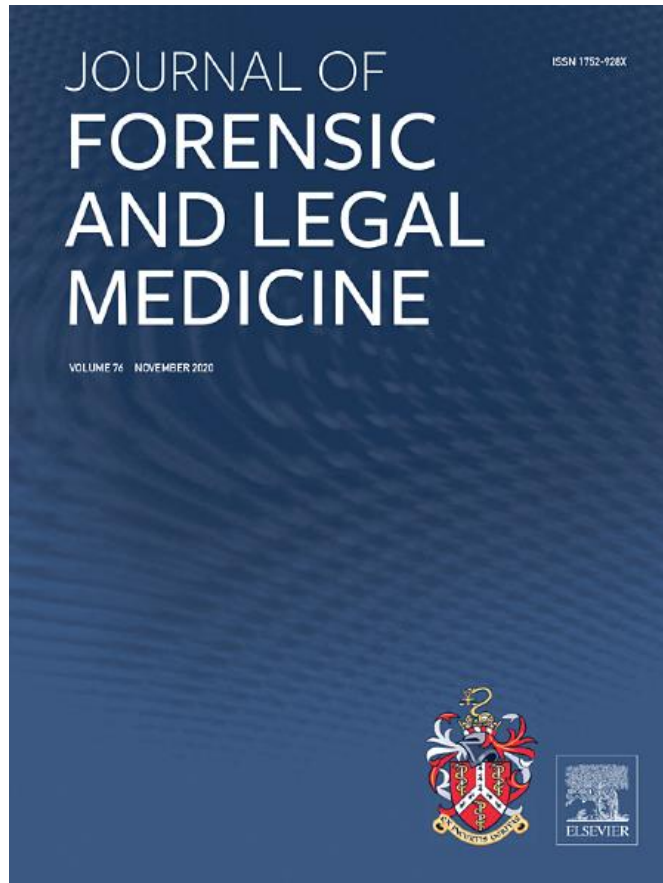


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1. Editor's Message

I am delighted to be able to introduce this latest report by saying that the Journal is having its most successful period. Within this report, we lay out a number of metrics, datasets and information which provide specific detail to this, but in summary, in 2020:

- we had our most manuscript submissions ever, smashing the 700 article barrier which was my internal target;
- reached a Rejection Rate of 82%, which is high for our discipline but reflects the increase in submissions we are seeing. In fact, you can see that we published around the same number of articles as in previous years;
- significantly reduced the time taken for decisions to be made, with a reduction of 6 weeks for time taken to first decision (which brings us back into line with our 2018 figure where we had 200 fewer manuscripts to process) and a reduction of about 8 weeks for time taken to final editorial outcome;
- saw an increase in citations for our published articles, putting us firmly into second place for forensic journals after JFS;
- achieved over 300,000 reads, which is an incredible feat and reflects the increasingly important work we are publishing, the higher regard we are being held in, and our increased promotional work.

In addition to this, I am really pleased to see that our most cited, downloaded and social-media active articles cover a broad range of topics and sub-disciplines, which reflects the broad appeal of the Journal as well as the membership of the Faculty.

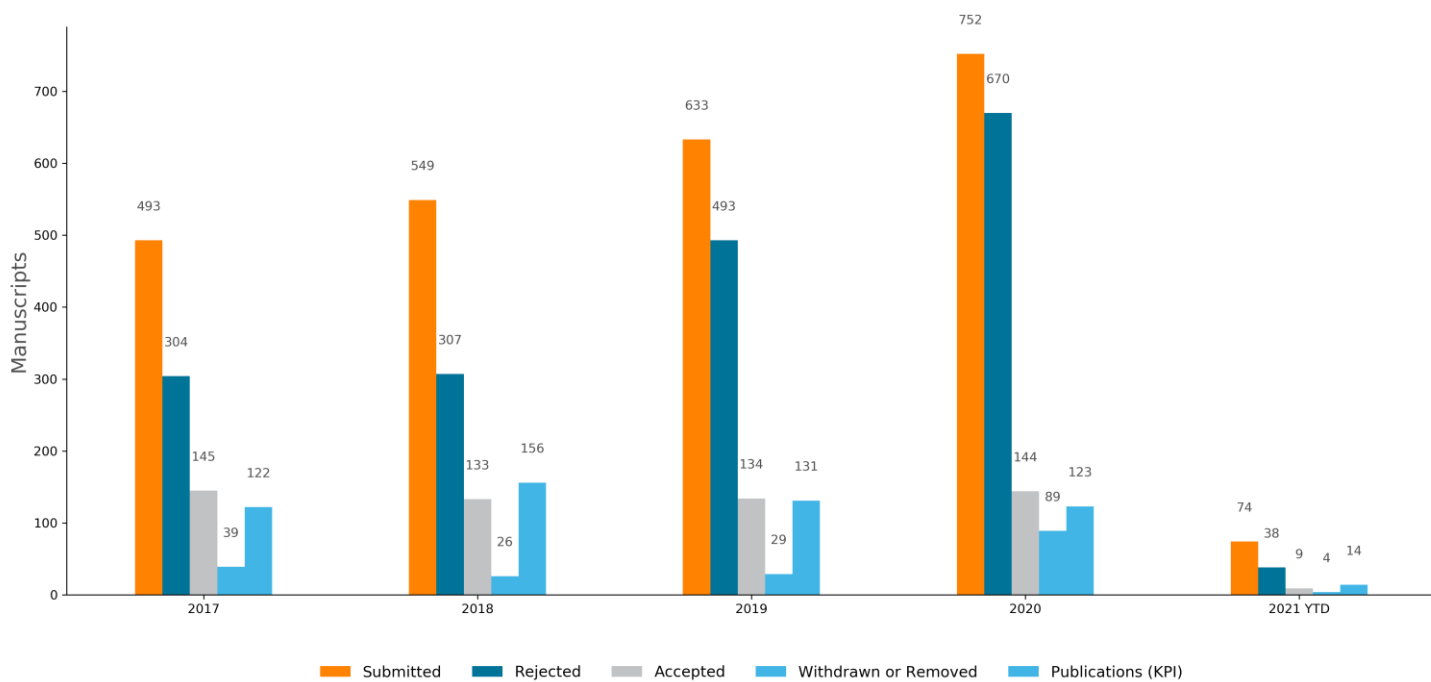
My Associate Editors (Wilma and Maria) and I will continue our efforts over this year, working with our Elsevier colleagues (Alex and Swapna), to further enhance the Journal. We have a couple of special issues being developed as well as the return of the Alcimedes reviews. I am hoping that I will be able to join you all in person at the Faculty meeting in November, where we have a workshop on writing up case reports planned.

