

## EDITORIAL

# Balance of the first year of Academic Journal of Health Sciences

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In 2021 the Royal Academy of Medicine of the Balearic Islands decided that our journal Medicina Balear, created in 1986, would be renamed Academic Journal of Health Sciences (AJHS). This change was not just a change of name but rather a change of direction in the trajectory of our publication. Local journals are currently finding it very difficult to survive due to the high competition for quality articles. This fact motivated our institution to decide to internationalise the journal.

There are many bibliographic repositories where our publication is included: DIALNET, Latindex, IME, DOAJ, REDIB, Imbiomed, Google Scholar and Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI) among others. Although our aspiration is to be part of other prestigious collections such as SCIELO, SCOPUS and Web of Science. To achieve this goal we have developed a series of actions among which we could highlight the increase in the periodicity (we have gone from three to four volumes per year), the increase in the number of articles published, the increase in the number of articles written in English and the diversification of the origin of the articles (in this

year 2021 we have received original articles with authors from 15 countries).

As we can see in the attached graphs comparing the last five years of the journal, there has been a very important change that has exceeded all our expectations.

In the years 2017, 2018 and 2019 no articles were published in English, in the year 2020 two articles were published in English which accounted for 8.3% of those published that year. In 2021, the number of articles in English has multiplied to 54, which represents 83.1% of the total (**Figure 1**).

Between 2017 and 2019 all the articles that appeared in AJHS came from Spain, in 2020 one article was published from Turkey and in 2021 there were 39 articles from abroad (60% of the total number of articles published), with very diverse origins: Germany, Saudi Arabia, Armenia, Bolivia, Canada, Scotland, the United States, the Philippines, India, Iran, Mexico, the Czech Republic, South Africa and Sweden (**Figure 2**).

In the first three years (2017 to 2019) between 10 and 12 articles were published each year (it should be remembered that in these years three volumes were published each year). In 2020, coinciding with the increase in periodicity (from four-monthly to quarterly), 24 articles were published, and in 2021 the figure rose to 65 articles (Figure 3).

The number of articles published in each volume also shows significant changes over the last five years. Between

2017 and 2019, between 3 and 4 original articles were published per volume. This number increased in 2020 to 6 articles and to 16.3 in 2021 (Figure 4).

We hope that the new orientation that is being given to the journal and taking into account the changes that have taken place will allow us to achieve the indexing objectives that the editorial team has set for itself in a short period of time.

Figure 1: .

% articles published in Spanish and English in the last 5 years

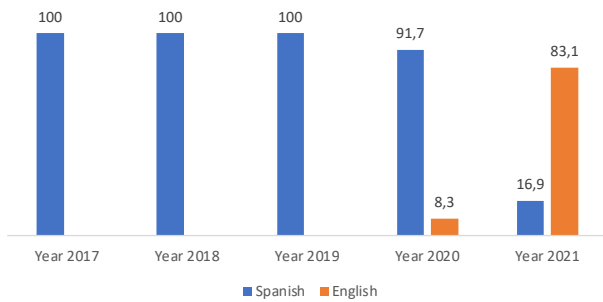


Figure 2: .

% articles of Spain and other countries in the last 5 years

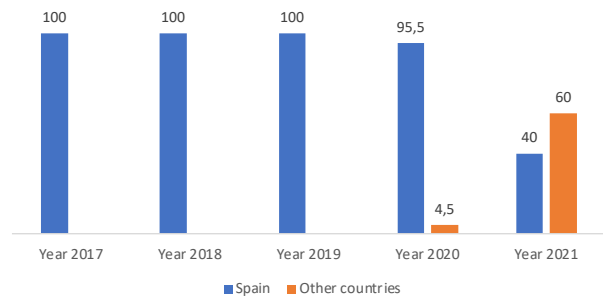


Figure 3: .

Number of articles published in the last 5 years

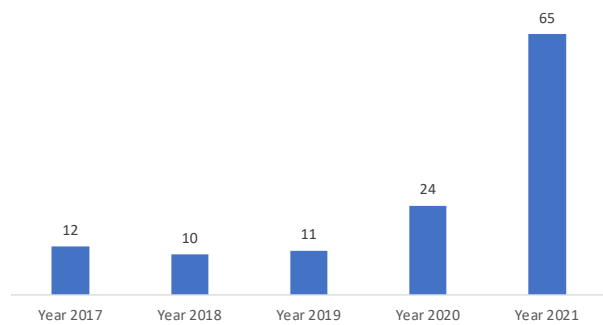


Figure 4: .

Number of articles in each volume

