

**Obesity Research and Clinical Practice
Report for AOASO Council Meeting 2016**

Editorial board

In 2015 the editorial team was restructured to better reflect and facilitate an improved workflow.

- There are two Editors in Chief: Prof Gary Wittert and Prof Kuo-Chin Huang
- There are two Associate Editors: A/Prof Leonie Heilbronn; Prof Sang Woo Oh.
- A letter was sent to former associate editors outlining the new Editorial Board Structure and inviting them to a new position of the Editorial Board Member. I believe the vast majority of accepted.

With the new structure we have begun to reduce the time required from submission to web publication which had increased from 40 to 80 weeks. The average over the first half of 2015 was down to 60 weeks and we would hope to reduce that to 40 weeks during the remainder of 2015 assisted by more dedicated staff time from the editorial office in Chennai and we hope for further reductions thereafter. This will likely mean an increase in the rejection rate.

A new five-year agreement was recently signed with ANZOS and we would hope that all AOASO member countries will enter into similar arrangements with Elsevier.

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New initiatives

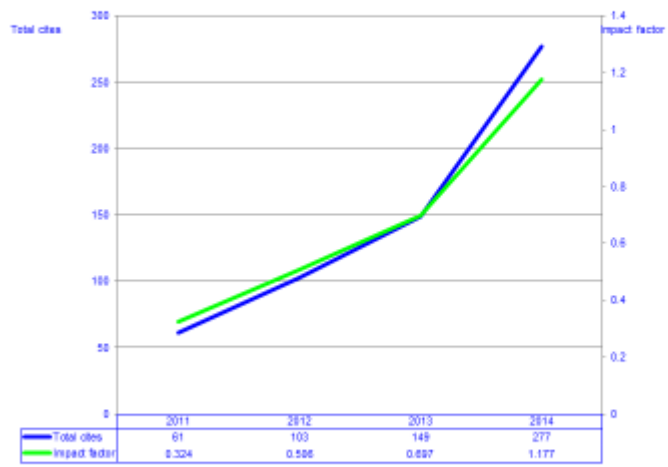
- We have introduced Research Letters as a new category under which manuscripts may be accepted. These are to be no more than 7-800 words, no more than two figures and no more than 15 references. They are prioritised for rapid triage, review, and publication.
- The journal guidelines have been updated instructing authors that:
 - Clinical trials must be registered.
 - Manuscripts must follow respective consensus publication guidelines for clinical, population health, or animal-based research.
 - Manuscripts must not contain pejorative reference to people who are affected by obesity.

Publication Metrics

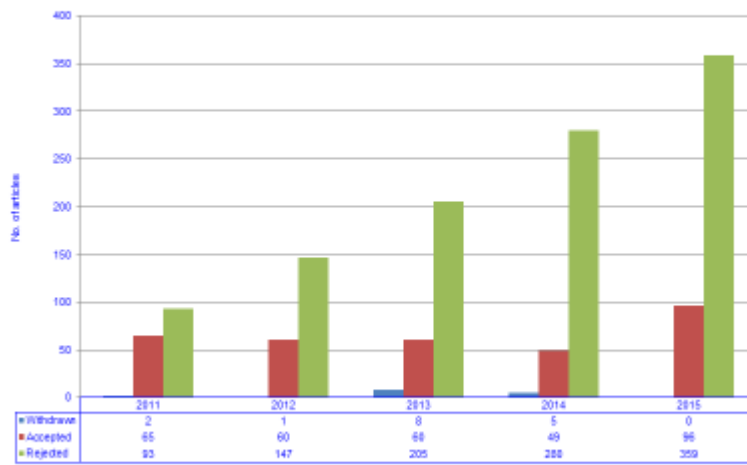
Obesity Research and Clinical Practice is published bimonthly. The impact factor increased from 0.697 in 2013 to 1.177 in 2014. The 2015 impact factor is not as yet available. We anticipate that structural changes to the editorial board and publication requirements as well as some new initiatives (detailed below) will facilitate further improvements in the impact factor.

There are generally between 100 - 110 pages per issue.

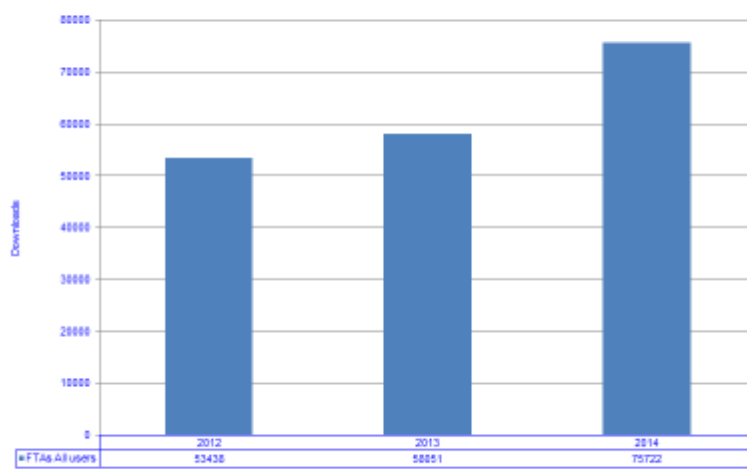
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