

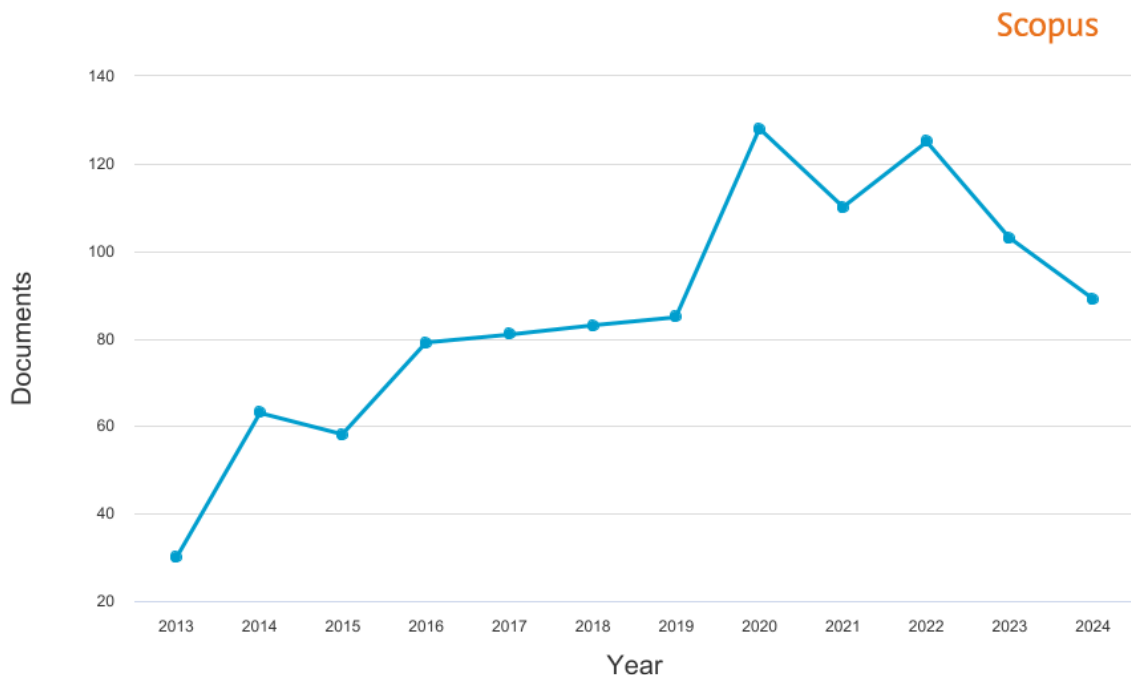
EDITORIAL

Observations on the Journal Metrics and Citation Overview of Archives of Bone and Joint Surgery

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I am writing to commend the ongoing development and success of the Archives of Bone and Joint Surgery (ABJS), a journal that has demonstrated remarkable growth and impact in orthopedics over the past years. An analysis of the journal's metrics from the Scopus database, covering the period from 2013 to 2024 (until October), reveals a positive trend that merits recognition.

Firstly, the increase in the number of published documents is truly impressive. The journal started with just 30 published articles in 2013 but has grown substantially, reaching 128 publications in 2024 (as of October). This upward trajectory not only signals growing interest in the journal but also underscores its relevance in disseminating vital research in bone and joint surgery [Figure 1].

**Figure 1. Documents by year**

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Moreover, the citation data highlights the increasing influence of the research published in ABJS. The maximum citations reached an impressive 1,315 in 2022, demonstrating that articles in this journal are being widely read and referenced. The average citation per paper (CPP) of 9.35 indicates that papers published in ABJS are effective contributors to ongoing research discussions.

The journal's impact factor, reported at 1.2 in 2023, combined with a Cite Score of 2.3, further emphasizes the quality and significance of published content. Both metrics are critical indicators of the journal's standing within the academic community, reflecting its ability to shape the field of bone and joint surgery. The h-index of 32 highlights the breadth and depth of impactful research that ABJS continues to produce, confirming its role in advancing knowledge within this specialty.

Notably, the top 20 most cited papers within ABJS have citations ranging from 41 to 374. This range strongly indicates the journal's capacity to publish high-impact research that resonates with clinicians and researchers alike. The geographic diversity in contributions is equally striking, with authors primarily from Iran (n=521), followed by the US (n=330), Spain (n=62), India (n=54), and the UK (n=51). Such international representation enhances the journal's credibility and underscores its appeal in the global academic community.

The implications of these positive metrics are significant. Increased visibility in the research community will likely attract a growing number of submissions from esteemed researchers looking to publish in a reputable forum. Furthermore, a higher global profile will increase citation opportunities for published articles, fostering a cycle of influence and recognition. This momentum will not only solidify ABJS's status as a leading journal but also contribute to the overall enhancement of knowledge within the field.

The ABJS can enhance its future impact by implementing several strategic initiatives. Enhancing online accessibility will attract a broader audience and increase visibility. Integrating multimedia content, such as video summaries and podcasts, can engage diverse learners, while launching thematic issues will allow for comprehensive exploration of

specific topics. Collaborating with professional societies and focusing on international submissions can diversify the contributor base, further enriching the journal. Promoting data-sharing practices will strengthen research transparency, and improving the author experience through streamlined submission processes will attract high-quality research. Additionally, utilizing data analytics can guide editorial decisions, and developing educational resources will reinforce the journal's role as an essential platform for both research and continuing education in bone and joint surgery.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the ABJS has made notable strides in its metrics, reflecting the dedication of its editorial team and the quality of research it publishes. These trends not only affirm the journal's high standards but also promise a bright future as a vital resource for researchers and practitioners specializing in bone and joint surgery. Thank you for your commitment to promoting high-quality scholarship in this critical medical field.

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