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1. Manuscript submission

	Subm.	Results			
	Articles	Withdrawn	Accepted	Rejected	Rejec. rate
2005	80	0	24	18	43%
2006	185	7	85	63	41%
2007	185	9	72	67	45%
2008	197	16	121	68	33%
2009	197	16	95	90	49%
2010 (YTD)	80	5	30	22	42%

Measurements per 24 Apr 2010

2. Articles into production

Total per year	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010 YTD
Articles	77	71	95	149	85	139	103	20
Pages	376	284	403	611	383	549	350	77

Measurements per 10 Apr 2009

3. Geographical breakdown of corresponding authors

3.1 Countries

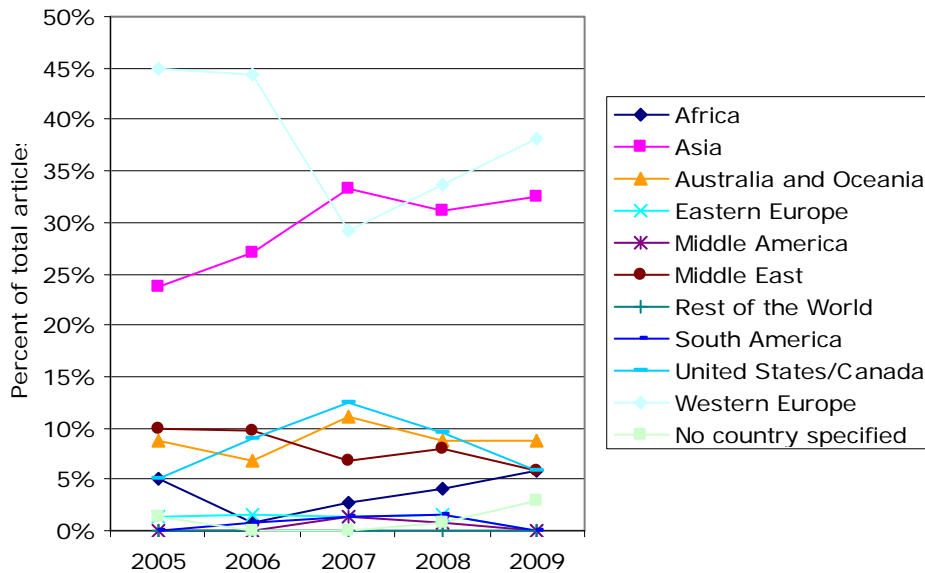
Brief summary of countries of corresponding authors in numbers of articles per country in 2009

Most accepted papers		Largest increase		Largest decrease	
India	22	Portugal	+5	Japan	-5
United Kingdom	12	Egypt	+2	United Kingdom	-5
Australia	9	Sweden	+2	Denmark	-4

Measurements per 21 Jan 2010

3.2 World regions

Regional breakdown of corresponding authors (2009)



4. Issue Progress

Issues that have been sent to the subscribers (2009 and 2010 YTD)

Year	Vol/iss	Cover date	Spec / reg	Special issue title	Pages	Edit. pages
	16/1	01 Jan 2009	R		56	52
	16/2	01 Feb 2009	R		60	56
	16/3	01 April 2009	R		68	64

16/4	01 May 2009	R	64	59
16/5	01 July 2009	R	72	67
16/6	01 Aug 2009	R	72	67
16/7	01 Oct 2009	R	72	67
16/8	01 Nov 2009	R	72	68
Total 2009	8		536	500
17/1	01 Jan 10	R	60	53
17/2	01 Feb 10	R	64	57
17/3	01 Apr 10	R	64	60
Total 2010 (YTD)	3		188	170

Measurements per 23 Apr 2010

Previous years

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010 (YTD)
Issues	6	6	8	8	8	8	3
Total pages	384	388	416	560	580	536	188
Edit. pages	332	329	369	514	538	500	170

