

Annals of Epidemiology March 2024

ACE Board Meeting

Agenda for Today's Meeting

- Introductions
- Elsevier Updates
- Journal Priorities
 - Improving turnaround times
 - Teaching Packets
 - Podcast Series: EPITalk
- Q&A/Feedback





Introductions

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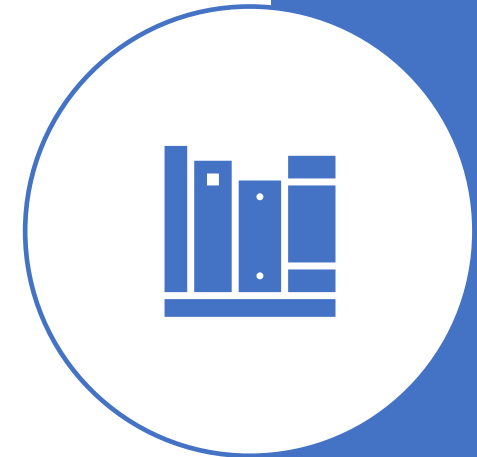
American College of Epidemiology

- The Annals of Epidemiology, the official journal of the American College of Epidemiology (ACE), designates a portion of the journal for the College's use.
- The goal of this section is to provide an open-forum for academic discussion of College-related issues, including:
 - Perspectives of the ACE Board of Directors on matters of importance to the College,
 - Information regarding College activities,
 - Broad perspective on major issues and trends in the field, and
 - Opportunities for readership input into College activities and epidemiology-related issues in the world, at large.



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24. Tiffany Fordyce
25. Timothy Barnes
26. Yan Wang
27. Duygu Islek Yaras



Editorial Board Members

- **76.6%** – agree to review rate
- **3** – average # of papers reviewed
- **8.67** – average days to complete a review

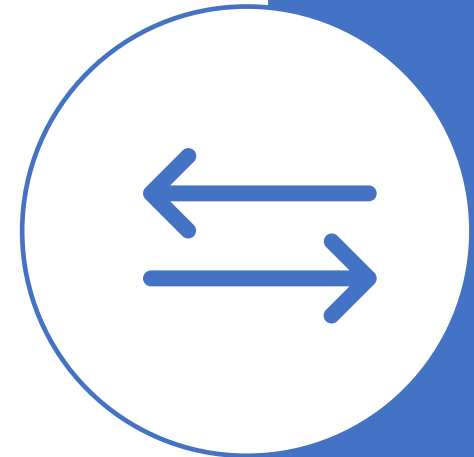


Recent Changes

- **Managing Editor**
- Cory will be taking a more behind the scenes role moving forward

- **New Editorial Board Members**
- Ebbie Kalan
- John Kwagyan
- Duygu Islek Yaras

- **Farewells**
- Maurizio Macaluso, Associate Editor
- Alexios-Fotios Mentis, Editorial Board Member





