

Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine

Editor's Report



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1 THE JOURNAL

1.1 EDITORS

Editor-in-Chief: Dr. Jason Payne-James (UK)

Associate Editor: Professor Patrick Chariot (France)

Associate Editor: Dr. Christopher Milroy (Canada)

1.2 AIMS AND SCOPE

Official journal of the Faculty of Legal and Forensic Medicine.

The Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine publishes topical articles on all aspects of legal medicine. The medical principles of care and forensic assessment of living individuals, whether adult or child, in contact with the judicial system are examined and the Journal has a broad international perspective.

Topics covered in the journal include the following, particularly with relevance to the clinical setting:

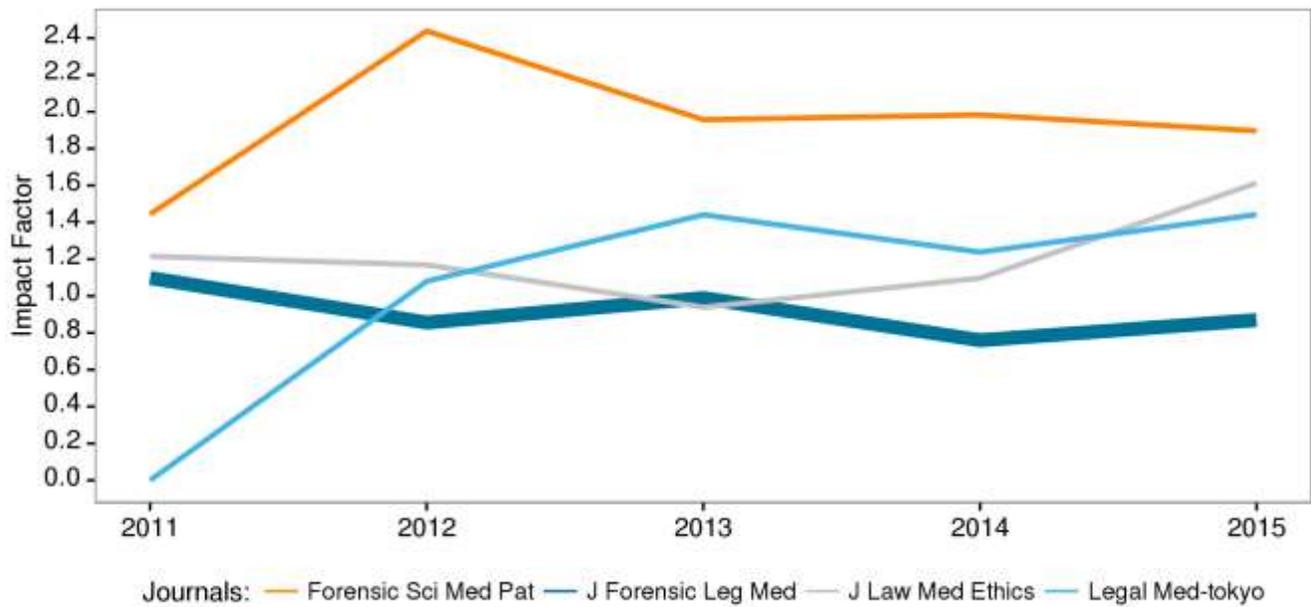
forensic medicine and psychiatry, including child abuse and neglect, interpersonal violence, elder abuse, domestic violence, sexual violence, suicidal behaviours, care in custody, restraint injuries, torture, and human rights;
forensic pathology, death investigation and causes of death, including death in custody and suicide;
forensic science, including the forensic aspects of toxicology, anthropology, and odontology.

All submitted manuscripts are reviewed initially by a JFLM editor. Manuscripts are evaluated according to the following criteria: material is original and timely, writing is clear, primary and secondary objectives are explicitly stated, study methods are appropriate and described so that they can be understood and reproducible, data are valid, conclusions are reasonable and supported by the data, information is important, and topic is clinically relevant in forensic medicine. From these basic criteria, the editors assess a paper's eligibility for publication. Manuscripts with insufficient priority for publication are rejected promptly. Other manuscripts are sent to expert consultants for peer review.

2 QUALITY / CONTENT DEVELOPMENT

2.1 IMPACT FACTOR

The Impact Factor measures the average number of citations received in a particular year by papers published in the journal during the two preceding years (Regd. Thomson Reuters Journal Citation Reports).