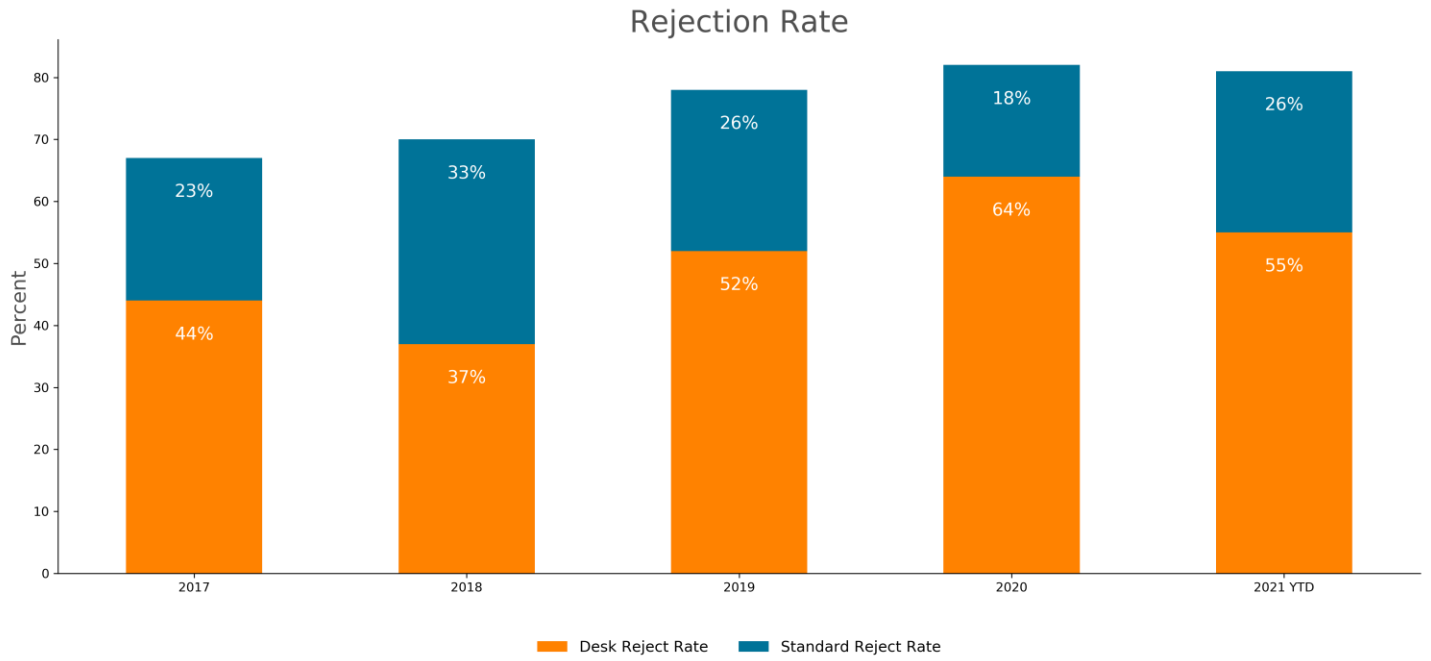
As ever, I am always happy to discuss the Journal with Faculty members, and welcome suggestions and ideas for initiatives and special issues. On behalf of the JFLM team, I thank you for your continued support and I hope you are all safe and well.