Journal Roles

Patrick Sullivan



Associate Editor & Editorial Board Member

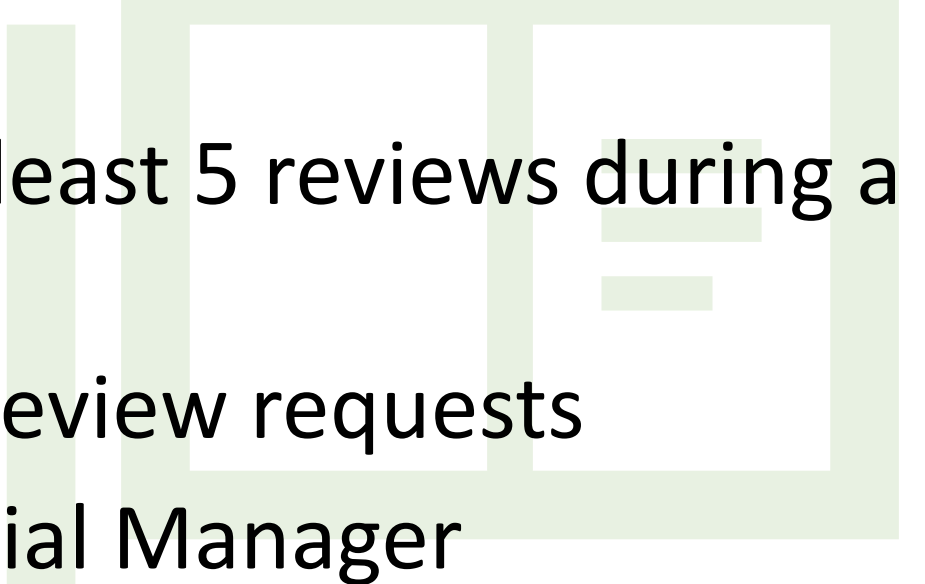
Associate Editor

- Managing the peer-review process for submissions in their area of expertise;
- Representing the journal to solicit submissions and contributions (such as peer reviews);
- Identify topics for special issues, which they may guest edit;
- Attracting new authors and submissions;
- Promoting the journal to their colleagues and peers;
- Advising the Editor-in-Chief on overall vision and strategy of the journal; and
- Working with the Editor-in-Chief, Managing Editor, Editorial Assistant, Publisher, and the American College of Epidemiology on journal development.

Editorial Board

- Reviewing 5-6 submitted manuscripts per year and within 2 weeks per journal timelines;
- Identifying topics for special issues, which they may guest edit;
- Attracting new authors and submissions;
- Promoting the journal to their colleagues and peers; and
- Assisting the Associate Editors in decision making over issues such as when reviewers have differing recommended decisions.
- 2-year commitment

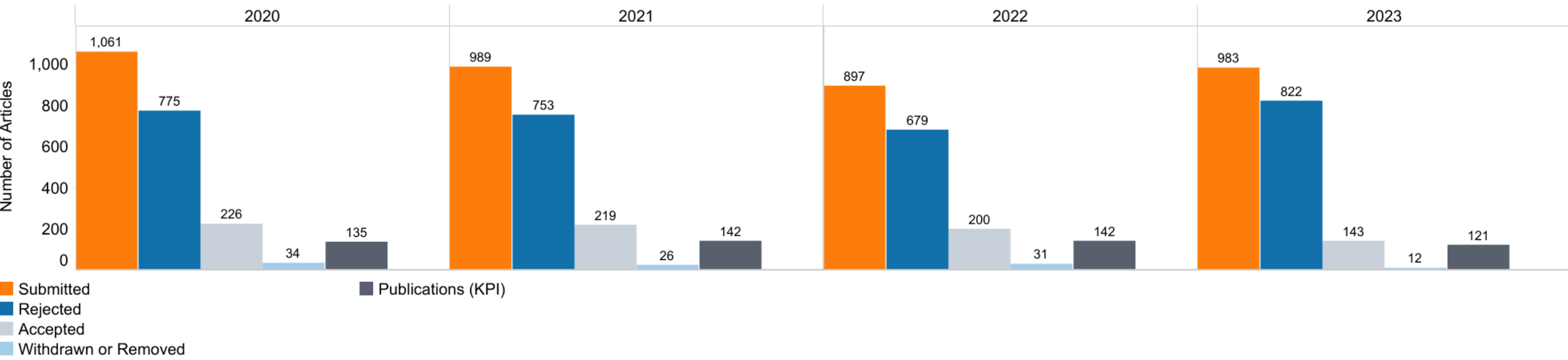
Advancing to an Associate Editor Position

- Available based on vacancy
 - Completed commitment of at least 5 reviews during a calendar year
 - Outstanding response rate to review requests
 - Highly scored reviews in Editorial Manager
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Journal Operational Updates

