



EDITORIAL

Annual report of Anales de Pediatría editors[☆]

Informe anual de los editores de Anales de Pediatría



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In this article, the Editorial Committee of *Anales de Pediatría* highlights the most salient aspects related to the journal in the past year. At the time of this writing, it has been 12 months since the coronavirus disease caused by SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) has changed the world. This pandemic has had a significant impact on the day-to-day activity of our journal, as we will explain below.

When it came to manuscript processing, we experienced a sharp increase in the number of submissions, which entailed a corresponding increase in the number of rejections. The visibility of the journal, which we believed would plateau after the spectacular increase in 2019,¹ continues its upward trend with an increase in the total number of visits from 7 million in 2019 to nearly 8.4 million in 2020. The impact factor merits detailed discussion. The number of citations received by *Anales de Pediatría* is going to reach a maximum in 2020 that the impact factor may not reflect clearly due to modifications in the way it is to be calculated that are outside the control of the Editorial Committee.

COVID-19 and *Anales de Pediatría*

The irruption of COVID-19 forced the Editorial Committee to adapt to the need of paediatricians to receive immediate and updated information. As we remarked in an editorial on the subject,² we had to establish a specific protocol for the management of submitted manuscripts related to COVID-19 to try to shorten reviewing and editorial times as much as possible to be able to publish them quickly. This entailed a risk of accepting less rigorous manuscripts with information that was not checked as thoroughly, as has been the case in other journals. During this year of the pandemic, we published 40 articles on COVID-19, corresponding to approximately 20% of the total published. In addition to their inclusion in the monthly issues of the journal, all of them can be found in the "COVID-19 articles" special section of the *Anales de Pediatría* website. There are also 6 consensus documents published in the "Special content about COVID-19" section of the website, endorsed by the Asociación Española de Pediatría (Spanish Association of Paediatrics, AEP)³ and several of its affiliated Societies and Committees, which have been updated periodically. The number of visits to these articles has been very high, and 3 of them are among the 4 most-read articles in the past 3 years.^{4–6}

In the past few months, the large number of manuscripts that we have received, many of them with redundant information that had been published previously, forced us to be very strict in their assessment.

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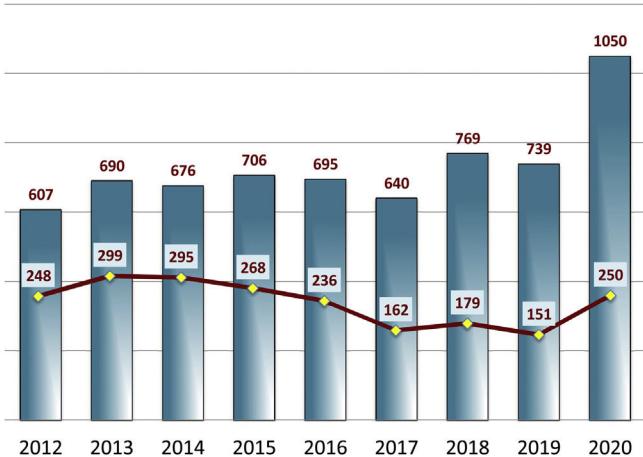


Figure 1 Annual changes in the total number of received and accepted manuscripts, years 2012–2020.

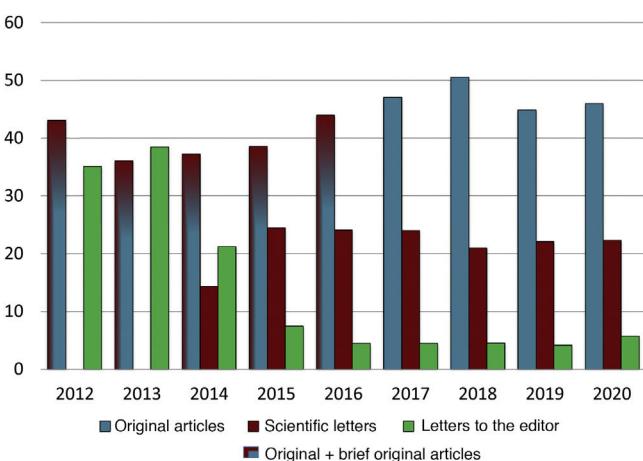


Figure 2 Annual changes in the percentage of original articles, scientific letters and letters to the editor received in the 2012–2020 period.