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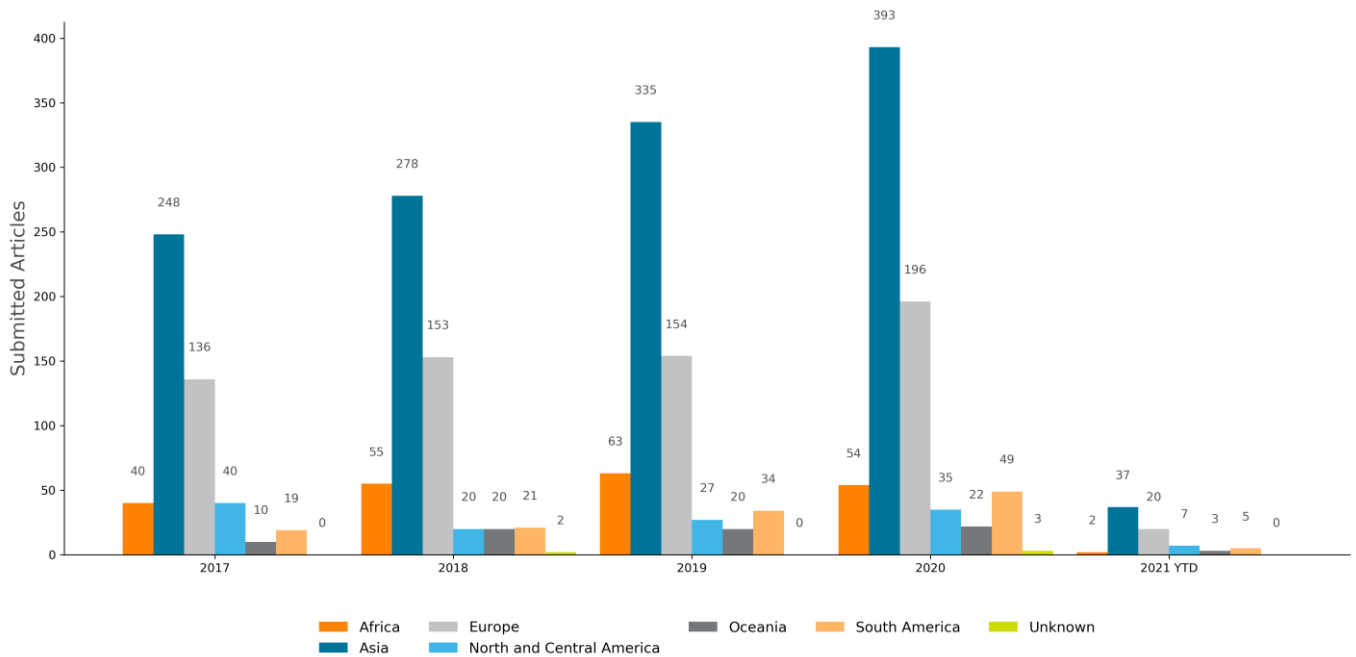
2. Manuscript Flow