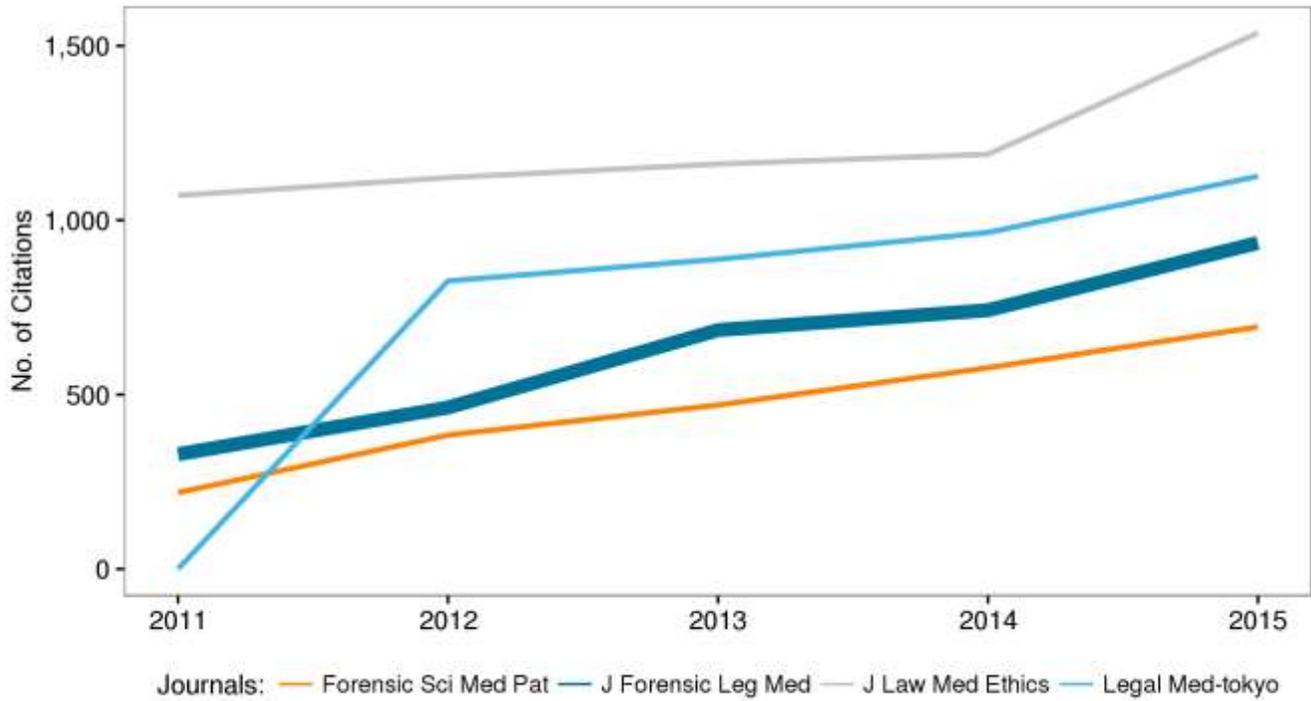


Journals:	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Journal Of Forensic And Legal Medicine	1.098	0.856	0.989	0.760	0.870
Forensic Science Medicine And Pathology	1.444	2.438	1.957	1.983	1.896
Legal Medicine	0.000	1.080	1.441	1.238	1.442
Journal Of Law Medicine & Ethics	1.215	1.169	0.939	1.097	1.613

