asthma. The active presence of *Anales de Pediatr a* in the social media accounts of the AEP is a strategic element for increasing its visibility and revitalizing the role of scientific knowledge in society. This novel vehicle for accessing scientific knowledge does not replace conventional channels, but rather supplements them, enriching them with visual formats and brief contents.

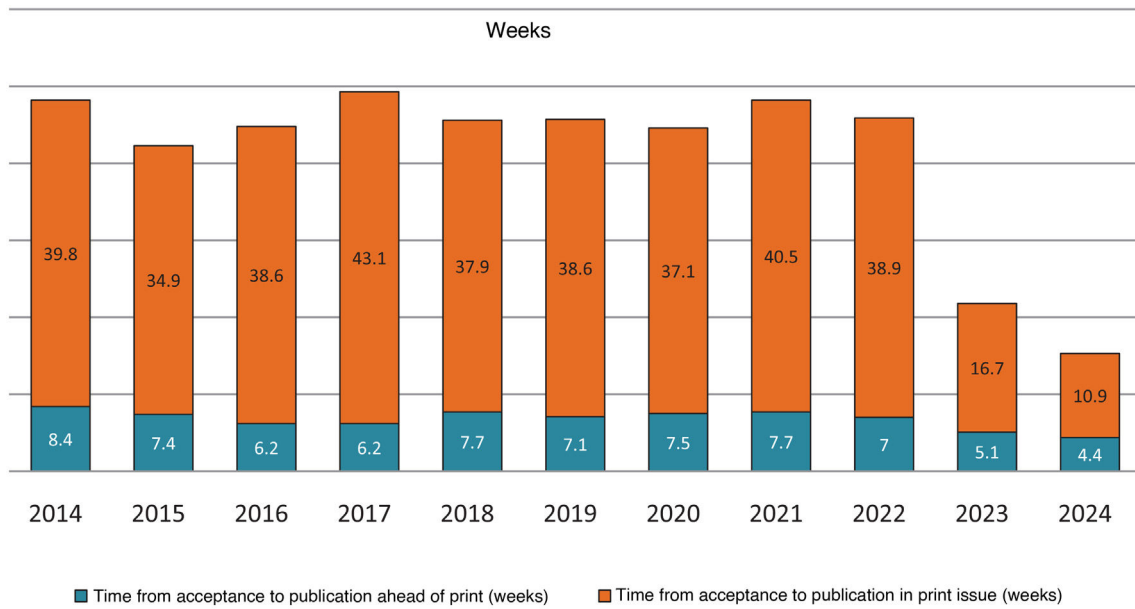


Figure 5 Mean manuscript processing time from acceptance to publication (2014–2024).

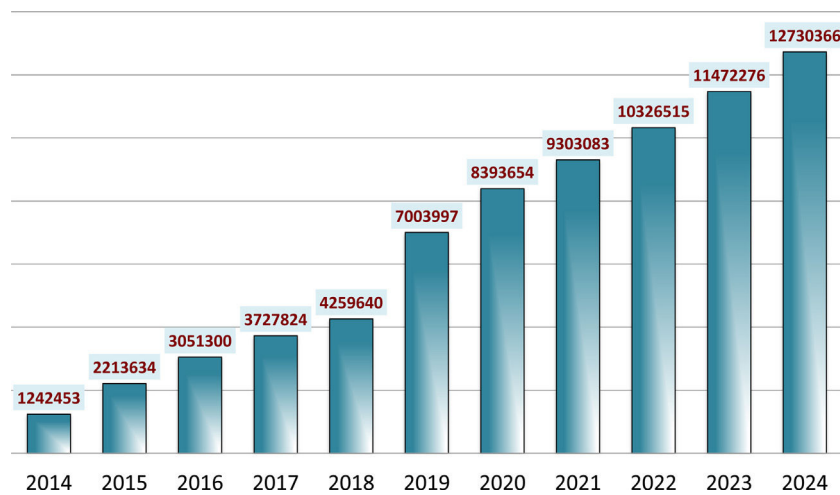


Figure 6 Visibility of *Anales de Pediatría*: total number of visits (2014–2024).

Impact factor

Following the changes made to the metric calculation methodology of the *Science Citation Index-Journal Citation Reports* of the Web of Knowledge, the impact factor of *Anales de Pediatría* has continued on an overall decreasing trend, with a value of 1.5 in 2023, although it was positioned in the second quartile for the first time, thereby improving its ranking despite the decrease in the impact factor for reasons discussed in last year's editorial.³ At the time of this writing, we do not yet know the impact factor for 2024 and prefer to err on the side of caution and refrain from making predictions.

