

2022 End-of-Year Report for *Psychotherapy Research*

Co-Editors 2022: Catherine F. Eubanks & Christoph Flückiger (managing editor)

Associate Editors 2022: Andrew McAleavey, Eugénia Ribeiro, Fredrik Falkenström, Hanne Weie Oddli, Jaime Delgado, Juan Martín Gómez-Penedo

Editorial Assistant: Greta Probst

Personnel

On December 31, 2022, Christoph Flückiger completed his fourth and Catherine F. Eubanks completed her first year of their respective six-year terms as co-editors of the journal. All associate editors had one-year terms that ended on December 31, 2022. Fredrik Falkenström, Andrew McAleavey, Jaime Delgado, and Hanne Weie Oddli will continue in 2023. Eugénia Ribeiro decided to leave her position after several years of exceptional service, and Julian Rubel will start with his term. The journal's **editorial board was formed in 2022 with about 100 members** for a three-year term.

Manuscript Submissions

In 2022, **310 original manuscripts** were submitted to *Psychotherapy Research* by authors from 40 countries. This is now the fourth year with more than 300 submissions per year. By comparison, 316 manuscripts were submitted in 2020 and 2021, 304 in 2019, 253 in 2018, 264 in 2017, 244 in 2016, 218 in 2015 and 214 in 2014. Thus, the number of manuscripts submitted increased by 47% from 2014 to 2020 and remained at this high level.

As of December 31, 2022, 168 (54%) of the 310 original manuscripts submitted during the calendar year had been rejected. Of all manuscripts on which final decisions were rendered in 2022, 14% had been accepted for publication. The **rejection/acceptance ratio** of the manuscripts with final decisions in 2022 was **76.17%**.

A **total of 521 manuscripts** were processed in 2022. That is, in addition to the 310 original manuscripts submitted, 211 revised manuscripts were resubmitted. The **average time from submission to first decision** for all manuscripts submitted in 2022 was **22.8 days**. The average time from initial submission to final decision was 20.4 days. These figures include manuscripts that were rejected by the editors without peer review, as well as decisions on revised manuscripts that did not undergo peer review, so the average time for authors to receive a decision on peer-reviewed manuscripts obviously was longer. In the large majority of the initial submissions, the peer-review process was managed within 60 days (see **Figure 1** below). Compared to competing journals, this seems to us to be an appropriate handling of the peer review process during and after the pandemic. Getting qualified reviewers involved was and remains a challenge and we are extremely grateful to all reviewers.

Published Pages and Time to Publication

Since 2019, the journal published 1104 pages in **8 issues each year** (4 mailings, each containing 2 issues). The time from acceptance of an article to its appearance in print usually within a year, which staff at Taylor and Francis consider to be an appropriate lag time.

Forthcoming Special Sections

We expect to publish two special sections during 2023: On ***therapeutic relationships in cognitive-behavioral therapies*** (this special section will have 3 parts published in 3 separate issues, Part 1 was published in the issue 8, 2022) and on ***psychotherapy skills and methods*** (a collaborative Task Force of APA Division 29, SPR and SEPI). Furthermore, there are further Special Sections in progress, namely, ***causality considerations in psychotherapy research***, ***therapy relationships in digital interventions*** and ***responsiveness*** each with guest editors.

Impact Factor and Trends

The 2021 **2-year impact factor** for *Psychotherapy Research* was **4.12** (for 2020: 3.77, for 2018: 2.79; for 2017: 2.95; for 2016: 2.56 and for 2015: 2.57) indicating a continuous increase in the impact factor. 2021 is the first year in the journal's history that the two-year impact factor is above 4.00. This increase of the impact factor is partly impacted by a new counting system (see **Figure 2**). The **5-year impact factor** for 2021 was **3.99** and 2020 4.12, up from 2.62 in 2016 and 3.18 in 2019. There was no manuscript that was never cited within the first two years, the median citation of research articles is 2 and reviews 11 (see **Figure 3**).

Among journals categorized as "Psychology, Clinical," *Psychotherapy Research* had the 40nd highest 2-year impact factor in 2021 (SSCI: Q2 from 131 journal) and had the 40nd highest Journal Citation Indicator in 2021 (**JCI: Q1, from 178 journals**).

Taylor and Francis

Catherine and Christoph met with the publication **staff from Taylor and Francis via zoom** on March 2022 since pandemic did not allow to travel to Oxford. Agenda items included an assessment of the current backlog, journal formatting, open access, impact factors, article downloads, journal marketing, copyediting, and altmetrics (i.e., measures of attention an article receives through social media). Furthermore, there is a change to a new submission system. During the transformation phase there were some technical challenges to manage. Taylor and Francis continues to consider *Psychotherapy Research* one of its stronger journals, and the working relationship with Taylor and Francis remains very constructive. **Hannah Hicks** is currently the managing editor for the journal, **Adam Burbage** is the publisher, and the production editor is **Beulah Venitha**.