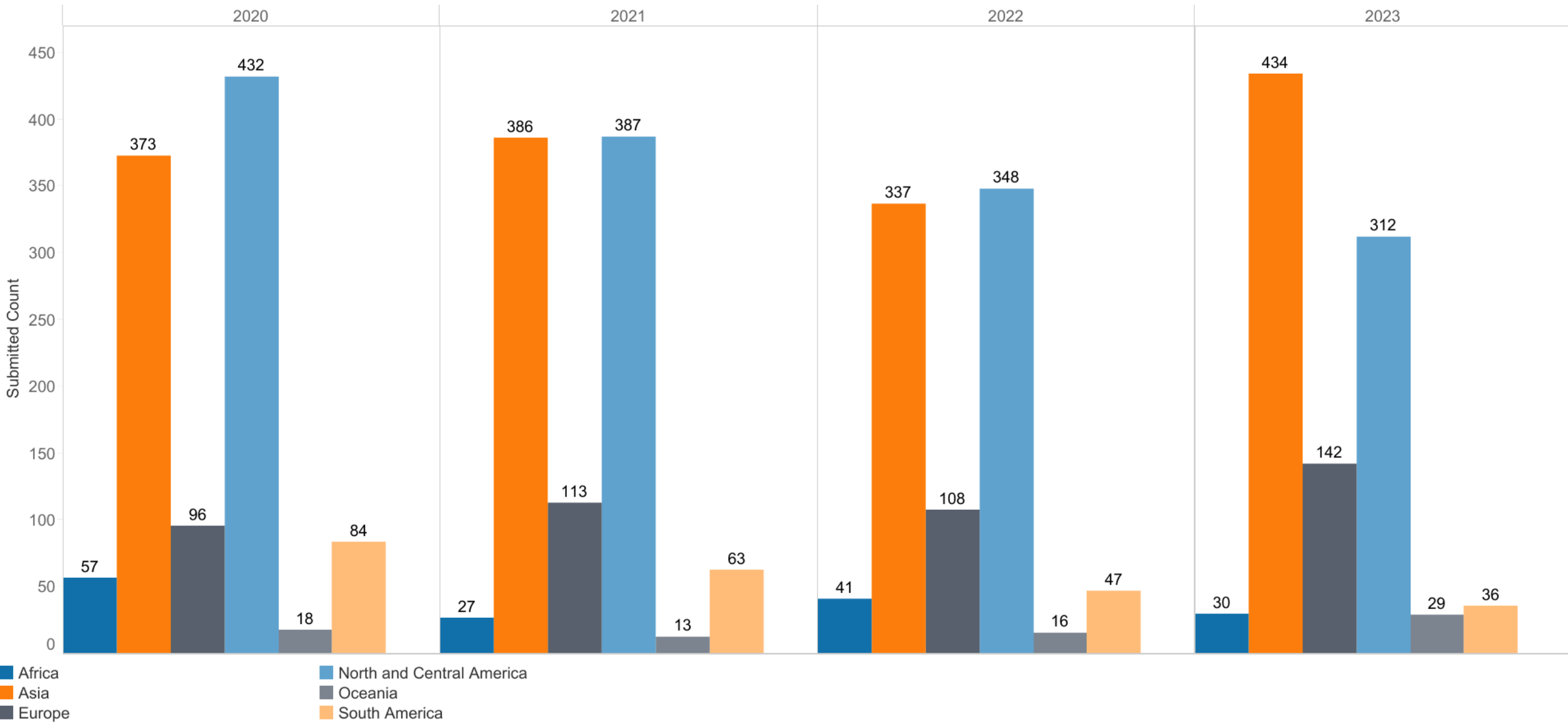
Submissions, Editorial Outcomes and Published Counts



