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1. Editorial

Overview of articles received and processed (accepted, rejected, or withdrawn) by the Editorial Office, as well as the rejection rate (previous year's values in brackets for comparison).

2.1 Articles received per month 2011(2010)

(previous year's values in brackets for comparison)

Vol/iss 2011	Subm. No. of articles	Final disposition							
		No. of articles	Processing times (in weeks)			Results			Rejec. Rate %
			Subm. to 1st decn.	Auth. rev. time	Sub. to fin. disp.	Withdrawn	Accepted	Rejected	
2011	262 (192)	247 (165)	19 (20.7)	6.6 (6.6)	27.8 (28.8)	18 (10)	126 (82)	103 (73)	45% (47%)

Measurements per 04 May 2012

2 Articles received per item type

Articles received per item type (2011)

Item type	Subm. No. of articles
Book Review	1
Case Report	69
Case Review	7
Clinical Practice	9
Conference Report	
Editorial	1
Leading Article	5
Learning Point	3
Letter to the Editor	15
Original	118
Communication	
Personal View	2
Review	20
Short Report	11
Total	

Measurements per 04 May 2012

3 Geographical breakdown

3.1 Countries

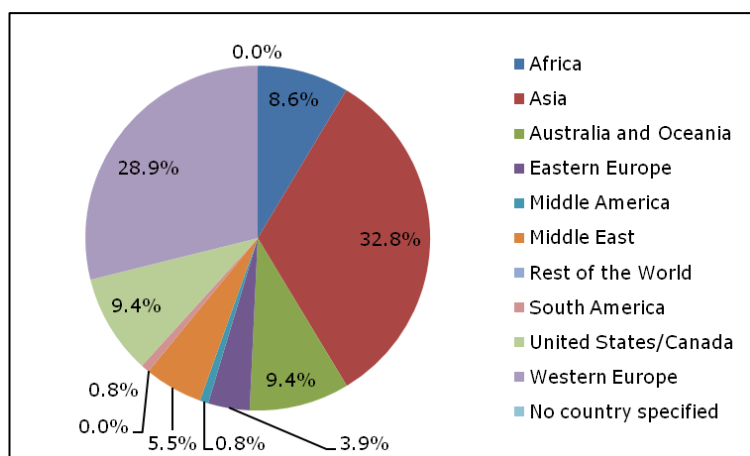
Brief summary of countries of corresponding authors in numbers of articles per country (2012 YTD)

Most accepted papers		Largest increase*		Largest decrease*	
India	14	Turkey	+11	Australia	-12
Australia	8	India	+10	Canada	-3
Turkey	5	Iran	+9	China	-3

Measurements per 28 April 2012

3.2 World Regions

Regional breakdown of corresponding authors (2012 YTD)



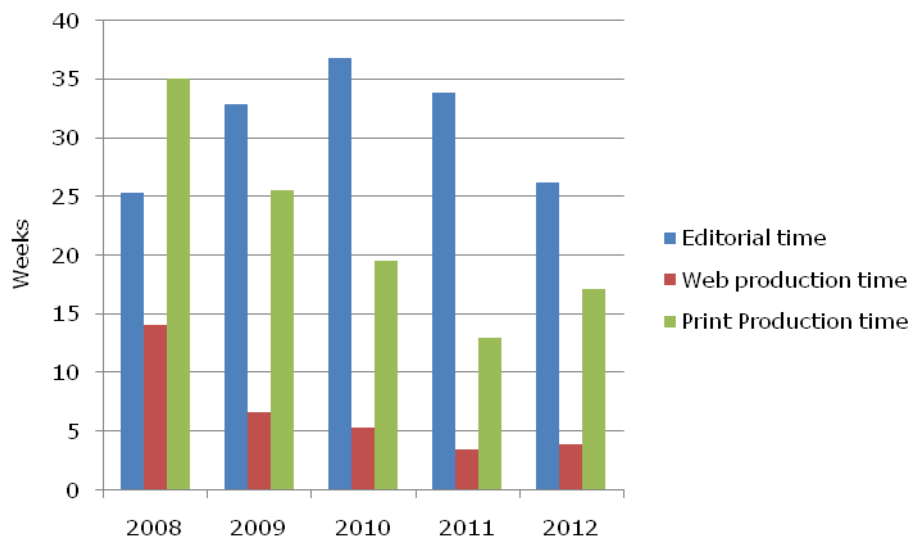
4.1 Issues not yet assigned to an issue

Regular articles or articles for listed special issues		No. of articles	No. of pages
DO NOT INCLUDE UNTIL 19/7		1	5
Next available issue		1	2
Regular articles		72	337
<i>Subtotals</i>	<i>Non-regular (among others S.I.) not yet assigned to an issue</i>	2	7
	<i>Regular articles not yet assigned to an issue</i>	72	337
Total		74	344

Measurements per 04 May 2012

5 Previous years

Graphical presentation of average publication time of printed issues over previous years



6. ScienceDirect Usage

6.1 Usage per month (2012 YTD)

Counts of downloaded article files (usage) from ScienceDirect during the indicated period. This is usage for Full text all access types for Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine and Journal of Clinical and Forensic Medicine.