2.1. Submitted Manuscripts & Editorial Outcomes

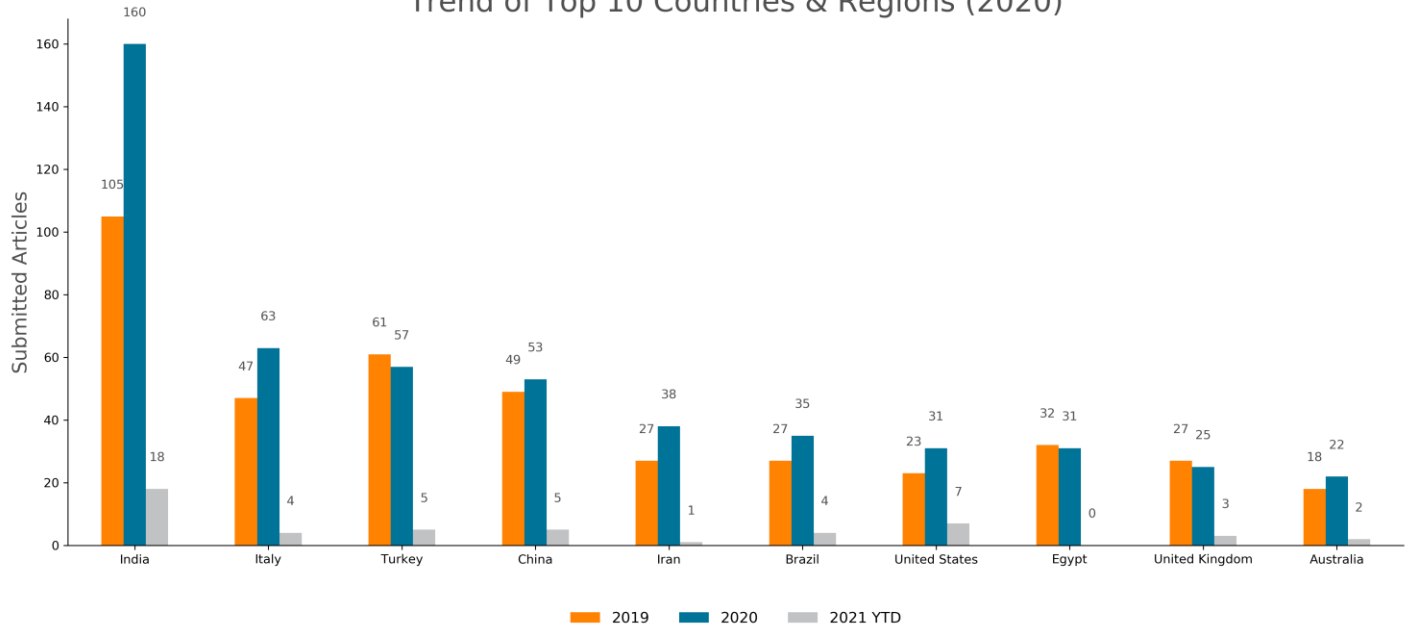




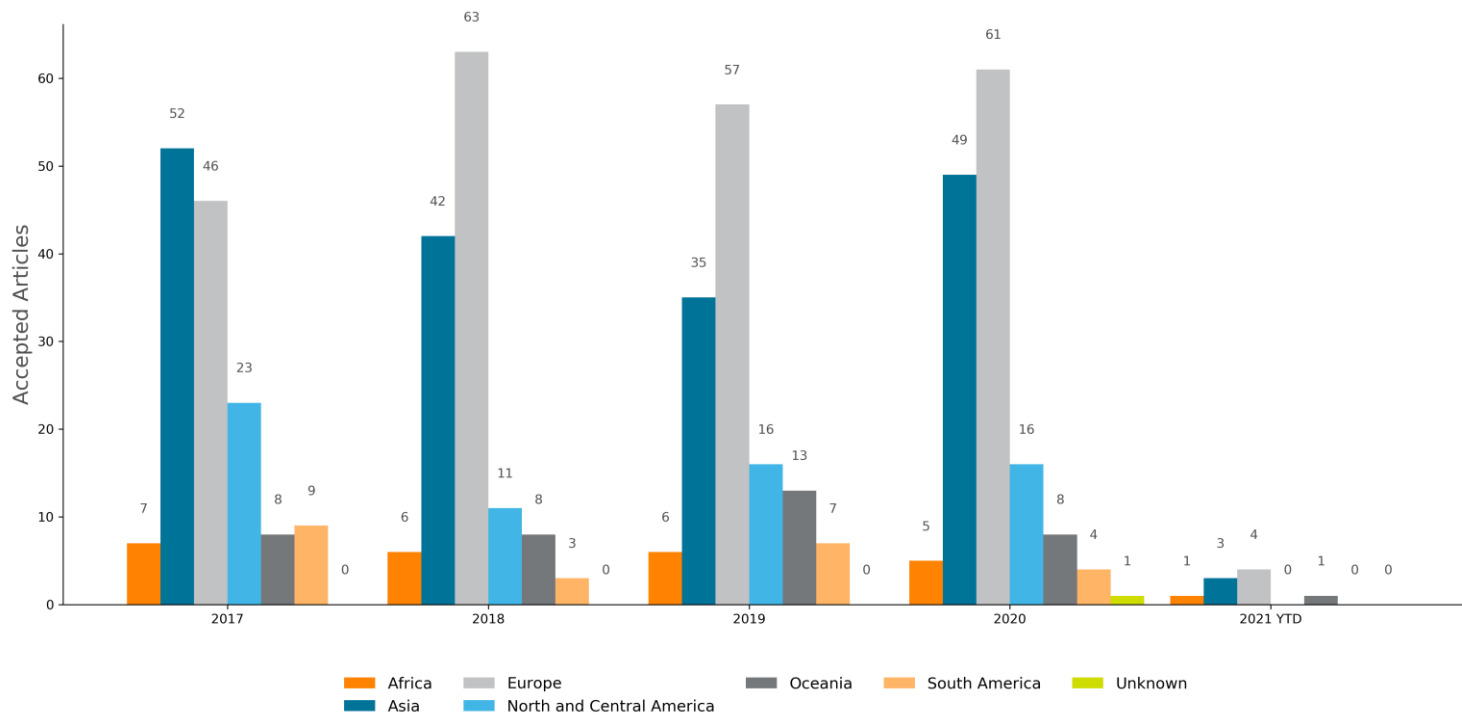
2.2. Submitted Articles by Country & Region