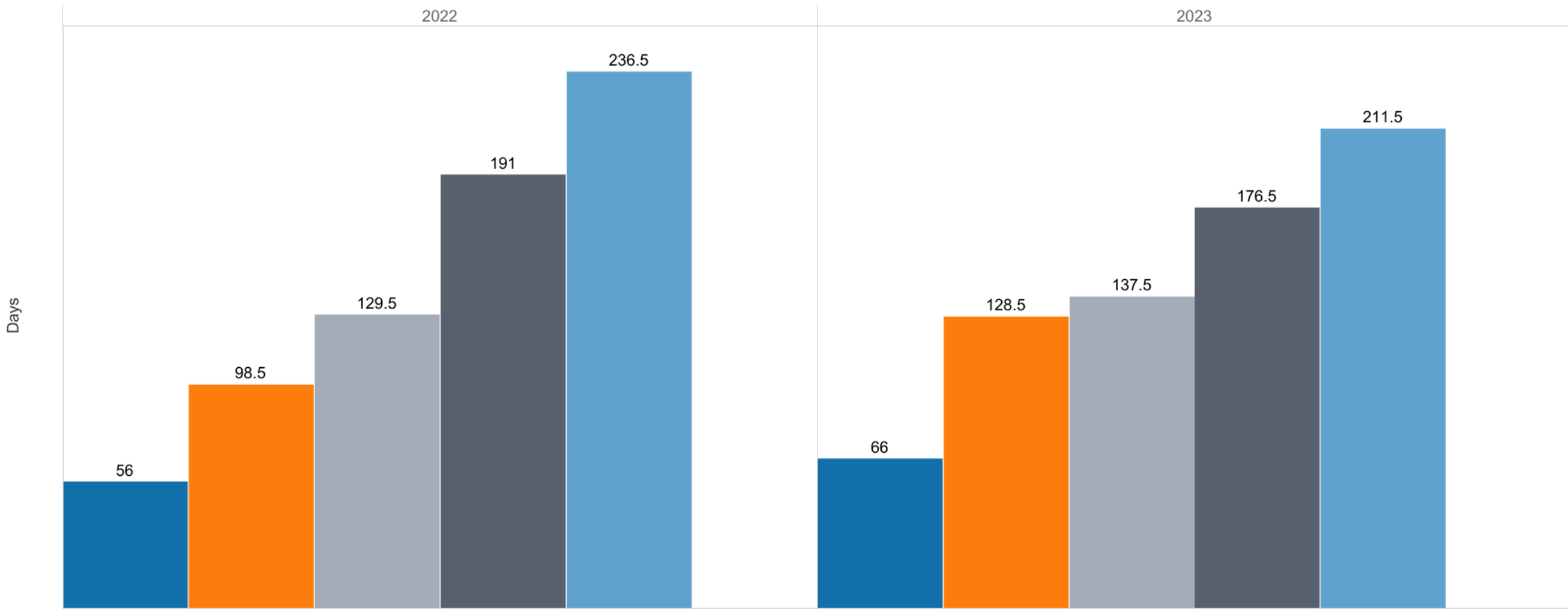
Rejection Rate



Submitted Articles by Continent (Submission Date)