Index	Category	Rank	Total Journals	Quartile
SCIE	Medicine, Legal	10	15	Q3

2.2 CITATIONS

2.2.1 Number of citations



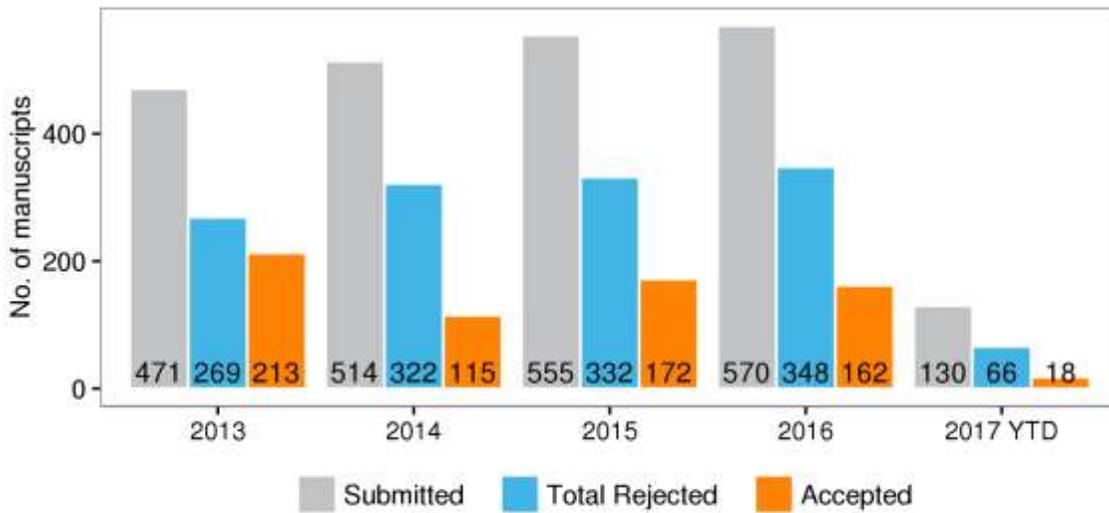
Journals:	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Journal Of Forensic And Legal Medicine	329	463	685	742	935
Forensic Science Medicine And Pathology	219	384	470	577	694
Legal Medicine	0	826	888	965	1,126
Journal Of Law Medicine & Ethics	1,071	1,122	1,161	1,189	1,537

2015 Journal Citation Reports (Regd.) (Thomson Reuters, 2016)

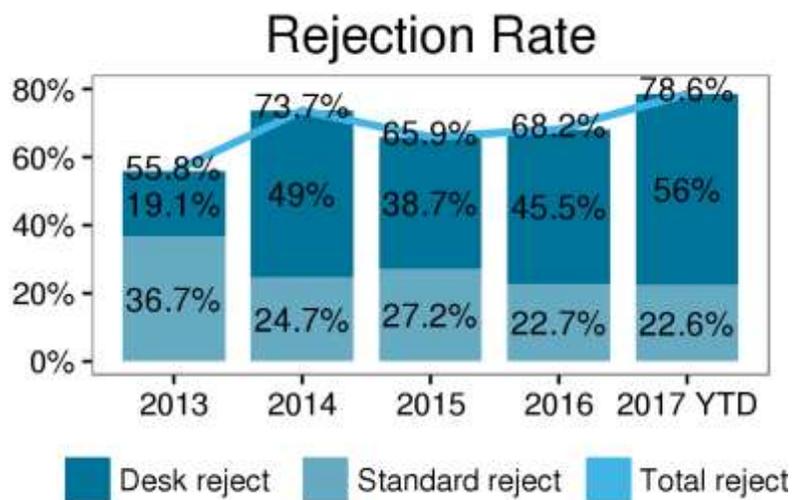
3 MANUSCRIPT FLOW

3.1 SUBMITTED MANUSCRIPTS & DECISIONS MADE

Overview of articles received and processed by the editorial team. Note that withdrawn manuscripts are not included and the accept and reject decisions will be on articles submitted within that year and also the previous year/s.