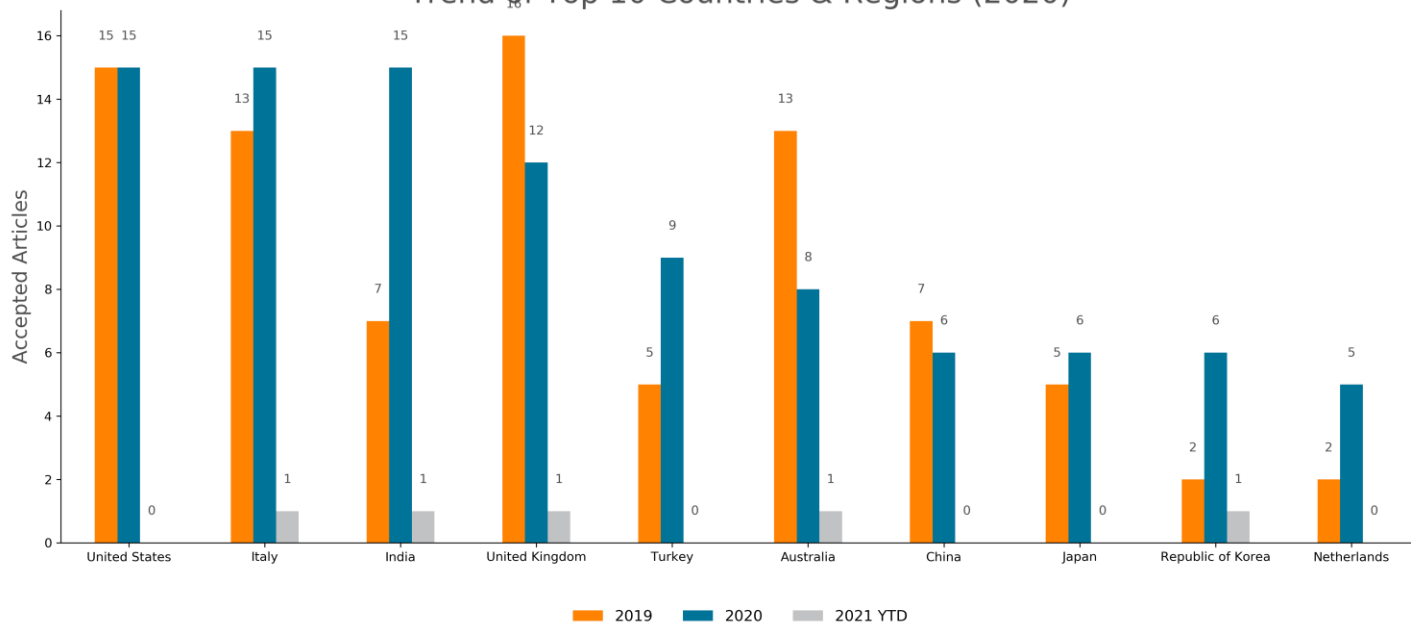
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2.3. Accepted Articles by Country & Region

