

Editor's Report 2019

1. Submissions: 1 January to 31 December 2019

New submissions

(original articles 424, randomized controlled trials (RCT) 45, systematic reviews (SR) 63, Commentaries 2, letters to the editor 6, book reviews 4)	544
Revisions	197
Total submissions	741

Final decisions made on submissions

Article type	Accept	Reject	Total number of decisions	Acceptance rate
Original articles	59	371	430	16%
Randomized controlled trials (RCT)	16	24	40	40%
Systematic reviews	18	47	65	28%
Letters to the editor	2	4	6	33%
Book reviews	4	0	4	100%
Total	99	446	545	18%

Submission handling times

Average time from submission to first decision (accept, minor revision, major revision, reject): 10.9 days
Average reviewer turnaround time (first submission): 14.1 days
Average reviewer turnaround time (revision): 7.0 days

2. Plagiarism

All new submissions are scanned for plagiarism with the iThenticate© system and thereafter checked manually by the editor. In 2019, 10 instances of plagiarism were detected, which required action by the editor. Past figures: 3 (2018), 5 (2017), 6 (2016), 7 (2015), 8 (2014), 10 (2013), 15 (2012) and 10 (2011).

3. Production and contents

EJO Volume 41 consisted of 6 issues, totalling 677 paginated pages

Original articles	54
Randomized controlled trials (RCT)	12
Systematic reviews	13
Commentaries	2
Letters to the editor	0
Book reviews	1

Print publication speed: 39.5 weeks. Past figures: 40.4 weeks (2018), 41 weeks (2017), 43 weeks (2016).

Online publication speed: 5.7 weeks. Past figures: 4.9 weeks (2018), 5.8 weeks (2017), 4.2 weeks (2016), 5.6 weeks (2015), 11.2 weeks (2014), 7.3 weeks (2013), 8.3 weeks (2012) and 12.2 weeks (2011).

4. Journal ranking and impact

According to the 2018 Journal Citation Reports® (Thomson Reuters), the impact factor of the *EJO* is 1.84. Past figures: 2.03 (2017), 1.62 (2016), 1.44 (2015), 1.48 (2014), 1.39 (2013) 1.07 (2012) and 0.89 (2011). In the category of Dentistry, Oral Surgery and Medicine, the *EJO* has remained in the second quartile of journals and ranks 35th out of 91. The journal impact factor percentile has risen to 60.0%.

5. Most cited article for the 2018 impact factor window

The article by Cecilia Goracci, Lorenzo Franchi, Alessandro Vichi and Marco Ferrari, 'Accuracy, reliability, and efficiency of intraoral scanners for full-arch impressions: a systematic review of the clinical evidence'. *Eur J Orthod.* 2016 Aug;38(4):422–8, was the most cited article in the 2018 impact factor window. That is to say, the article that contributed most highly to the Journal's current impact factor.

6. Beni Solow Best Article Award published in 2018

The Editorial Board plus the EOS President, Secretary and Treasurer (excluding the Editor and Associate Editors) choose this award through a rigorous two-stage procedure. The award was won by Niko C Bock, Mitra Saffar, Helge Hudel, Marjut Evälahti, Kaisa Heikinheimo, David P Rice and Sabine Ruf for their article 'Long-term (≥ 15 years) post-treatment changes and outcome quality after Class II:1 treatment in comparison to untreated Class I controls'. *Eur J Orthod.* 2018 Apr 6;40(2):206–13. The winners received their award and presented their paper at the EOS annual meeting in Nice.

7. *EJO* Open Session

The 2019 EOS annual congress in Nice hosted the 8th *EJO* Open Session. Entitled '*Digital Orthodontics Friend or Foe?*', the session gave a stimulating perspective on this topical field. The speakers, Björn Ludwig, University of Homburg/Saar, and Dirk Wiechmann, Hannover Medical School, delivered high calibre presentations focussing on the integration of digital orthodontics in daily

clinical practice and on current technical developments. Dirk Bister, University of London and *EJO* Associate Editor, was an excellent organizer and moderator. This provocative event was open to all EOS congress delegates and attracted several hundred attendees that were involved in a lively discussion in the auditorium.

8. The associate editors, the editorial board and officers of the EOS

Yijin Ren, University of Groningen, has been appointed as an associate editor. The associate editors, the editorial board and officers of the EOS have been very effective in editing and reviewing manuscripts; advising on ethical, scientific and logistical matters; selecting the Beni Solow award winner, organizing the *EJO* Open session and

helping to shape the future direction of the Journal. I wish to thank them all for their excellent work and erudite support they give the journal.

9. Administration

I thank the staff at Oxford University Press, particularly Natalia Clarke (editorial assistant), Maria Mack (production) and Paul Kidd (publisher) for the smooth running of the Journal. I also thank Sue Austin and Martine Turrell in the EOS office for their help.

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