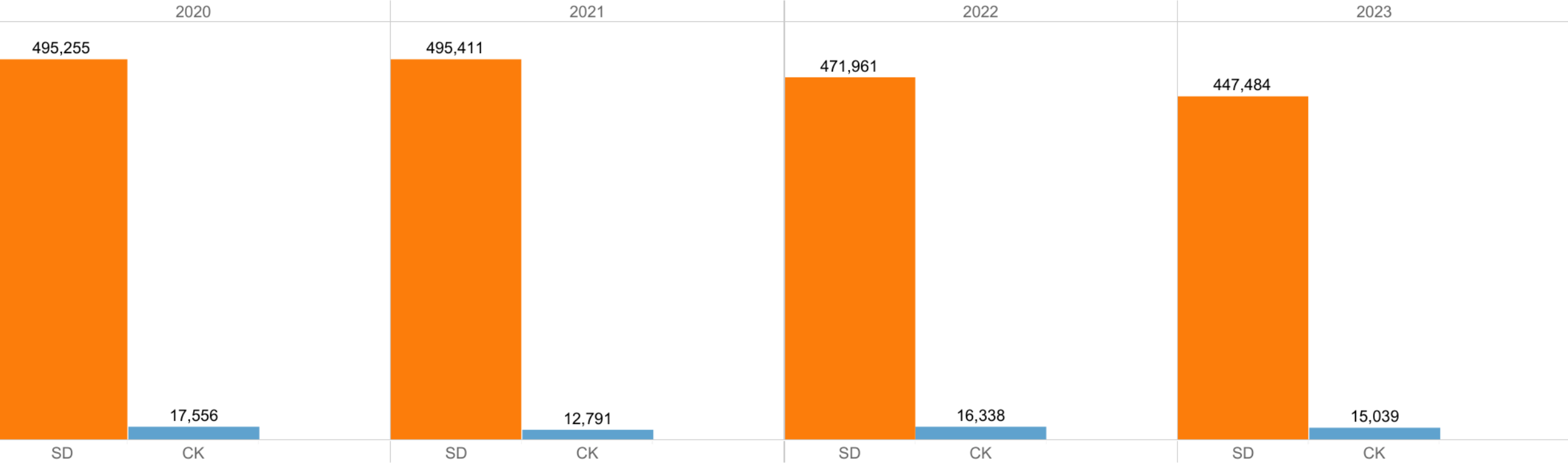


Median Editorial & Publication Speeds for Published Articles



- Median Submission To First Decision Days
- Median Submission To Editorial Outcome Days
- Median Submission To First Publication Online Days
- Median Submission To Publication VoR (Version of Record) Days
- Median Submission To Issue Realization Days

Full Text Usage per Platform per Year



	2020	2021	2022	2023
Science Direct	495,255	495,411	471,961	447,484
Clinical Key	17,556	12,791	16,338	15,039
Total Usage	512,811	508,202	488,299	462,523

Supporting authors in finding an appropriate home for their work.

Article Transfer Service

- Fate of Rejected Manuscript (FORM) study
- Top journals where papers rejected from *Annals* appear:
 - *PLOS One*
 - *BMC Public Health*
 - *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*
 - *Public Health*
 - *Environmental Science and Pollution Research*
 - *Frontiers in Public Health*
 - *BMJ Open*
 - *Scientific Reports*
 - *Cancer Epidemiology*

Transfer options (as of Feb 2024):

Epidemiology/Public Health journals:

Preventive Medicine
Preventive Medicine Reports
Public Health
Public Health in Practice
AJPM Focus
Global Epidemiology
Dialogues in Health

Broad Scope:

Heliyon

Other specialty journals:


Cancer Epidemiology
Environmental Research
Human Nutrition & Metabolism
IJID Regions
Journal of Infection and Public Health
Journal of Diabetes and Its Complications

Improving Journal Metrics

7.5

CiteScore 

5.6

Impact Factor 



- Improving turnaround times for submissions (current time from submission to acceptance is 111 days)
- Reducing the # of manuscripts that end in a reject decision that are sent out for review

Paper of the Year



Christian Tolstrup Wester, MSc

Winner of the 2023 Best Overall
Paper Award

“Longitudinal changes in mental
health following the COVID-19
lockdown: Results from the Survey
of Health, Ageing, and Retirement
in Europe”



Shabatun J. Islam, MD

Winner of the 2023 Best Junior
Investigator Paper Award

“Neighborhood characteristics
and ideal cardiovascular health
among Black adults: results from
the Morehouse-Emory
Cardiovascular (MECA) Center for
Health Equity”



Mentored Reviews

- Annals of Epidemiology encourages mentored reviews
- At a reviewer's request, we can send an invitation to a mentee to review
- Only 1 review needs to be submitted
- Options for both mentor and mentee to receive credit for the review in Editorial Manager



Current Special Issues

- Causal Inference in Implementation Science
- Health Equity: Novel Equity-Based Approaches in Epidemiology (*Coming Soon*)
- Please send suggestions to Patrick or Jennifer