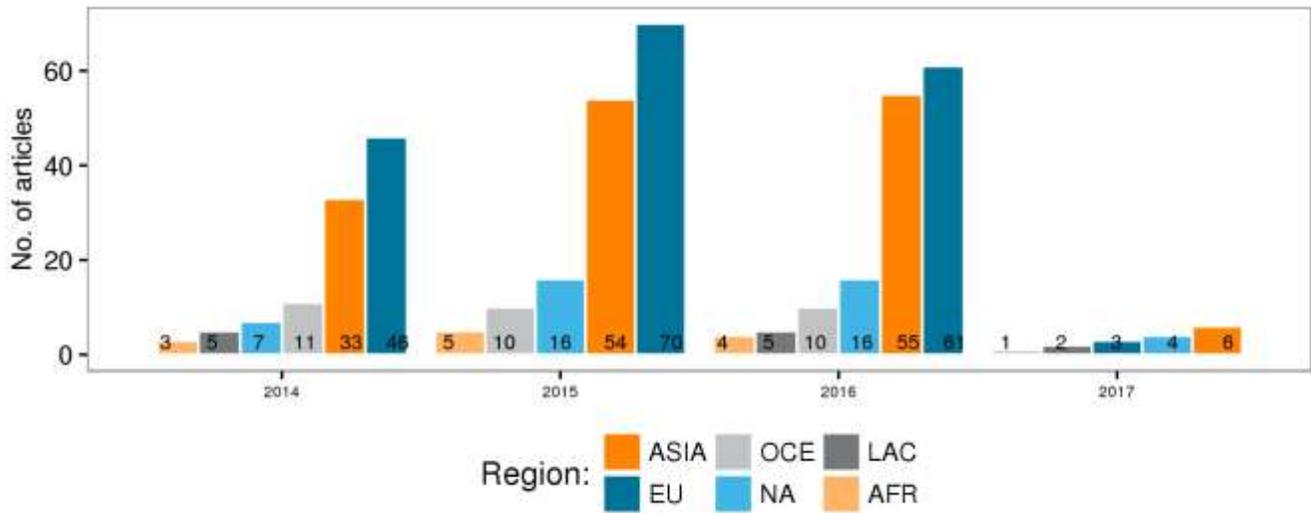


The Rejection Rate shows the number of rejected articles as a percentage of the sum of rejected and accepted papers.



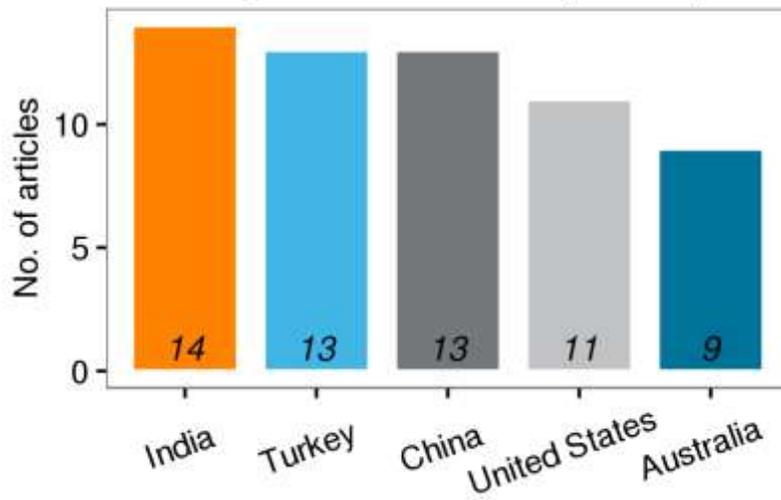
3.2 GEOGRAPHICAL BREAKDOWN OF ACCEPTED ARTICLES

Overview of regions of corresponding authors in numbers of articles per region.



AFR = Africa; ASIA = Asia; OCE = Oceania; EU = Europe; LAC = Latin America & Caribbean; NA = North America

Top 5 countries (2016)