Reviewers

As can be seen in [Table 1](#), a total of 537 expert reviewers participated in the journal, to whom we thank one more year for their altruistic work, which is the cornerstone of peer review. One of the greatest challenges of the Editorial Committee is the identification and recruitment of ideal reviewers for each manuscript, as they need not only have the scientific expertise but also the available time and disposition to collaborate in the peer review process on a voluntary basis. The countless requests for peer reviews that researchers receive is clearly overwhelming, especially in those who are most specialized, which explains

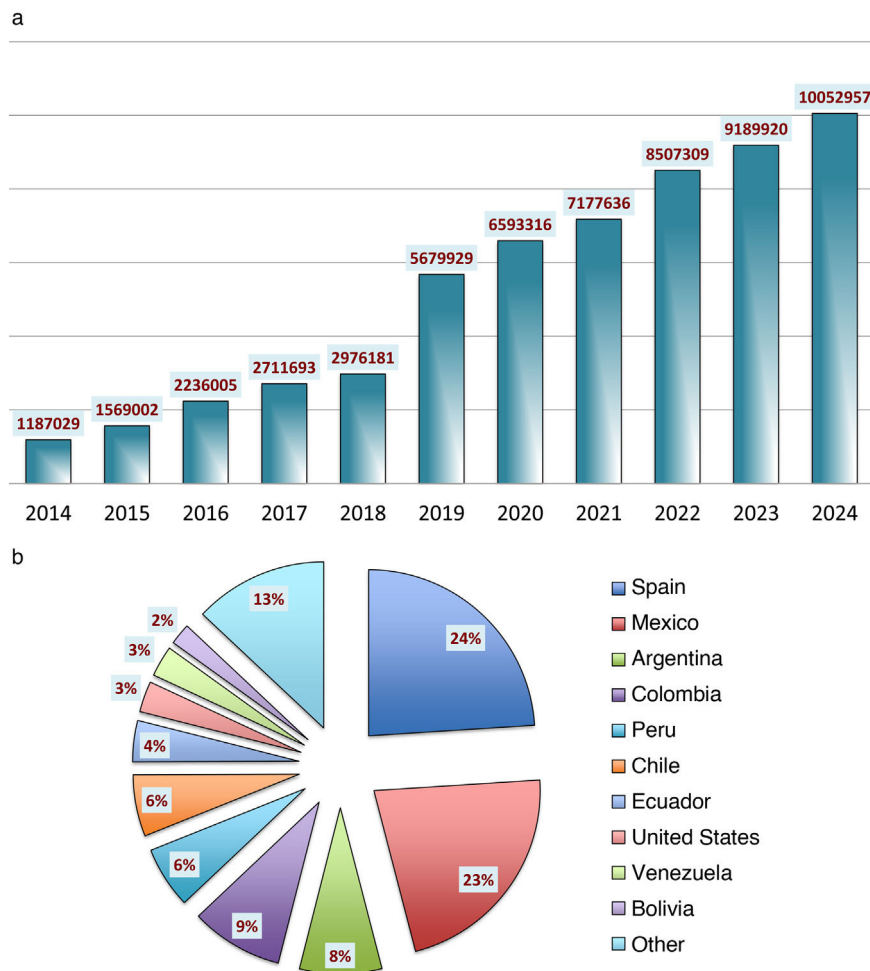


Figure 7 (a) Visibility of *Anales de Pediatría*: Number of visits to the site (www.analesdepediatria.org) (years 2014–2024). (b) Percentage distribution by country was: Spain, 24%; Mexico, 23%; Colombia, 9%; Argentina, 8%; Peru, 6%; Chile, 6%; Ecuador, 4%; Venezuela, 3%; United States, 3%; Bolivia, 2%; and other countries, 13%.

the increasing frequency with which experts decline or do not respond to peer-review invitations. This situation is exacerbated when the manuscript pertains to a highly specific niche. Furthermore, out of respect and professional deference, we choose to send invitations sequentially, that is, approaching potential reviewers one by one and waiting for their response before moving on to the next invitation. Although this practice prioritizes respect for reviewers, it has the direct consequence of significantly extending editorial times. The Editorial Committee has expanded its pool of reviewers thanks to the AEP, its affiliated regional and specialty scientific societies and its working groups. We have explicitly acknowledged the work of peer reviewers in the annual report of the editors and have negotiated the free registration for a Continuum course on behalf of the AEP as a token of appreciation. As editors, we want to promote a sense of shared responsibility among authors and peer reviewers in their participation in maintaining the balance of the publishing ecosystem.

Authors

We also thank the authors for their interest and trust in our journal. We work diligently in the management of each manuscript to ensure its quality, relevance, and contribution to the advancement of knowledge. Nevertheless, we apologize for any errors we may have made in each evaluation.

Awards

The annual *Anales de Pediatría* 2025 award to the best article published by the journal in 2024 was given to the original article “Differences in the temporal trends of childhood overweight and obesity in Spain in the 2011–2019 period by sex, age and socioeconomic level: Results of the ALADINO study” by Gutiérrez-González et al.⁴ In 2025, the award to the article that has contributed the most to the impact factor of *Anales de Pediatría* in the last two years

Table 1 Professionals who have collaborated as peer reviewers with *Anales de Pediatría* in 2024.