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Sincerely,

Christoph Flückiger and Catherine F. Eubanks

Figure 1: Days of peer-reviews per manuscript

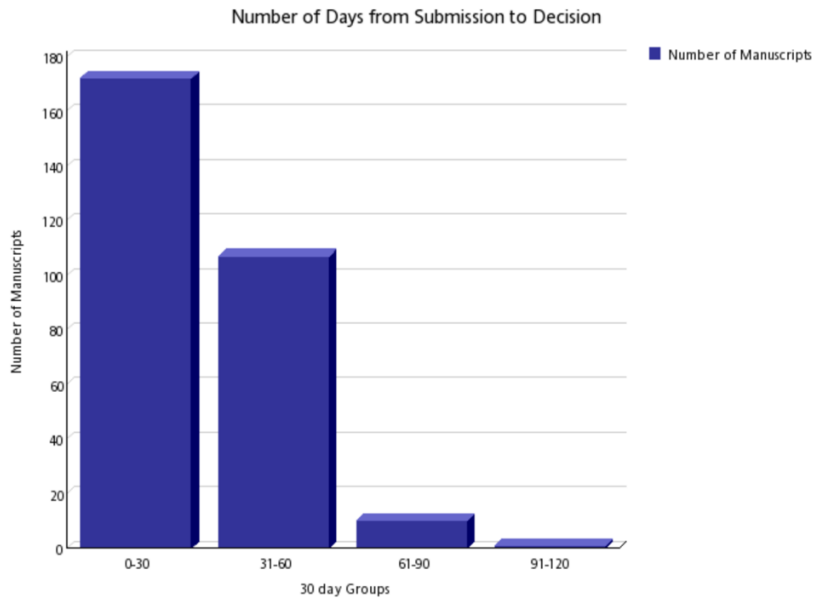


Figure 2: Impact factor over the years

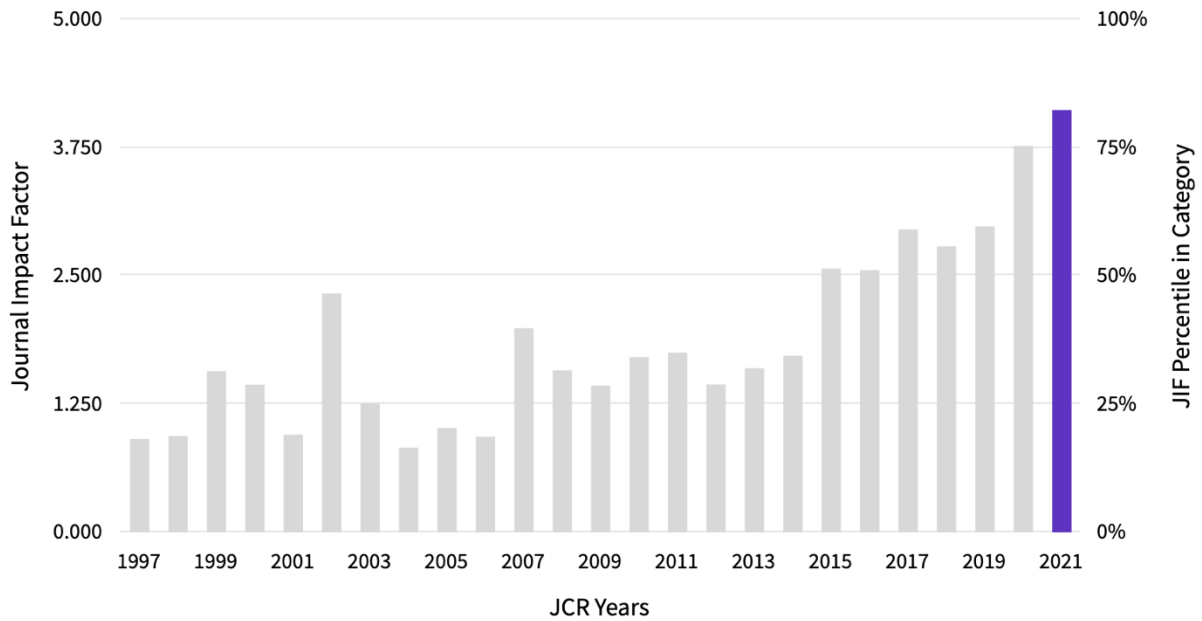


Figure 3: Citations per manuscript