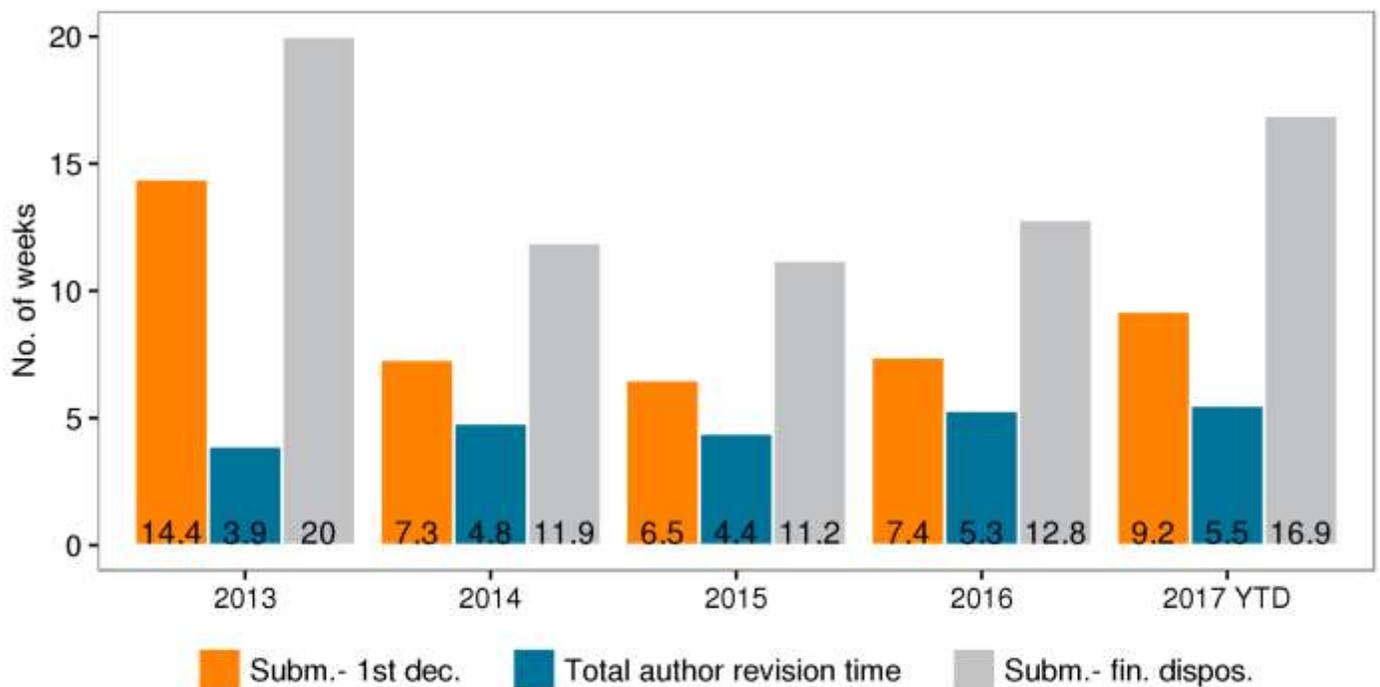
4 SPEED

4.1 AVERAGE EDITORIAL SPEED FOR ALL SUBMITTED MANUSCRIPTS

First Decision: is the time taken by the editor(s) on the basis of a first peer review. If more than one review is carried out, the date of the last returned is taken.

Total Author revision time: Time the author takes to revise his/her article on the basis of comments made by the reviewers(s). If there are several rounds of revisions, these are all added up to calculate the total revision time.

Final disposition: Final Decision taken by the editor on the basis of a first peer review. If more than one review is carried out, the date of the last returned is taken.



4.2 PEER REVIEWS PER ACCEPTED ARTICLE

4.2.1 Peer Reviews per Accepted Article, by item category (2017 YTD)

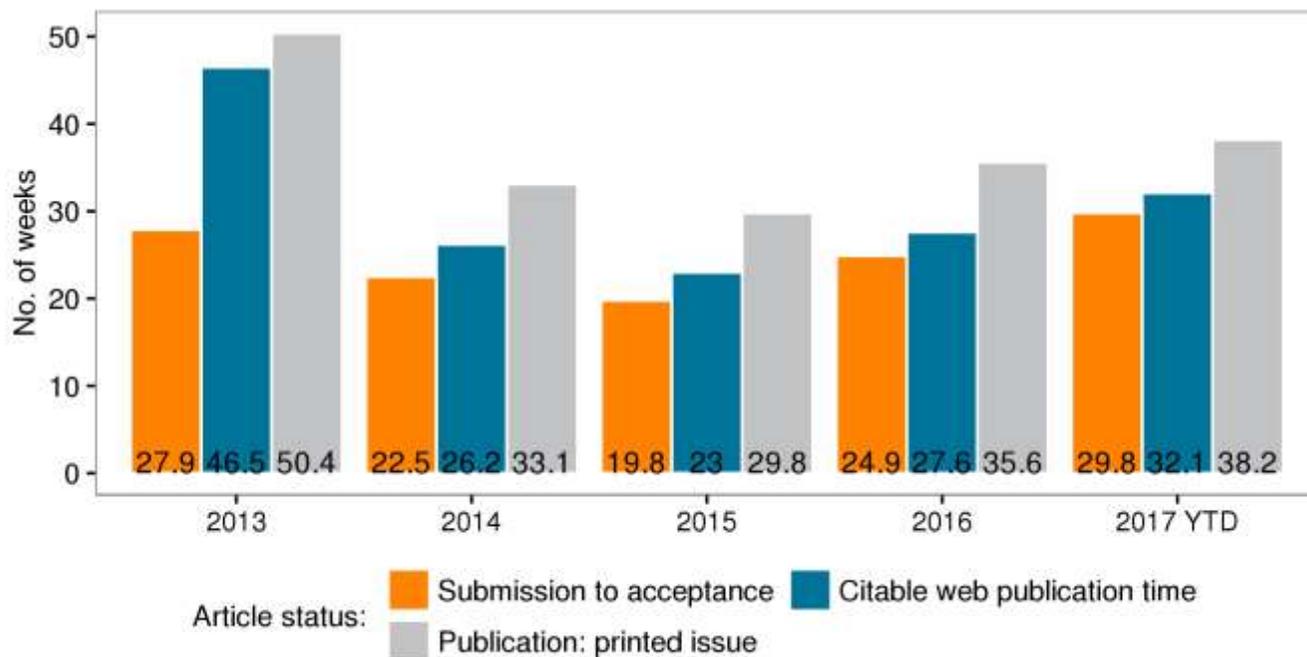
Categories do not exist in Evise, this graph only shows EES data.