Manuscript processing

As can be seen in Fig. 1, in year 2020 there was a substantial increase in the number of submitted manuscripts, which for the first time exceeded 1000. The distribution by type of manuscript was similar to the distribution in recent years (Fig. 2). The acceptance rate remained stable at around 20%, which means that the total number of accepted manuscripts has increased to 250 (Fig. 1). Scientific letters and letters to the editor account for most of this increase, as these two types of manuscript allow quicker processing of the content. When it came to original articles (Fig. 3), we found that the increase in submissions from 310 to 484 was associated with a corresponding decrease in the acceptance rate to 10%, which may be the lowest in the history of *Anales de Pediatría*. Fig. 4 presents the response time of the Editorial Committee. Due to the need to expedite decisions about manuscripts related to COVID-19 as much as possible, there was a decrease in the response time, which was the shortest in recent years (Fig. 4). We tried to be particularly quick in notifying authors of rejections to allow them to submit their manuscripts to other journals before the information

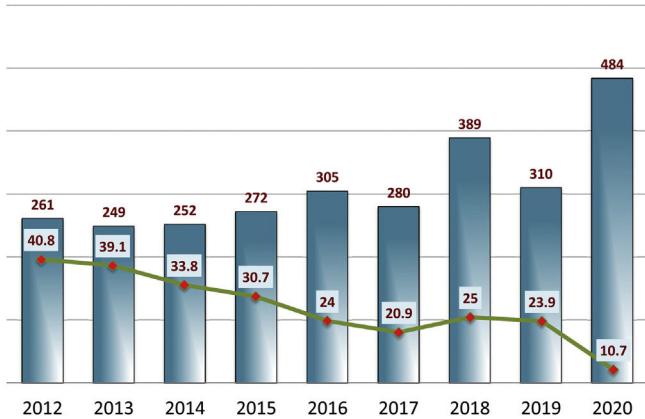


Figure 3 Annual changes in the total number of received original article manuscripts and the percentage accepted in years 2012–2020.

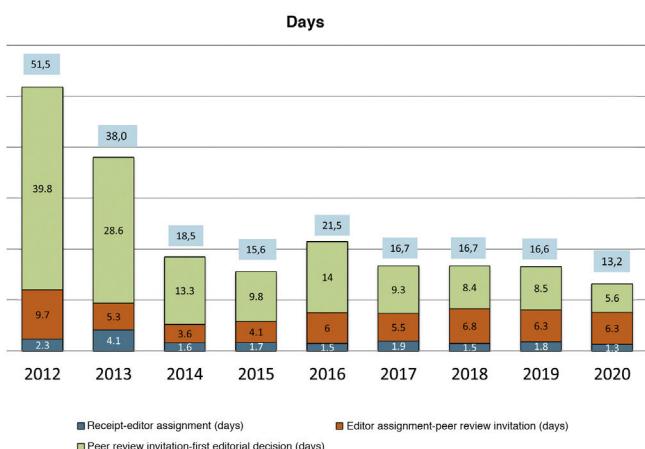


Figure 4 Mean time elapsed to first response (years 2012–2020).

became obsolete. There was no change in the time elapsed from acceptance to publication of the manuscript (Fig. 5).

Visibility of *Anales de Pediatría*

Due to the substantial increase in visibility achieved in 2019,¹ we expected it to plateau in 2020. Instead, the number of visits has continued to increase significantly, which fulfils the main mission of the journal, which is to convey scientific information to the largest possible number of readers. We found increases in the visits made through the *Anales de Pediatría* website (Fig. 6) and through *Science Direct* (Fig. 7), by approximately one million and half a million, respectively. Thus, the total number of visits increased by nearly 1.5 million to approximately 8.4 million visits (Fig. 8). Our readers continue to respond very favourably to the most-read article section of the *Anales de Pediatría* website and being able to see the number of visits previously made to the article they are consulting.

Impact factor

Our current estimates of the number of citations made in 2020 are promising, amply exceeding the 214 citations