Downloads per month	Jan 2012	Feb 2012
Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine	7,735	9,459
Journal of Clinical and Forensic Medicine	2,024	2,725
Total	9,759	12,184

Measurements per 31 Mar 2012

6.2 Usage previous years

Downloads per year	2009	2010	2011	2012 YTD
Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine	77,196	84,407	83,982	17,194
Journal of Clinical and Forensic Medicine	34,879	35,773	9,052	-
Total	112,075	120,180	93,034	17,194

Measurements per 31 Mar 2012

7.1 Most downloaded articles

Overview of most often downloaded articles during the last full quarter (Q4-2011).

Downloads	Article title	Vol./iss.	On-line published	Publication date
3380	DNA Profiling and forensic dentistry - A review of the recent concepts and trends (Manjunath, B.C.; Chandrashekar, B.R.; Mahesh, M.; Vatchala Rani, R.M.)	18/5	23-Mar-2011	Jul-2011
2195	Are full or empty beer bottles sturdier and does their fracture-threshold suffice to break the human skull? (Bolliger, S.A.; Ross, S.; Oesterhelweg, L.; Thali, M.J.; Kneubuehl, B.P.)	16/3	07-Nov-2008	Apr-2009
1565	Men as victims of intimate partner violence (Carmo, R.; Grams, A.; Magalhaes, T.)	18/8	12-Aug-2011	Nov-2011
1230	Generating STR profile from "Touch DNA" (Aditya, S.; Sharma, A.K.; Bhattacharyya, C.N.; Chaudhuri, K.)	18/7	03-Jun-2011	Oct-2011
855	Factors and processes causing accelerated decomposition in human cadavers - An overview (Zhou, C.; Byard, R.W.)	18/1	10-Nov-2010	Jan-2011
770	A brief history of Forensic odontology since 1775 (Bruce-Chwatt, R.M.)	17/3	09-Feb-2010	Apr-2010
735	A new classification of necrophilia (Aggrawal, A.)	16/6	28-Jan-2009	Aug-2009
730	Causes of community suicides among indigenous South Australians (Austin, A.E.; van den Heuvel, C.; Byard, R.W.)	18/7	22-Jul-2011	Oct-2011
710	One model of healthcare provision lessons learnt through clinical governance (Webb, V.; Stark, M.; Cutts, A.; Tait, S.; Randle, J.; Green, G.)	17/7	14-Jul-2010	Oct-2010
650	Bovvered? A legal perspective on the ASBO (Hewitt, D.)	14/6	26-Mar-2007	Aug-2007
640	Adverse events, toxicity and post-mortem data on duloxetine: Case reports and literature survey (Vey, E.L.; Kovelman, I.)	17/4	19-Mar-2010	May-2010
640	A new classification of zoophilia (Aggrawal, A.)	18/2	22-Jan-2011	Feb-2011
625	Anthropometry of hand in sex determination of dismembered remains - A review of literature (Kanchan, T.; Krishan, K.)	18/1	14-Dec-2010	Jan-2011
625	Alcohol concentration and carbonation of drinks: The effect on blood alcohol levels (Roberts, C.; Robinson, S.P.)	14/7	16-May-2007	Oct-2007
580	Age estimation from pulp/tooth area ratio in maxillary incisors among Egyptians using dental radiographic images (Zaher, J.F.; Fawzy, I.A.; Habib, S.R.; Ali, M.M.)	18/2	28-Jan-2011	Feb-2011
580	Perceptions of near virtual autopsies (Rutty, G.N.; Rutty, J.E.)	18/7	07-Jul-2011	Oct-2011
570	Relation between fingerprints and different blood groups (Fayrouz, I.N.E.; Farida, N.; Irshad, A.H.)	19/1	19-Oct-2011	Jan-2012
565	Age estimation from pulp/tooth area ratio (PTR) in an Indian sample: A preliminary comparison of three mandibular teeth used alone and in combination (Babshet, M.; Acharya, A.B.; Naikmasur, V.G.)	18/8	10-Aug-2011	Nov-2011
560	The issue of euthanasia in Greece from a legal viewpoint (Voultzos, P.; Njau, S.N.; Vlachou, M.)	17/3	27-Jan-2010	Apr-2010
525	Sex differences from fingerprint ridge density in the Indian population (Nayak, V.C.; Rastogi, P.; Kanchan, T.; Lobo, S.W.; Yoganasimha, K.; Nayak, S.; Rao, N.G.; Pradeep Kumar, G.; Suresh Kumar Shetty, B.; Menezes, R.G.)	17/2	06-Oct-2009	Feb-2010