Year	Article Category	No. Accepted Art.	Zero Peer Review Compl.	One Peer Review Compl.	Two Peer Review Compl.	> Two Peer Review Compl.	No. Peer Reviewers	Avg invited	No. Peer Reviewers Compl.	Avg reviewer	No. Peer Review Compl.	Avg review
2017	Clinical Practice (N)	2	0	0	2	0	6	3.0	4	2.0	4	2.0
2017	Letter to the Editor (N)	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2017	Research paper (Y)	10	0	0	6	4	70	7.0	26	2.6	38	3.8
2017	Review Article (N)	4	0	1	2	1	19	4.8	8	2.0	12	3.0
2017	Short Communication (N)	1	0	0	1	0	3	3.0	2	2.0	4	4.0
2017	Total	18	1	1	11	5	98	5.4	40	2.2	58	3.2

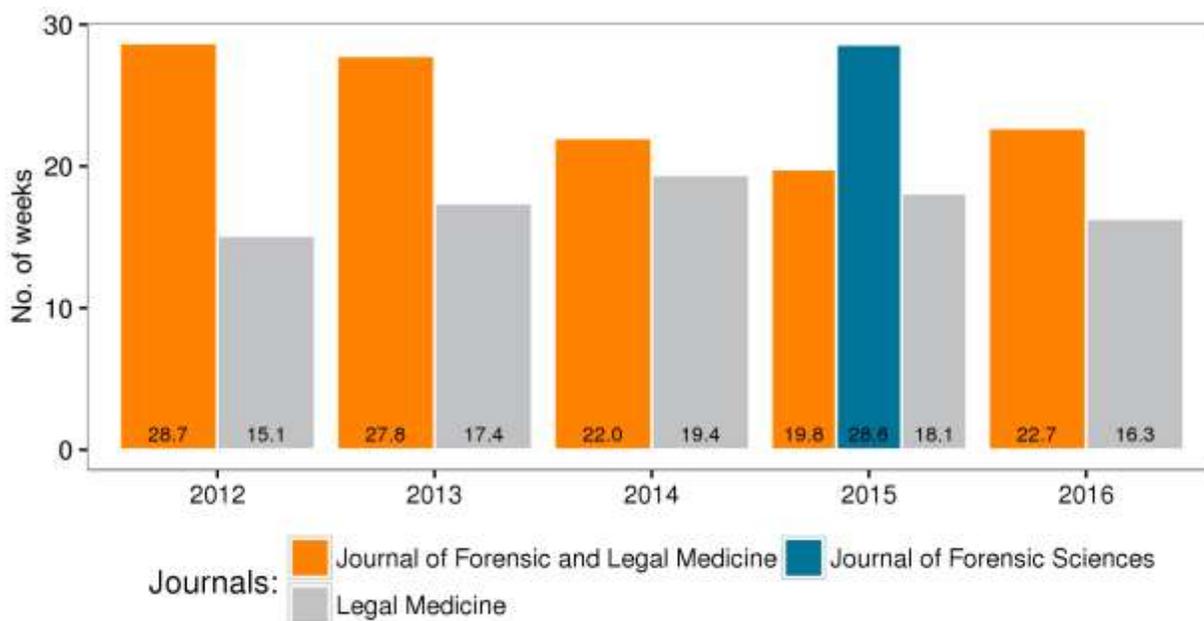
4.3 PUBLICATION SPEED

Citable web publication time: average time from submission of an article to its appearing online in a citeable and downloadable format.

