



EFORT Open Reviews: The Editor-in-chief's perspective

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Now in its fifth year, *EFORT Open Reviews* continues to develop apace, continuing a series of informative and authoritative contributions, including 90 Instructional Lectures from across the world, reflecting the expanding fields of Orthopaedics and Traumatology. To date, around 260 Review Articles have been published.

The expanding enthusiasm for the journal is reflected in the fact that 84% of papers submitted over the past 18 months were unsolicited (sent voluntarily by the authors), compared with 57% in 2018. This is excellent. The papers continue to arrive, and Figure 1 shows the international spread of papers that have been accepted for publication. Figure 2 shows the spread of papers across the orthopaedic specialties.

All EOR papers are indexed in PubMed with a PubMed ID as well as in SCOPUS. Furthermore, as of January 2020, the journal was upgraded for indexing in the Web of Science 'Science Citation Index Expanded' (SCIE). The entire journal content is now available in this prestigious index which will have a very positive impact not only on the journal's readership but also on citations. Figure 3 shows the growing EOR usage. Currently, the journal achieves

on average 40000 full-text downloads per month on the EOR website and 85000 on PubMed, plus a growing number each month on Web of Science.

The result of all these endeavours by all members of the team has been the award of EOR's first Impact Factor (2.295) in June 2020, a fantastic achievement and great milestone for the journal. This immediately raises the status and increases the readership of the journal which is of vital importance in these competitive times.

As the journal reaches this all-important milestone and enters a new exciting phase, we continue to work hard on improving processes and timelines such as time to acceptance and publication to ensure that every accepted paper is published and citable as quickly as possible.

The selection of publications in this year's congress issue is diverse, as usual, and contains 'cutting edge' as well as established data to make the papers as useful as possible for trainees, consultants and specialists alike, bearing in mind that our colleagues in Nursing and all the associated specialties now attend the Congress. It would be very interesting to receive review papers from all those

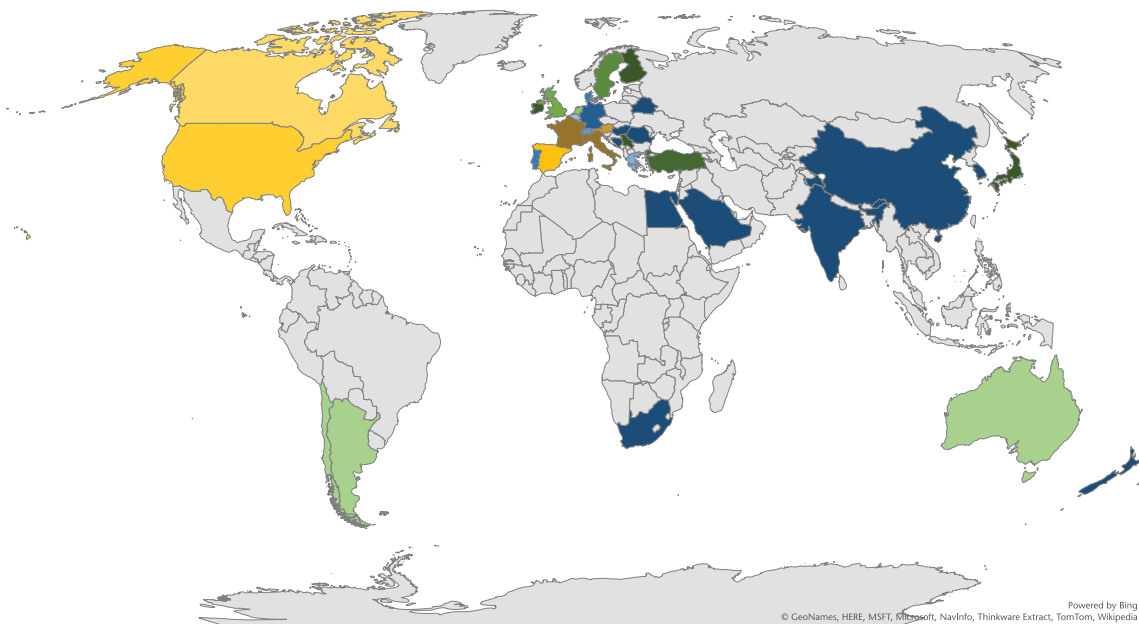


Fig. 1 Geographical distribution of published papers in EOR.

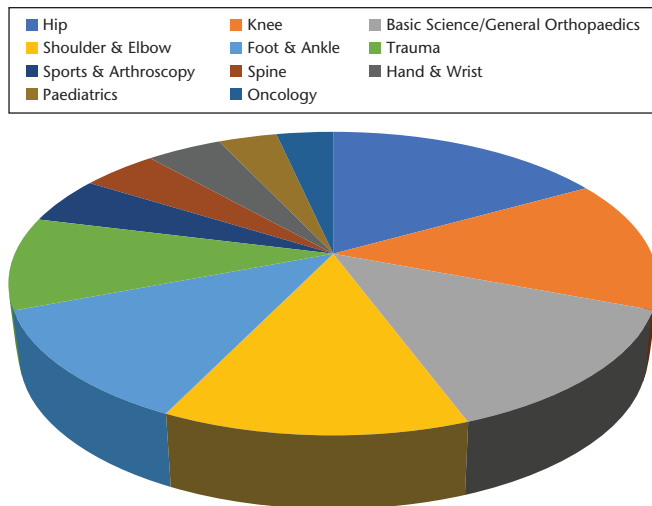


Fig. 2 Papers accepted for publication in EOR, by specialty.

in the associated professions who attend the Congress and EFORT’s other activities.

