

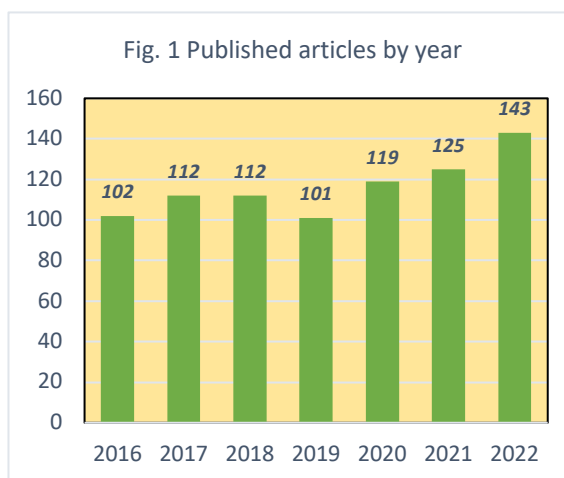
Editor's Report, Volume 93, 2022

2022 was the first year without a printed *Acta Orthopaedica*. Thus, 2022 consists of one issue of 937 digital pages. The discontinuation was motivated by too high costs for printing the journal outweighing the income generated from subscription sales. Along with the digital version only, our new publisher, Medical Journals Sweden (MJS <https://medicaljournalssweden.se>), took over from Taylor & Francis January 1st, 2022.

Production 2022

In 2022, the production of 143 published article has been categorized into the following sections and numbers:

- 49 National/international register study
- 32 Non-randomized clinical study
- 16 Randomized clinical trial
- 12 Basic science research
- 10 Clinical observational study
- 5 Review, meta-analysis
- 5 Perspective
- 4 Editorial
- 4 Study Protocol, Registered report
- 2 Case/Technical report
- 1 Guest editorial
- 1 Letters
- 2 Erratum/Corrigendum



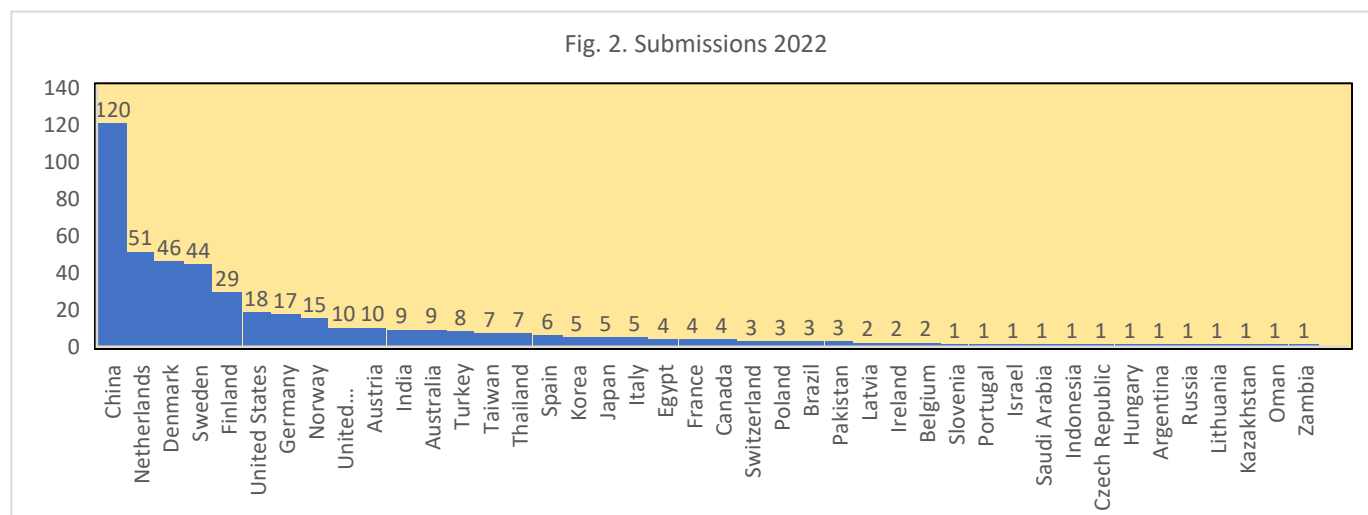
The number is much higher than the former years due to a back-log during the transition from our earlier publisher Taylor & Francis to Medical Journals Sweden (Figure 1).

Around 20 published articles were from non-NOF members. This number has been about the same since we started APC (Article Processing Charge) in 2018.