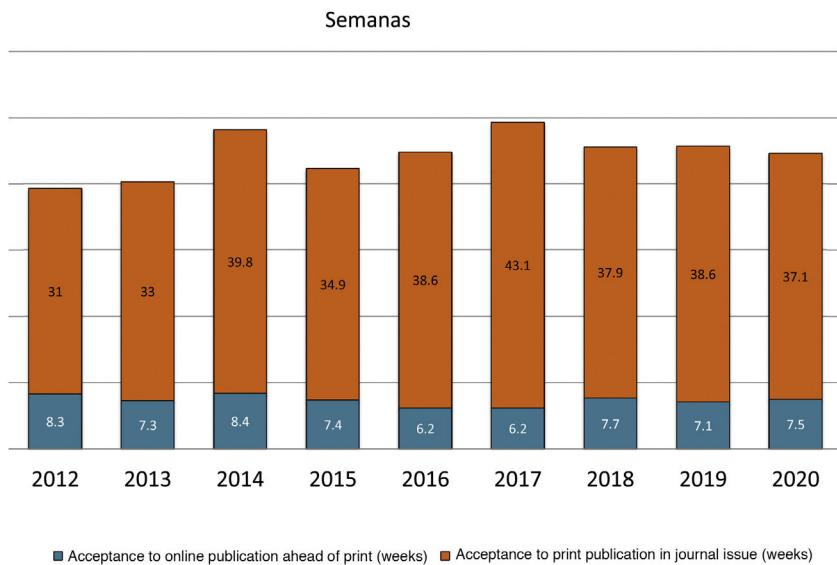


Figure 5 Mean manuscript processing time from acceptance to publication (years 2012–2020).

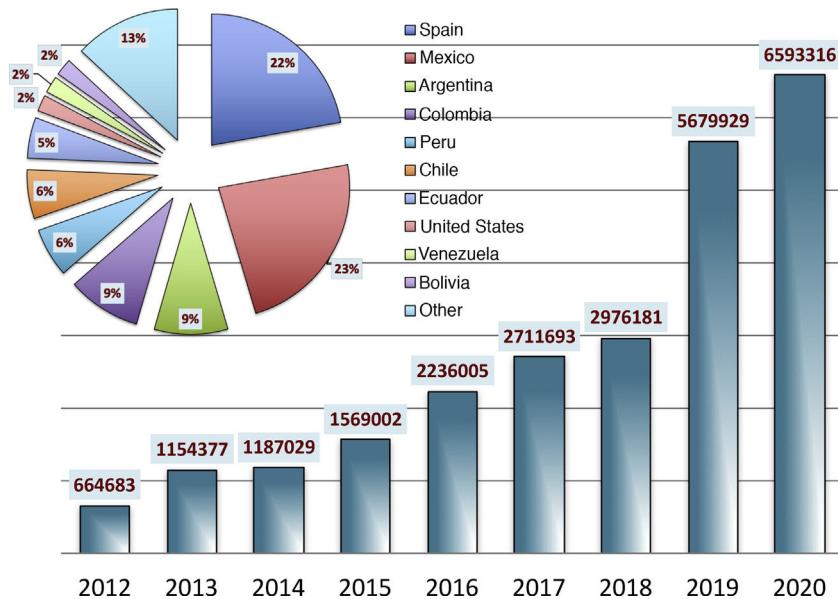


Figure 6 Visibility of *Anales de Pediatría*: number of visits to the site (www.analesdepediatria.org) (years 2012–2020). The percentage distribution by country was: Mexico 23%, Spain 22%, Argentina 9%, Colombia 9%, Peru 6%, Chile 6%, Ecuador 5%, United States 2%, Bolivia 2%, Venezuela 2%, other 13%.

achieved in 2019. However, the expected changes in the formula used to calculate the impact factor announced in December 2020 and the ambiguity of citation metrics may have a negative effect on the calculated impact factor. The estimate obtained for 2020 using Elsevier's Cite Score is also positive, as it shows an increase in the citations made between 2017 and 2020 to 824 from 692 between 2016 and 2019.

Reviewers

Table 1 lists the 412 reviewers that collaborated with *Anales de Pediatría* in 2020. As we do every year, we thank them for their altruistic work, which is all the more important at

a time when we are forced to reject a greater number of manuscripts.

Authors

It is very gratifying to observe the increase in submissions to our journal. We think that this reflects the interest that the journal is generating among publishing paediatric researchers. This leads to a high percentage of rejections and considerable responsibility in the selection process. The Editorial Committee, guided by the assessment provided by peer reviewers, attempts to select the best articles, but as we do every year, we acknowledge the possibility that errors may be made during the evaluation process. We do our best to keep them to a minimum.