The main theme of the 2020 Virtual EFORT Congress (VEC) is ‘Harmonisation and Diversity’. Thanks to EFORT’s invaluable support, EOR is proud to include a number of reviews in this year’s congress edition exploring this important topic from various angles (see pp. 742 onwards).

This themed section is particularly relevant now as we enter an uncharted decade which will require all our collective efforts to maintain and develop our necessary contribution to the future planning of education and service provision in a time of continued financial stringency for our patients. Our patients, who at present are badly underprovided for in most European countries, require and deserve more. This concern will be explored at length in the actual Instructional Lecture sessions at the congress.

The EOR Editors and Associate Editors, the EFORT executive and Bone & Joint Publishing wish to thank all our authors, reviewers and staff for their unstinting activity in ensuring the excellent progress of EOR.

As always, we welcome any feedback regarding the journal and the Instructional Lecture issue, and especially your papers.

We are delighted to acknowledge the excellent and invaluable work of Mandy Webb, EOR’s Managing Editor and Production Editor Charlotte Parkins. Without them we would be in real difficulties, especially as the workload increases.

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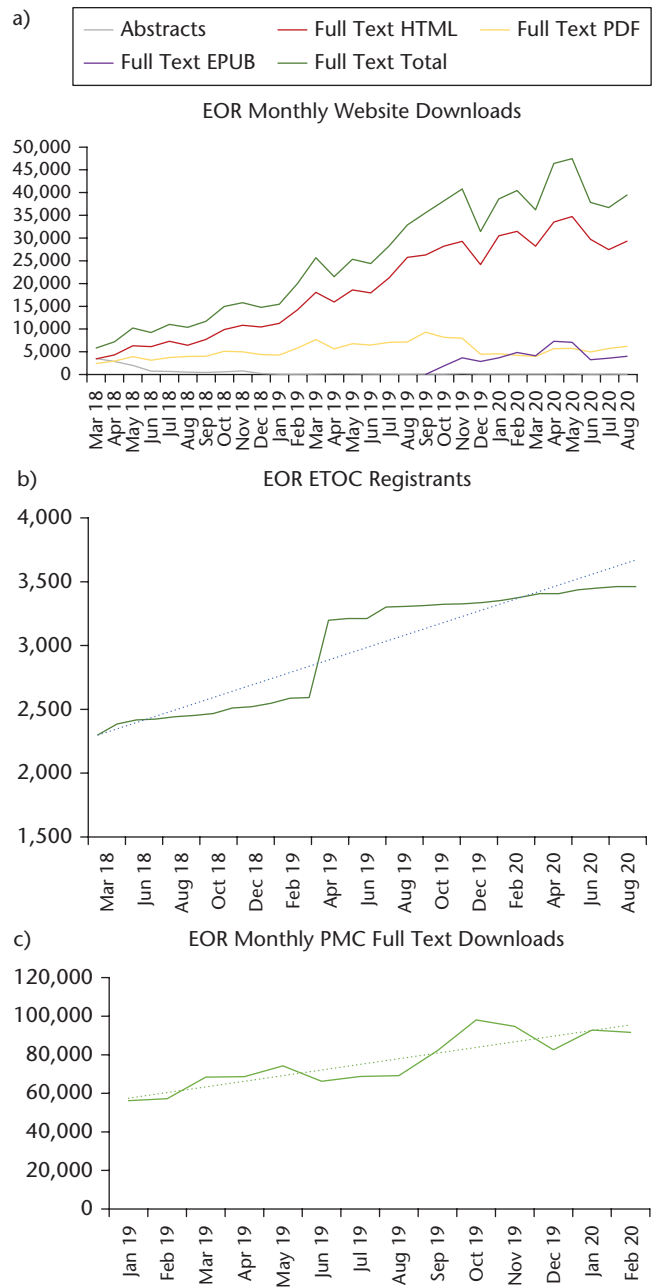


Fig. 3 Growing readership of EOR: (a) monthly usage data; (b) table of content registrants; (c) PMC full text downloads.

Editorial Society of Bone & Joint Publishing, Martin Bircher, and his whole team is greatly appreciated.

We welcome you to the first of its kind Virtual EFORT Congress – remember to pay a visit to the virtual EFORT Plaza and do feel free to contact any of us with your ideas or contributions.

Meanwhile, may all your clinical, teaching and research endeavours now, and in the future, be as successful and worthwhile as possible.

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