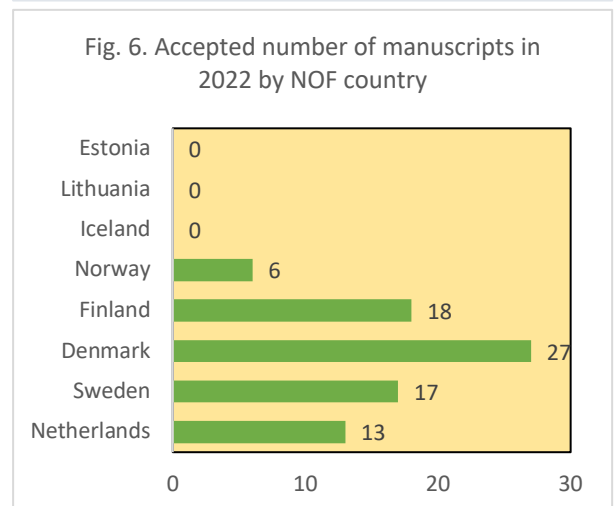
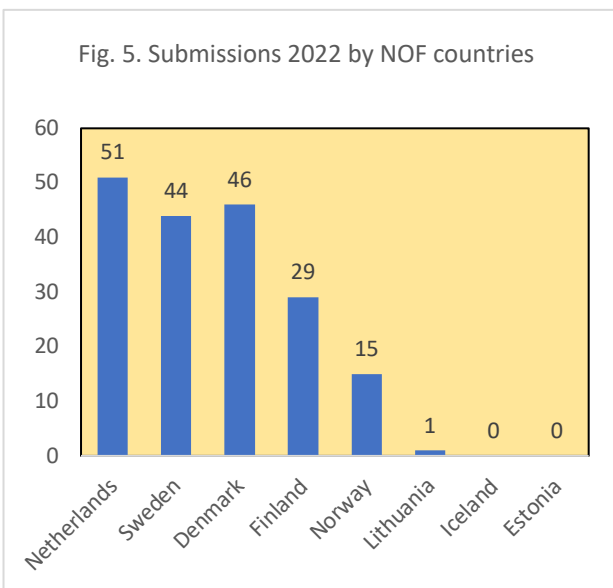
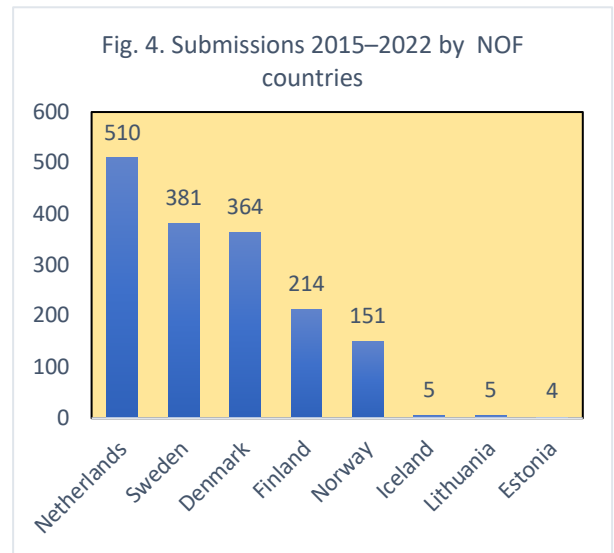
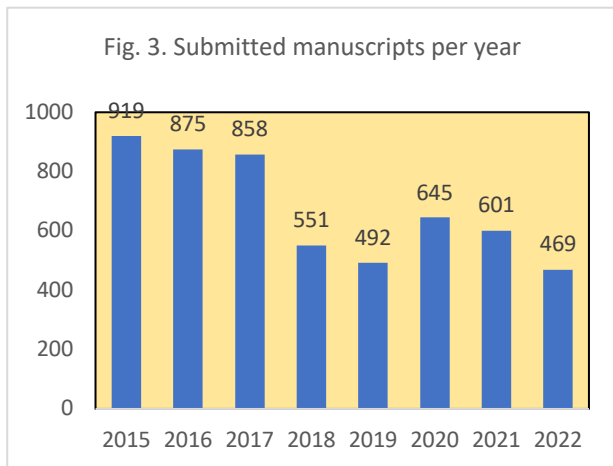
From January 2023 we have changed the categories to specialty plus some extra. Please look at the website (<https://actaorthop.org/actao/index>).

Submission of manuscripts

In 2022, 469 manuscripts were submitted from many countries. 120 were from China (Figure 2).