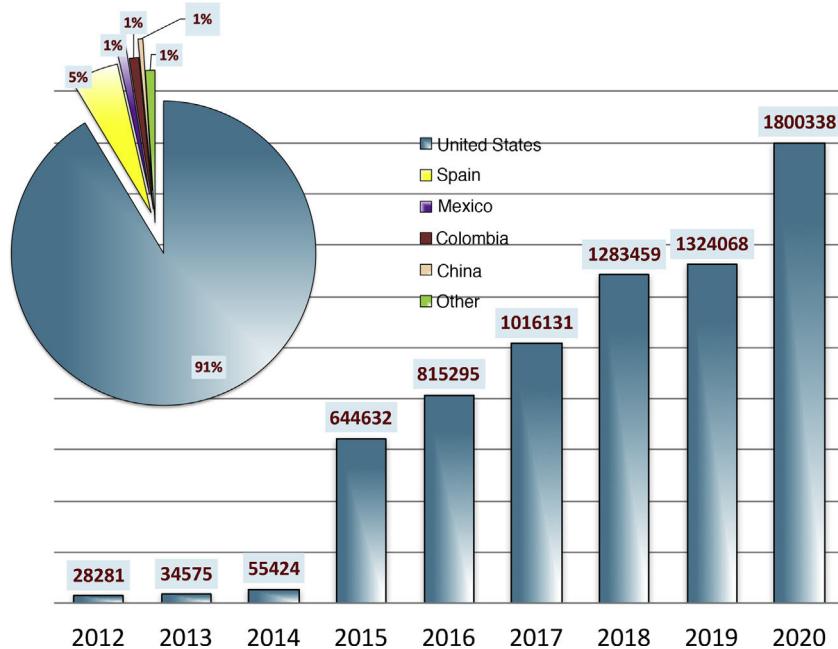


Figure 7 Visibility of *Anales de Pediatría*: number of visits from Science Direct (years 2012–2020).

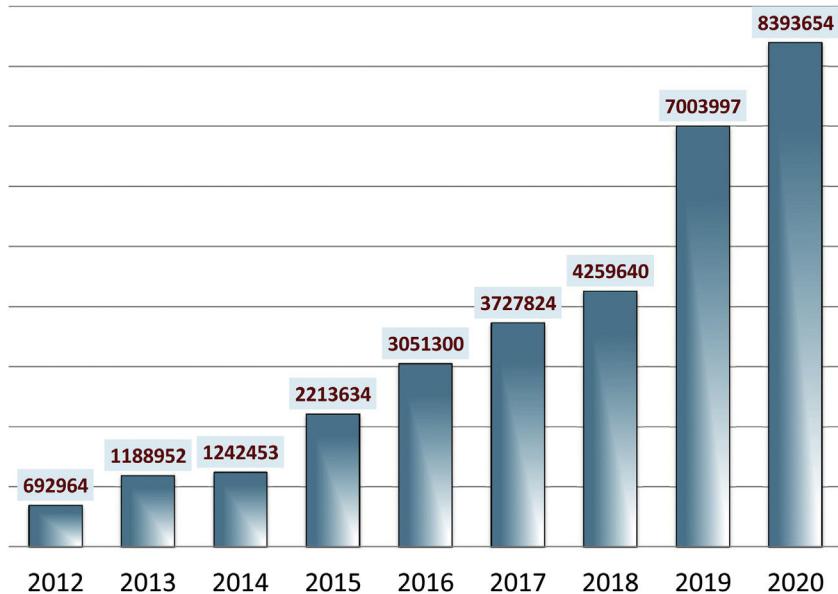


Figure 8 Visibility of *Anales de Pediatría*: total number of visits (years 2012–2020).

Awards

The annual award *Anales de Pediatría* 2021 to the best article published by the journal in 2020 was given to 'María José Sánchez-Soler, Vanesa López-González, María Juliana Ballesta-Martínez, Jorge Gálvez-Pradillo, Rosario Domingo-Martínez, Virginia Pérez Fernández and Encarna Guillén-Navarro. *Evaluación del desarrollo psicomotor hasta los 3 años de edad de niños españoles concebidos por técnicas de reproducción asistida (FIV/ICSI): estudio prospectivo de cohorte controlado*. *An Pediatr (Barc)* 2020; 92(4):200–207'.

The award to the article that has contributed the most to the impact factor of *Anales de Pediatría* in the last two years (2019 and 2020) was given to 2 articles that achieved the same number of citations:

Marta Carballal Marino, Ana Gago Ageitos, Josefa Ares Álvarez, Mercedes del Río Garma, Clara García Cendón, Ana Goicoechea Castaño and Josefina Pena Nieto, on behalf of the Working Group on Child Psychiatry of the Asociación Galega de Pediatría de Atención Primaria (AGAPap). *Prevalencia de trastornos del neurodesarrollo, comportamiento y aprendizaje en Atención Primaria*. *An Pediatr (Barc)* 2018; 89 (3): 153–161.

Table 1 Professionals that have collaborated as peer reviewers with *Anales de Pediatría*. The names of professionals that reviewed more than 3 articles are presented in boldface.