Publication (printed issue): average total time from submission of an article to despatch of the issue containing that article from the warehouse.



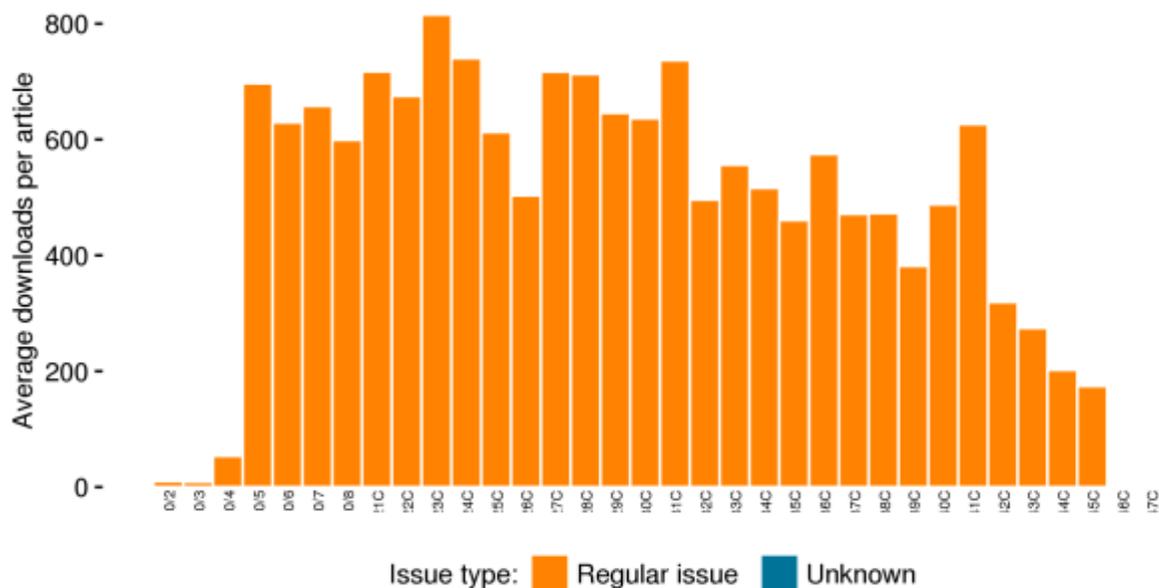
4.4 SUBMISSION TO ACCEPTANCE COMPARED (2012-2016)