First name	Last name
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Víctor	Adán Lanceta
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Pedro	Agudo Montore
Sergio	Aguilera-Albesa
David	Aguilera-Alonso
Helena	Alarcón Martínez
María Rosa	Albañil Ballesteros
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Rosa	Alcobendas
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Xavier	Allue
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Veronica	Alonso
José Lorenzo	Alonso Calderón
Almudena	Alonso Ojembarrena
Paula	Alonso Quintela
José Antonio	Alonso-Cadenas
Laia	Alsina Manrique de Lara
Ignacio	Alvarez Alvarez
Guillermo	Álvarez Calatayud
Francisco José	Álvarez García
Víctor	Álvarez Muñoz
Fernando	Álvez
Ana Gloria	Andrés
Jesús María	Andrés Llano
Anselmo	Andres Martin
Juan L.	Antón-Pacheco
Rosa Patricia	Arias Llorente
Juan	Arnaez
Javier	Arredondo Montero
Ignacio	Arroyo Carrera
Luis	Arruza
Javier	Ayala Curiel
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Beatriz	Azkunaga
María	Azpilicueta-Idarreta
Albert	Balaguer
Elena María	Balmaseda Serrano
Fernando	Baquero Artigao
Ester	Barrios
Isabel	Belinchón Romero
Ana	Bergua
Sara	Berrade
Isabel	Betlloch
Alfredo	Blanco Quirós
Miriam	Blanco Rodríguez
Andrés	Bodas Pinedo
Alejandro	Bosch Alcaraz

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Juan	Bravo Acuña
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Gloria	Bueno Lozano
Guillermo	Burillo-Putze
Laura	Butragueño Laiseca
María Josep	Cabañas
Cristina	Calvo
Fátima	Camba Longueira
Francisco José	Cambra Lasasa
Minia	Campos Domínguez
Alfredo	Cano
Roque	Cardona-Hernández
Sonia	Caserío
Raquel	Castañeda Mendieta
Félix	Castillo Salinas
Fernando	Centeno-Malfaz
M. José	Cilleruelo Ortega
Francisco José	Climent Alcalá
Antonio José	Conejo-Fernández
Beatriz	Corredor-Andrés
Marta	Costa-Romero
María L.	Couce
José Antonio	Couceiro Gianzo
Pilar Adelaida	Crespo Suarez
Borja	Croche Santander
Ofelia	Cruz Martínez
Marta	Cruz-Cañete
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Cristina	de Manuel Gómez
Iñigo	de Noriega Echevarría
Elena	del Castillo Navío
Teresa	del Moral
Jesús	del Pozo Losada
Carlos	Delgado-Miguel
Isabel	Delgado-Pecellín
Ana María	Díaz Vico
Ignacio	Díez López
Azucena	Díez-Suárez
Enric	Duran Taulería
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María Asunción	García Pérez
Araceli	García Pose
Mercedes	García Reymundo
Adrián	García Ron
Patricia	García Soler
Alfredo	García-Alix
Juan Pablo	García-Iñiguez
Fermin	García-Muñoz Rodrigo
Víctor Manuel	García-Nieto
Ignacio	García-Núñez
Alberto	García-Salido
José Ignacio	Garrido Pérez
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Marta	Gómez Chiari
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Ángel Antonio	Hernández Borges
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Amparo	Rodríguez
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Pedro Javier	Rodríguez Hernández
Antonio	Rodríguez Núñez
Alejandro	Rodríguez Ogando
Alejandro	Rodríguez-Martínez
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Saioa	Vicente-Santamaría
Cristina	Vicho González
Juana María	Vidal Miñano
Susana	Viver Gómez
Miguel Ángel	Zafra Anta
Gonzalo	Zeballos Sarrato

The names of professionals who reviewed more than 3 articles are presented in boldface.

was given to the original article "Self-injury and suicidal behavior in children and youth population: Learning from the pandemic" by Vázquez López et al.⁵ on behalf of the Working Group on Pediatric Mental Health of the AEP, the Sociedad de Psiquiatría Infantil, the Sociedad Española de Urgencias Pediátricas, the Asociación Española de Pediatría de Atención Primaria, the Sociedad Española de Pediatría Social and the Sociedad Española de Medicina de la Adolescencia.

On behalf of the Editorial Committee, we offer our congratulations to the authors of these articles.

As stated in the rules for the *Anales de Pediatría* 2025 award the jury also selects a second winner, who is placed on reserve and does not receive a cash prize. This year, the selected article was "Usefulness of virtual reality in the management of pain associated with venepuncture: a multicentre randomized clinical trial" by Gil Piquer et al.⁶ We would like to highlight the collaborative work of five primary care centers and two regional hospitals within the same health care area in the Valencian Community in the design and development of a multicenter randomized clinical trial of an innovative technological tool.

Asociación Española de Pediatría

We are grateful for the ongoing support of the Executive Board of the AEP to the activity of the Editorial Committee. It has been essential in the implementation of new editorial initiatives and in promoting the diffusion and visibility of the journal.

We would also like to express our appreciation to all those who, through their dedication and commitment, have made possible the growth and consolidation of *Anales de Pediatría*. We would especially like to thank the working groups, committees, and scientific societies of the AEP for their active participation as reviewers and authors who are authorities in their fields.

We would like to thank everyone for making this journal your own and contributing to its scientific quality and prestige.

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