Abadías Granado	Isabel
Adán Lanceta	Víctor
Aguar	Marta
Aguilar Salmerón	Raquel
Aguilera López	Patricia
Aguilera Albesa	Sergio
Aguirreunceta Barrenechea	Ana
Alarcón Alacio	María Teresa
Alarcón Martínez	Helena
Albañil	Rosa
Alcalá Minagorre	Pedro J.
Alcaraz	Andrés José
Alcobendas	Rosa
Alcón	José Juan
Alegre	Víctor
Alejandro	Carme
Alfayate Miguélez	Santiago
Alfonso Farnos	Iciar
Allue	Xavier
Almécija	Ara C.
Almerich	José M.
Alonso	Verónica
Alonso	Noelia
Alonso	María Teresa
Alonso	María Agustina
Alonso	Ana Isabel
Alonso Calderón	José Lorenzo
Álvarez Álvarez	Ignacio
Álvarez Muñoz	Víctor
Álvarez Pitti	Julio
Amparo	Sanchís
Andrés	Ana Gloria
Andrés Llano	Jesús María
Angulo	José María
Antón Gamero	Montserrat
Aparicio López	Cristina
Apaz	María Teresa
Aragonés	Nuria
Aranceta Bartrina	Javier
Ares	Susana
Arias Llorente	Rosa Patricia
Ariza Jiménez	Ana Belén
Arnaez	Juan
Arrabal Vela	María Auxiliadora
Arriola Pereda	Gema
Arroyo Carrera	Ignacio
Arteaga	Alejandro
Artigas Pallares	Josep
Asensio de la Cruz	Óscar
Astigarraga	Itziar
Ávila Álvarez	Alejandro
Ayala Curiel	Javier
Azkunaga	Beatriz
Badell	Isabel

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Balaguer	Albert
Banus Gasol	Ester
Baquero Artigao	Fernando
Barcala Furelos	Roberto
Baro	María
Barrio Castellanos	Raquel
Baselga	Eulalia
Bella	Mónica Edith
Benito Fernández	Javier
Berrueco	Rubén
Betancourth	Josué Eduardo
Betlloch	Isabel
Blanco Quirós	Alfredo
Blasco Alonso	Javier
Blázquez	Daniel
Bordel Gómez	María Teresa
Bosch Alcaraz	Alejandro
Botet	Francesc
Bousoño García	Carlos
Brandstrup	Kay Boris
Bravo Acuña	Juan
Bretón	José-Rafael
Broto Mangues	Jesús
Bueno	María Mercedes
Burillo Putze	Guillermo
Bustos Lozano	Gerardo
Cabero Pérez	María Jesús
Calle Miguel	Laura
Calvo	Javier
Calvo Aguilar	María José
Camacho Lovillo	Marisol
Cambra Lasaosa	Francisco José
Cammarata Scalisi	Francisco
Campos Domínguez	Minia
Canal Bedia	Ricardo
Cancho Candela	Ramón
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Caridad	Tapia Collados
Carmena	David
Carrasco	José
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Carrillo	Ángel
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Corripio	Raquel
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Couce	María Luz
Crespo Marcos	David
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Croche Santander	Borja
Cruz Len	Juan
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De Arriba	Antonio
De Carlos Vicente	Juan Carlos
De Dios González	Javier
De la Cerda	Francisco
De Lucas Collantes	Carmen
De Murcia Lemauviel	Sara
Del Castillo	Jimena
Del Llano Señaris	Juan
Del Moral	Teresa
Del Rosal	Teresa
Delgado/Pecellín	Isabel
Demestre	Xavier
Díaz Conradi	Álvaro
Díaz García	Elena
Díaz Martín	Juan José
Díaz Gómez	N. Marta
Díez López	Ignacio
Díez Domingo	Javier
Donat	Ester
Elorza	Dolores
Escobosa Sánchez	Om
Escribano Ceruelo	Eva
Escribano García	Carla
Escribano Montaner	Amparo
Espiau	María
Espin Jaime	Beatriz
Espino Hernández	Mar
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Román	Enriqueta
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Sánchez Torres	Ana
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Suárez Gil	Patricio
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Yagüe Torcal	Francisca
Yeste	Diego

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We offer our congratulations to the authors of these articles.

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In the 4 years that this Editorial Committee has been responsible for the management of *Anales de Pediatría*, we have periodically expressed our thankfulness to the Board of Directors of the AEP for their unconditional support to our work. Despite the considerable economic investment required to offer open access to the journal and its simultaneous publication in English and Spanish, both of these strategies have been maintained. We believe that this editorial policy is key to continue to increase the international dissemination of *Anales de Pediatría*.

To make sure that we do not fall short in our acknowledgments, we want to devote this last paragraph to thank all individuals that have contributed to the development of the journal through their work.

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