Measurements per 23 Apr 2010

5. Articles not yet assigned to an issue

Regular articles or articles for listed special issues	No. of articles	No. of pages
Regular articles	24	97
Non-regular (among others S.I.) not yet assigned to an issue	1	5
Total	25	102

Measurements per 23 Apr 2010

6. Publication speed (weeks)

Issue type	No. of articles	Editorial time	Production time			Publication time	
			Article in final version on web	Complete issue on web	Printed issue	On web	Printed issue
All issues 2009	118	33	6.8	24	25.6	39.3	58.5
16/1	R	11	38.4		36.6		75
16/2	R	12	26.5	6.6	19.3	22.1	33.1
16/3	R	14	34.9	7.1	24	26	42
16/4	R	11	42.2	8.1	23.4	26.1	50.4
16/5	R	13	38.5	6	24	25.8	44.5
16/6	R	15	34.8	5.3	26.3	28.4	41.1
16/7	R	17	24.4	5.2	24.1	26.2	28.9
16/8	R	16	28.6	5.7	14.3	16.3	34.4
All issues 2010 YTD	43	34.9	7	17.5	29.5	41.9	66.7
17/1	R	9	34.2	13.1	44.2	49.5	47.3
17/2	R	11	45.8	5.8	20.1	22.5	51.9
17/3	R	13	32.1	10	19.1	21.5	42.2
17/4	R	10	27.2	4.4	12.6		31.6

Measurements per 23 Apr 2010

7. Full-text downloads on ScienceDirect

Articles on line 334

User accounts 6356

Downloads per year	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010 (Jan-March)
Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine			17,857	50,357	77,199	22,910
Journal of Clinical and Forensic Medicine	39,570	48,351	37,028	40,663	34,879	10,109
TOTAL	39,570	48,351	54,885	91,020	112,078	33,019

Measurements per 23 Apr 2010

Overview of most often downloaded articles (last quarter 2009)

Extracted from ScienceDirect TOP25 Hottest Articles

1. [Are full or empty beer bottles sturdier and does their fracture-threshold suffice to break the human skull?](#)

Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine, Volume 16, Issue 3, April 2009, Pages 138-142

2. [A new classification of necrophilia](#)
Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine, Volume 16, Issue 6, August 2009, Pages 316-320
3. [What constitutes a normal ante-mortem urine GHB concentration?](#)
Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine, Volume 16, Issue 3, April 2009, Pages 148-151
4. [Sexual abuse of children. A comparative study of intra and extra-familial cases](#)
Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine, Volume 16, Issue 8, November 2009, Pages 455-459
5. [References to the paraphilias and sexual crimes in the Bible](#)
Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine, Volume 16, Issue 3, April 2009, Pages 109-114
6. [The potential significance of elevated vitreous sodium levels at autopsy](#)
Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine, Volume 16, Issue 8, November 2009, Pages 437-440
7. [Alcohol and drugs in suspected impaired drivers in Ontario from 2001 to 2005](#)
Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine, Volume 16, Issue 8, November 2009, Pages 444-448
8. [Drug facilitated sexual assault - A review](#)
Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine, Volume 15, Issue 5, July 2008, Pages 291-297
9. [ECG-voltage in alcoholics and non-alcoholics with acute alcohol intoxication](#)
Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine, Volume 16, Issue 7, October 2009, Pages 381-384
10. [Forensic issues in Down syndrome fatalities](#)
Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine, Volume 14, Issue 8, November 2007, Pages 475-481

8. Most cited articles

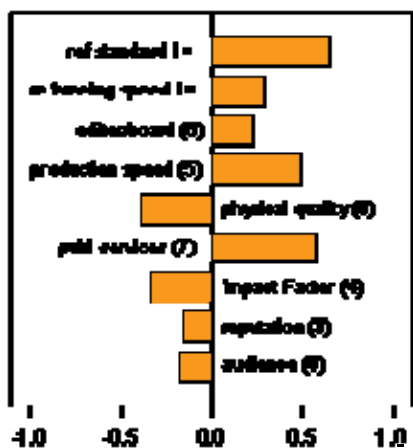
Overview of most often cited articles (Articles published in 2007 or later)