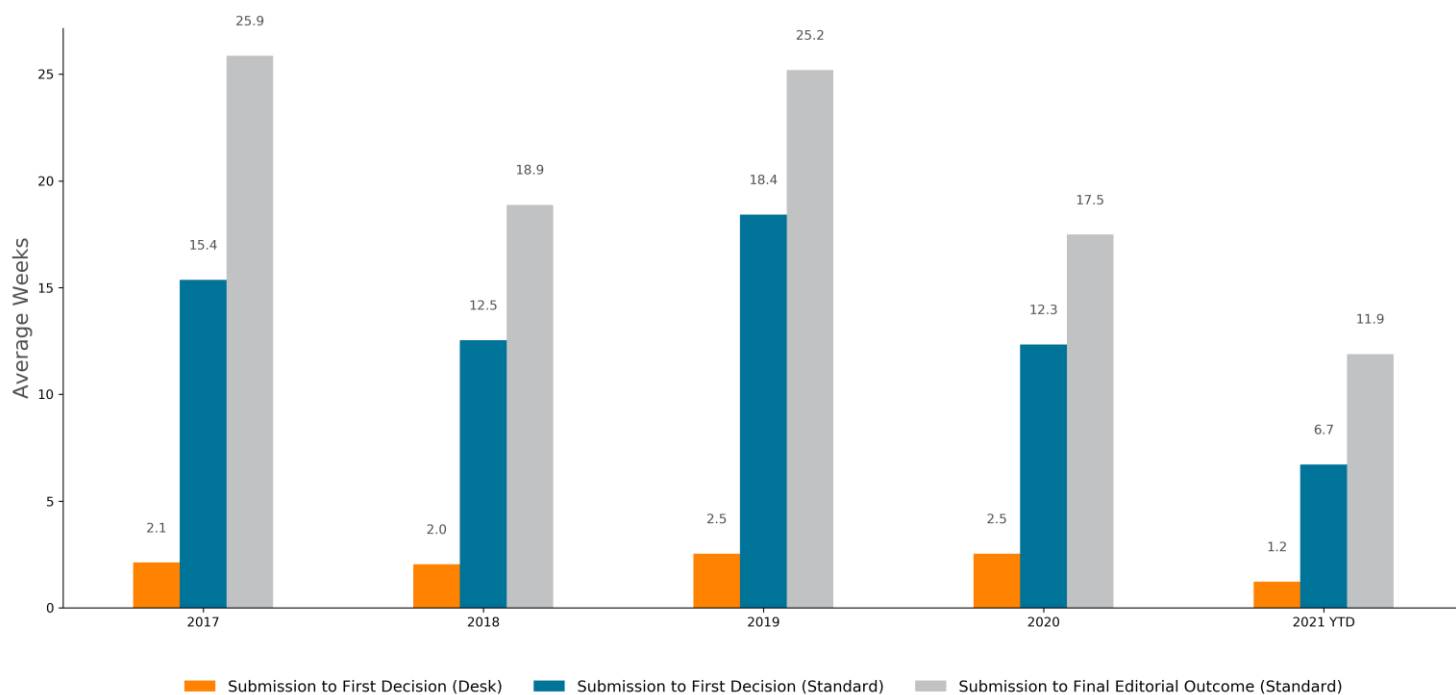


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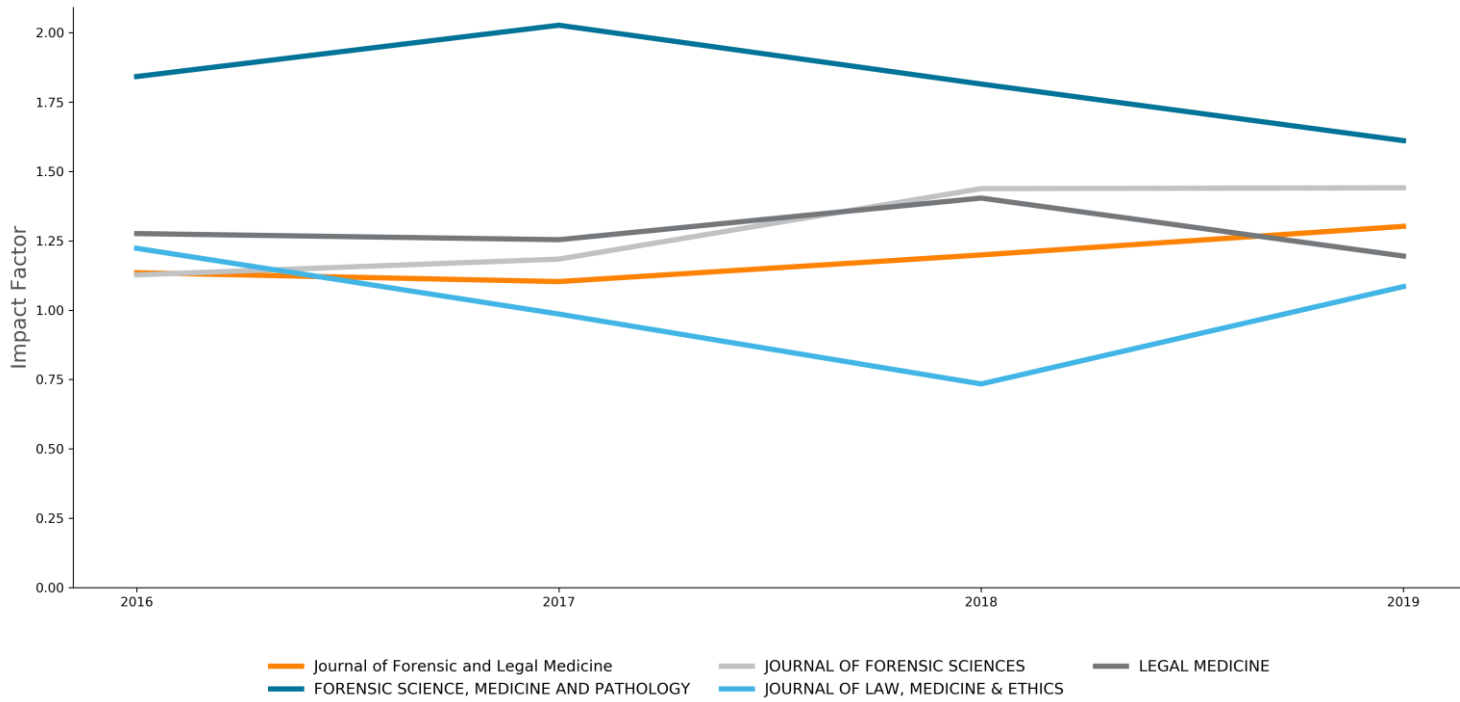
3. Speed