5 USAGE

5.1 SCIENCE DIRECT USAGE

5.1.1 ScienceDirect average Vol/Issue usage. Last 3 years plus YTD

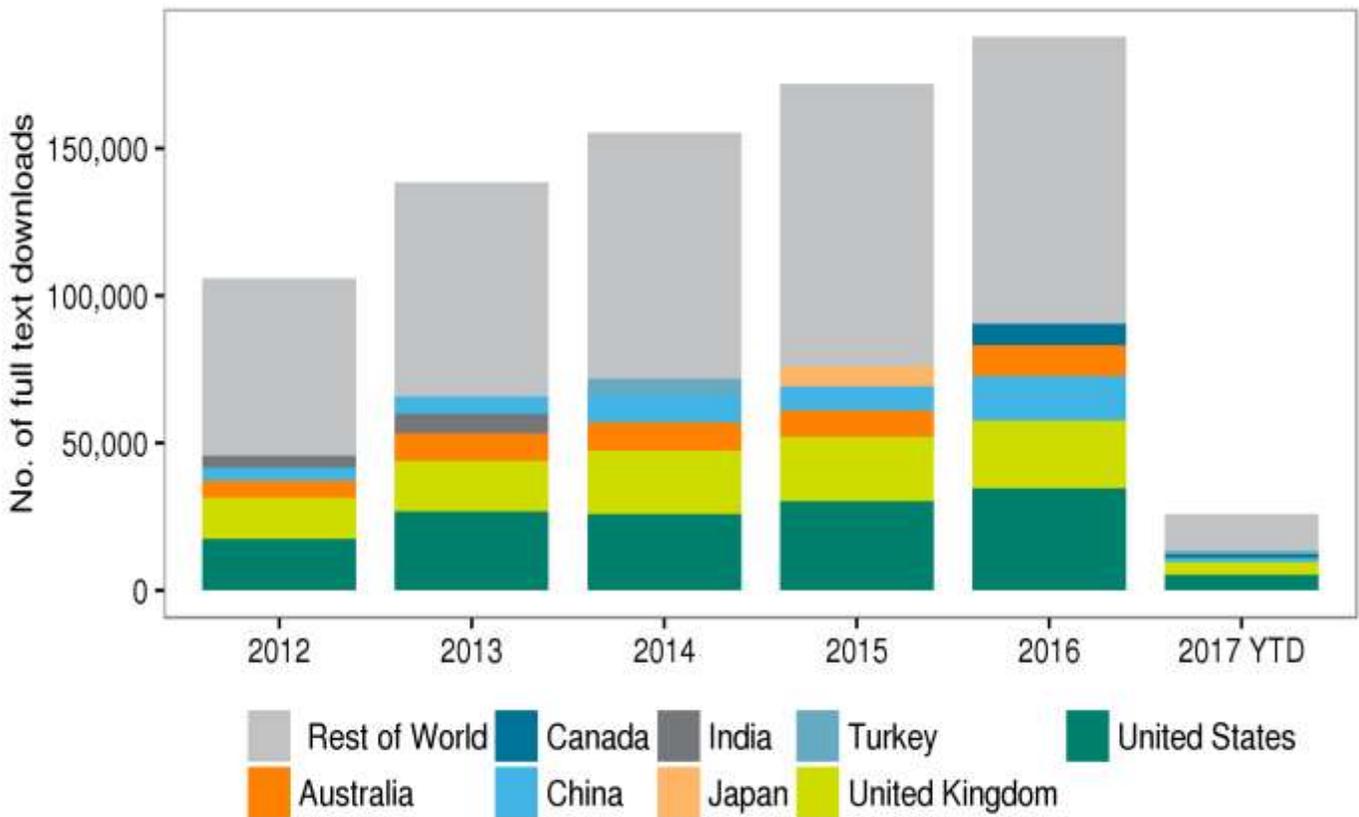


5.1.2 ScienceDirect Top 10 most downloaded articles in 2016

Downloads	Article title	Publication Year	Vol/Iss	Issue type	Document type
1941	The relevance of cytochrome P450 polymorphism in forensic medicine and akathisia-related violence and suicide	2016	41	Regular	Article
1273	Postmortem biochemistry: Current applications	2016	41	Regular	Review
1246	Men as victims of intimate partner violence	2011	18/8	Regular	Article
1111	A new classification of necrophilia	2009	16/6	Unknown	Article
1007	Domestic violence survivors and their experiences during legal process	2016	40	Regular	Article
922	Comparison of three different DNA extraction methods from a highly degraded biological material	2016	40	Regular	Article
841	Ecologic factors relating to firearm injuries and gun violence in Chicago	2016	37	Regular	Article

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836	Risk factors in child sexual abuse	2013	20/3	Regular	Article
805	Effects of latent fingerprint development reagents on subsequent forensic DNA typing: A review	2015	32	Regular	Review
755	Factors and processes causing accelerated decomposition in human cadavers: An overview	2011	18/1	Regular	Review

5.1.3 Top 5 countries usage 2011-2016 YTD



Country	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017 YTD
Rest of World	60,188	72,623	83,531	96,104	97,446	12,480
Australia	5,841	9,372	9,706	8,874	10,642	0
Canada	0	0	0	0	7,082	1,200
China	4,397	5,818	9,026	8,146	15,141	1,584
India	3,936	6,718	0	0	0	0
Japan	0	0	0	6,660	0	0
Turkey	0	0	5,732	0	0	1,187
United Kingdom	13,817	17,047	21,309	21,864	22,959	4,294
United States	17,617	26,765	26,022	30,320	34,606	5,238
Totals	105,796	138,343	155,326	171,968	187,876	25,983