Extracted from **Scopus**

1. Cited 22 times. **Estimation of stature from dimensions of hands and feet in a North Indian population.** Krishan, K., Sharma, A. 2007 Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine 14 (6), pp. 327-332
2. Cited 10 times. **Estimation of stature by foot length.** Agnihotri, A.K., Purwar, B., Googoolye, K., Agnihotri, S., Jeebun, N. 2007 Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine 14 (5), pp. 279-283
3. Cited 8 times. **Suicide in India - A four year retrospective study.** Mohanty, S., Sahu, G., Mohanty, M.K., Patnaik, M. 2007 Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine 14 (4), pp. 185-189
4. Cited 8 times. **Prevalence of mental health problems and deliberate self-harm in complainants of sexual violence.** Campbell, L., Keegan, A., Cybulska, B., Forster, G. 2007 Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine 14 (2), pp. 75-78
5. Cited 7 times. **Suicidal poisoning in Southern India: Gender differences.** Kanchan, T., Menezes, R.G. 2008 Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine 15 (1), pp. 7-14
6. Cited 6 times. **A five-year survey for dental malpractice claims in Tehran, Iran.** Kiani, M., Sheikhzadi, A. 2009 Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine 16 (2), pp. 76-82
7. Cited 6 times. **Pattern of fatal head injuries due to vehicular accidents in Mangalore.** Menon, A., Pai, V.K., Rajeev, A. 2008 Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine 15 (2), pp. 75-77
8. Cited 5 times. **Drug facilitated sexual assault - A review.** Hall, J.A., Moore, C.B.T. 2008 Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine 15 (5), pp. 291-297
9. Cited 5 times. **Suicidal hanging: Fatalities in Istanbul Retrospective analysis of 761 autopsy cases.** Üzün, I., Büyüç, Y., Gürpınar, K. 2007 Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine 14 (7), pp. 406-409
10. Cited 5 times. **Suicidal and homicidal deaths: A comparative and circumstantial approach.** Ambade, V.N., Godbole, H.V., Kukde, H.G. 2007 Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine 14 (5), pp. 253-260

8. Author Feedback Program

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Measurements per Mar10

8. Marketing update

2010 marketing objectives for the *Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine* will focus on the following areas:

- Journal subscriptions (personal, members and large academic and government customers)
- Author marketing
- Online usage

Personal market

The number of personal subscriptions is monitored to keep track of developments such as attrition. If the number of subscriptions decreases substantially compared to prior year, initiatives can be developed to drive the number of subscriptions eg. set-up a discounted price for first time subscribers, distribution of subscription leaflets at exhibitions and promotion of the journal in other medical informatics journals published by Elsevier.

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Online Usage

Search Engine Optimisation

Partnerships with eg. Google ensure that the ranking of Elsevier links such as the journal page on the corporate website (www.elsevier.com/locate/jflm), the ScienceDirect page (<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/1752928X>) and the journal page on HealthConnect (www.jflmjournals.org) appear as the highest search results.

Promotion at Conferences

Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine is promoted at all relevant conferences, either through an Elsevier manned stand, an insert into delegate packs or through sample copies of the journal being sent. Key conferences where the journal had or will have significant promotion include:

- American Academy of Forensic Sciences
- American Society of Human Genetics
- British Society of Human Genetics
- European Academy of Forensic Science Conference
- Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine Annual Conference
- Forensic Science Society Conferences
- International Association of Forensic Sciences
- International Association for Identification
- International Society for Forensic Genetics
- International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect
- International Symposium on the Forensic Sciences by Australian/New Zealand Forensic Science Society
- Japanese Society of Legal Medicine