3.1. Average Editorial Speed for Accepted and Rejected Articles



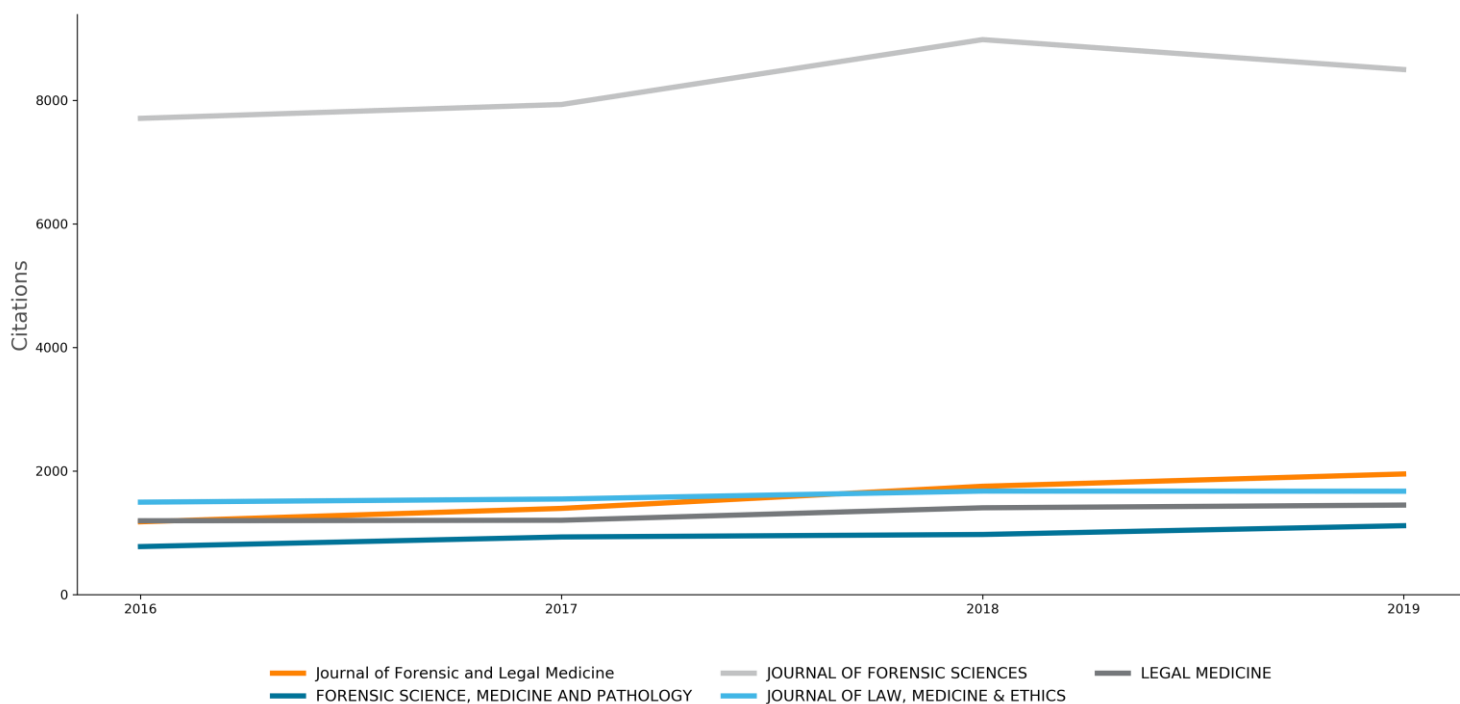
4. Citation Impact

4.1. Impact Factor



Title	2016	2017	2018	2019
Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine	1.135	1.103	1.199	1.302
Forensic Science, Medicine and Pathology	1.842	2.027	1.815	1.611
Journal of Forensic Sciences	1.127	1.184	1.438	1.441
Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics	1.223	0.986	0.734	1.085
Legal Medicine	1.276	1.254	1.404	1.195

4.2. Citations for All Articles



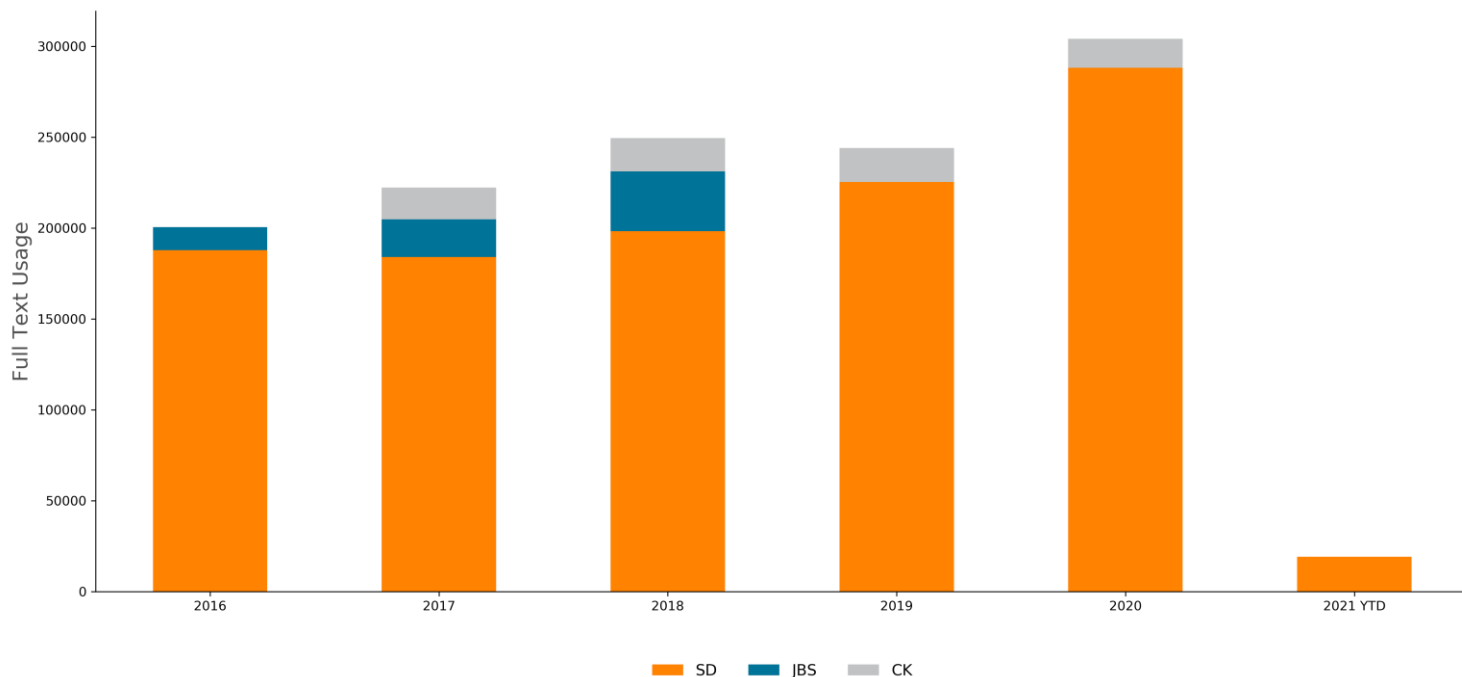
Title	2016	2017	2018	2019
Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine	1,178	1,395	1,753	1,952
Forensic Science, Medicine and Pathology	777	933	973	1,115
Journal of Forensic Sciences	7,707	7,931	8,981	8,497
Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics	1,496	1,547	1,675	1,673
Legal Medicine	1,195	1,203	1,405	1,449