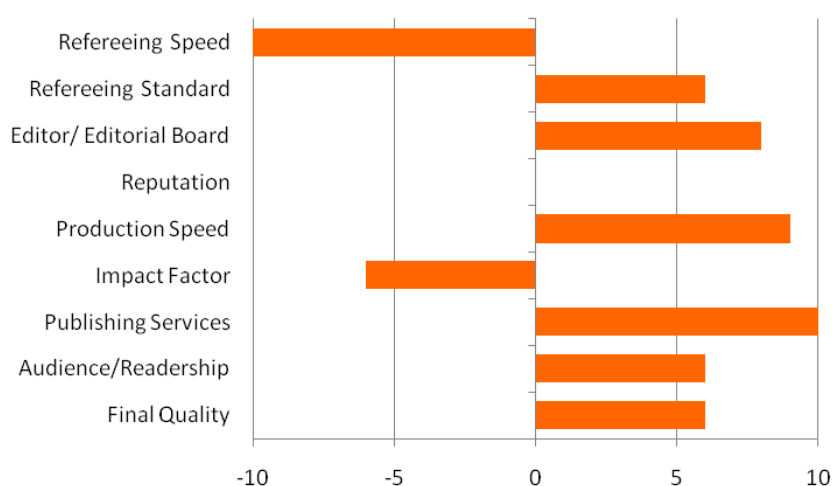
520	Drug facilitated sexual assault - A review (Hall, J.A.; Moore, C.B.T.)	15/5	18-Apr-2008	Jul-2008
490	Forensic epidemiology of childhood deaths in Nebraska, USA (Okoye, C.N.; Okoye, M.I.)	18/8	27-Aug-2011	Nov-2011
485	Microbial Forensics (Nicholson, F.)	18/1	09-Dec-2010	Jan-2011
455	Leda and the Swan - And other myths about rape (Norfolk, G.A.)	18/5	24-May-2011	Jul-2011
455	Excited delirium syndrome (ExDS): Redefining an old diagnosis (Vilke, G.M.; Payne-James, J.; Karch, S.B.)	19/1	01-Nov-2011	Jan-2012

Measurements per 01 May 2012

8. Author Feedback Program

The Author Feedback Program is a continuous research program monitoring the performance of Elsevier's primary journals. It allows us to closely monitor author opinion and thus journal performance. Authors are invited to rate a number of statements concerning their publishing experience. These statements are grouped into areas, including reputation, peer review, production speed, publishing services, the editorial board and impact factor.

8.1 Benchmarking performance

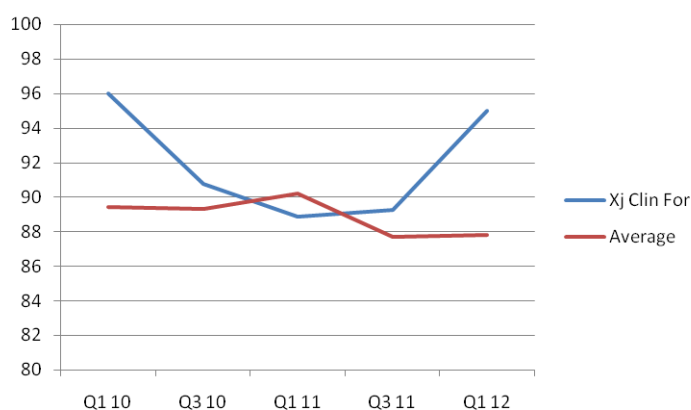


Measurements per March 2012

8.2 Overall satisfaction

Authors agreeing to the following statement.

- I am very satisfied with this journal overall



Measurements per March 2012

9. Other Comments & Concluding Remarks

- Fraud is an increasing problem for all journals:
 - Plagiarism
 - Salami slicing
 - Gift authorship
 - Unauthorised inclusions of names
 - Considerable time has been spent by editor-in-chief, production team and publisher in dealing with the complex issues that arise. Principles employed are those declared by the Committee on Publication Ethics.
 - Every query raised is investigated.
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- JFLM continues to perform well over the past year.
- Editorial times could be reduced somewhat to ensure we have enough copyflow to fill issues in a timely manner.
- JFLM is expected to receive its first Impact Factor in the summer of 2012. Elsevier will conduct the relevant marketing campaigns once Thomson Reuters releases the Impact Factor in 2012.
- EES reviewers and specialty classifications were updated in April 2012 to ensure submissions are clearly identified.
- Reviewers will be mass emailed in July 2012 to update their classifications according to the newly revised list. This will ensure that submissions can be allocated to the appropriate reviewer and hopefully produce better reviews and less time wasted on rejecting review request.
- A Board review is currently under-way and will be completed in the coming months. The new Board will be reminded about their tasks of conducting reviews, promoting the journal and encouraging high quality submissions to the journal.

10. Finally.....

My sincere thanks go to Linsey Burbery who leads the production team, Aisling Murphy who oversees the entire publication and to all the authors and reviewers whose hard work results in the Journal of Forensic & Legal Medicine that we have today.