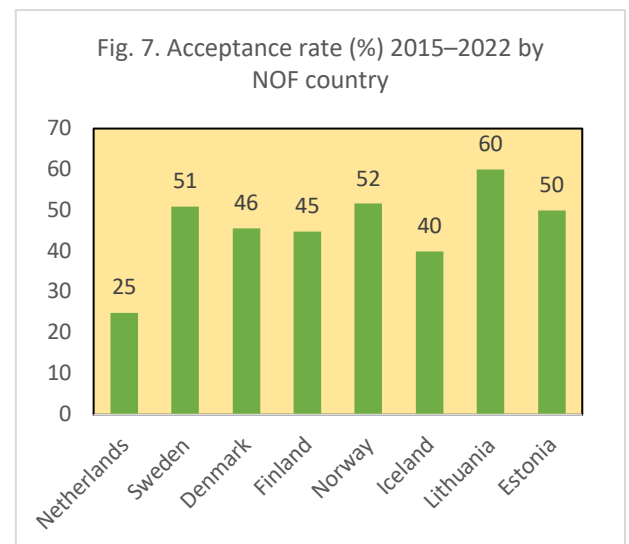


There has been a decline in 2018 due to the introduction of APC whereafter there has been some fluctuation (Figure 3). Among NOF countries, The Netherlands has submitted most manuscripts since 2015, followed by Sweden and Denmark (Figure 4). In 2022 most NOF manuscripts were submitted from the same 3 countries (Figure 5). 40% of the manuscripts were submitted from NOF countries in 2022.



Accepted manuscripts and acceptance rate

In 2022, 98 articles were accepted of which 81 were from NOF countries (Figure 6). Acceptance rate from 2015–2022 is within the range 40–60% apart from the Netherlands (Figure 7). Please note that direct comparison of the number of submitted manuscripts, accepted, and published articles, is not meaningful. There is an overlap between years; many of the manuscripts submitted a specific year are published the following year.



Handling of manuscripts in 2022

Around 60% were rejected before review. Average handling time before review was 5.4 days including both Manuscript Manager and editorial office time.

Average review time of rejected manuscripts (n = 375) from first submission to final decision was 20 days.

Average handling after review was 61 days, and of those accepted 136 days. 21% of the manuscripts were accepted in 2022.

Website (<https://actaorthop.org>)

By 2023 all articles appear in chronological order based on publication date with the latest at the top. Articles are also grouped by categories based on specialty and they appear on the right side, where also the most read articles appear a little further down. As we started this year with specialty categories there are few articles in some of them. When you click on the title of each article you get valuable information on the authors and number of downloads.

Subscriptions 2022

We had around 5,239 Acta subscribers from NOF countries.

Impact factor (IF)

The 2022 IF has not yet been published. The 2021 IF increased to 3.9. For comparison over time and with other journals, within 86 journals classified as "Orthopedics", Acta ranked 19.

Young researcher award

The award was initiated by 2022 and will be selected among papers **published** during 2022 by a **member of the national society of a NOF member country**. A young researcher is defined as a person who is **not a specialist or senior scientist**. The person shall be **the first author and shall not have been awarded the PhD-degree**. With the award goes the price of 1,000 €. We are in the process of nominating a winner.

Co-editors

During the last year, there have been some changes in the editorial board. First of all, the editorial board would like to thank Nils Hailer, Jonas Ranstam, Urban Rydholm, and Eivind Witsø who resigned as co-editors in 2022. They have during many years done a substantial and outstanding work for *Acta Orthopaedica*. Without you we would not have had a well-respected and highly ranked scientific journal today. Thank you!

We have appointed several new co-editors. They are all well-respected within their fields of expertise in the Nordic countries. They have been selected among candidates suggested by the NOF board members.

Ilkka Helenius, Finland

Keijo Mäkelä, Finland

Jeppe Vejlgård Rasmussen, Denmark

Taco Gosens, The Netherlands

Paul Gerdhem, Sweden

Marianne Westberg, Norway

Welcome to you all, and many thanks to you and the rest of the editorial team

Li Felländer-Tsai, Sweden

Peter Frandsen, Denmark

Ivan Hvid, Denmark

Bart Swierstra, The Netherlands

Cecilia Rogmark, Sweden

Kaj Knutson, Sweden (production manager)

Anders Rydholm

In 2022, we suffered the great loss of *Acta Orthopaedica's* long-standing Editor-in-Chief, Anders Rydholm. We miss him and can look back on an era full of good memories of him and his dedication to providing authors and readers with a reputable, impactful platform for valuable scientific research.

Anders did a tremendous amount of work for *Acta Orthopaedica* during his 40 years of involvement with the journal. This loss has been very challenging for us. In this transitional period, taking over as Editor-in-Chief, I have worked very hard alongside the editorial board, production manager and publisher to honor his legacy, and continue the same robust work with good review processes and high-quality published articles. For all of your work and support in this difficult time, I would like to sincerely thank the *Acta Orthopaedica* team.

On behalf of the Editorial board and office

Soren Overgaard

Editor-in-Chief