4.3. Most Cited Articles, 2020 (Published IF Window 2018-2019)

Citations	Citations (lifetime)	Article Title	Authors	Publication Year	Document Type
13	16	Metabolism and metabolomics of opiates: A long way of forensic implications to unravel	Dinis-Oliveira R.J.	2019	Review
10	13	Artificial intelligence for sex determination of skeletal remains: Application of a deep learning artificial neural network to human skulls	Bewes J.,Low A.,Morphett A.,Pate F.D.,Henneberg M.	2019	Article
9	18	Estimation of stature from hand and foot dimensions in a Korean population	Kim W.,Kim Y.M.,Yun M.H.	2018	Article
9	11	Bare footprint metric analysis methods for comparison and identification in forensic examinations: A review of literature	Mukhra R.,Krishan K.,Kanchan T.	2018	Review
9	10	Forensic entomology application in China: Four case reports	Wang M.,Chu J.,Wang Y.,Li F.,Liao M.,Shi H.,Zhang Y.,Hu G.,Wang J.	2019	Article
8	16	Dental age estimation employing CBCT scans enhanced with Mimics software: Comparison of two different approaches using pulp/tooth volumetric analysis	Asif M.K.,Nambiar P.,Mani S.A.,Ibrahim N.B.,Khan I.M.,Sukumaran P.	2018	Article
8	10	Estimation of postmortem interval (PMI) based on empty puparia of <i>Phormia regina</i> (Meigen) (Diptera: Calliphoridae) and third larval stage of <i>Necrodes littoralis</i> (L.) (Coleoptera: Silphidae) – Advantages of using different PMI indicators	Bajerlein D.,Taberski D.,Matuszewski S.	2018	Article
8	11	Toxicological findings in 1000 cases of suspected drug facilitated sexual assault in the United States	Fiorentin T.R.,Logan B.K.	2019	Article
8	8	Issues in the handling of cases of tuberculosis in the mortuary	Stephenson L.,Byard R.W.	2019	Article
8	8	The persistent problem of drowning - A difficult diagnosis with inconclusive tests	Stephenson L.,Van den Heuvel C.,Byard R.W.	2019	Review

5. Usage

5.1. Full Text Usage per Platform per Year



Type	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 YTD
ScienceDirect	187,858	184,053	198,409	225,332	288,166	19,207
JFLM.Com*	12,775	20,740	32,789	0	0	0
ClinicalKey	0	17,497	18,377	18,805	15,957	0
Total	200,633	222,290	249,575	244,137	304,123	19,207

5.2. Most Downloaded Articles From ScienceDirect, 2021 YTD (Published All Time)

Downloads	Downloads (lifetime)	Article Title	Authors	Publication Year	Document Type
370	2,220	Violence against women and drug-facilitated sexual assault (DFSA): A review of the main drugs	Costa Y.R.D.S.,Lavorato S.N.,Baldin J.J.C.M.D.C.	2020	Review
318	5,360	The visibilities and invisibilities of race entangled with forensic DNA phenotyping technology	Queiros F.	2019	Article
274	1,362	Bride burning: A unique and ongoing form of gender-based violence	Kaur N.,Byard R.W.	2020	Review
256	3,401	Privacy and data protection in the surveillance society: The case of the Prüm system	Matos S.	2019	Article
213	213	Legal liability facing COVID-19 in dentistry: Between malpractice and preventive recommendations	Elzein R.,Bader B.,Rammal A.,Husseini H.,Jassar H.,Al-Haidary M.,Saadeh M.,Ayoub F.	2021	Review
212	946	COVID-19 pandemic: Coroner's database of death inquiries with clinical epidemiology and total and excess mortality analyses in the District of Kildare March to June 2020	Cusack D.A.	2020	Article
210	287	Planning effective mental healthcare in prisons: Findings from a national consultation on the Care Programme Approach in prisons	Georgiou M.,Jethwa J.	2021	Article
180	8,078	The relevance of cytochrome P450 polymorphism in forensic medicine and akathisia-related violence and suicide	Eikelenboom-Schieveld S.J.M.,Lucire Y.,Fogleman J.C.	2016	Article
175	322	Perils of human remains examination in COVID-19 times	Parekh U.,Kanchan T.,Krishan K.	2021	Letter
161	161	Descriptive analysis of the context of child sexual abuse reportedly perpetrated by female suspects: Insights from Saint Mary's Sexual Assault Referral Centre	Majeed-Ariss R.,Wilson R.J.,Karsna K.,Martin G.P.,White C.	2021	Article