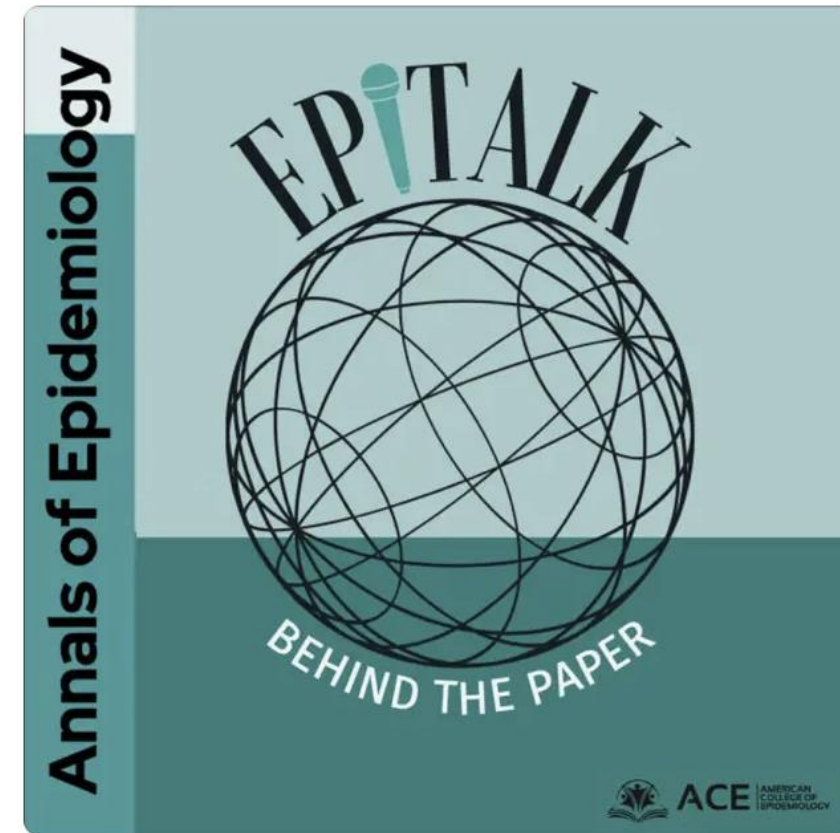
Teaching Packets

- **Project Lead:** Jeb Jones, PhD, MPH, MS
- **Goal:** Introduce MPH-level students to epidemiological concepts using published literature
- **Approach:** Develop question sets highlighting epi concepts from papers published in *Annals of Epidemiology*
 - Variety of study designs
 - Focus on exposure, outcome, measures of frequency, bias
 - Optional questions designed for more advanced students
- **Target audience**
 - MPH students
 - Faculty teaching epidemiology courses
- **We plan to host these online as free resources**



Podcast Updates

- EPITalk: Behind the Paper
- Executive Producer: Sabrina Debas



5 episodes






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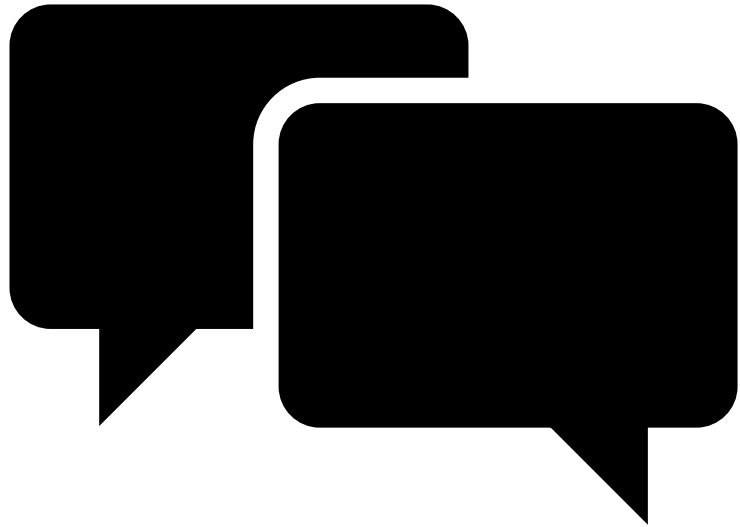


Looking Forward

Junior Paper of the Year Award Winner ***“Neighborhood characteristics and ideal cardiovascular health among Black adults: results from the Morehouse-Emory Cardiovascular (MECA) Center for Health Equity”***
ft. Drs. Shabatun Islam, Jeong Kim, Herman Taylor & Tené Lewis

“Maternal prenatal social experiences and offspring epigenetic age acceleration from birth to mid-childhood” ft. Drs. Zachary Laubach & Wei Perng





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Thank You!

QUESTIONS?

