

50 YEARS OF ACTA MEDICA SALINIANA - EDITORIAL

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ABSTRACT:

The period of 50 years of existence of the Acta Medica Saliniana journal represents a long enough period for conducting an analysis of its functioning and to write an editorial about it. It is a great honor of ours to mark this anniversary.

Our objective is to provide an overview of the fundamental principles of the Acta Medica Saliniana's operation, its impact and visibility, as well as to extend an invitation for authors to submit their work to this journal.

Throughout its existence, the journal has undergone two format changes and has been published in three different languages. It is indexed in Scopus, Index Copernicus Master Journal List, EBSCO, The Ulrich's Periodical Directory, Directory of Open Access Journals, Open J-Gate, ProQuest, and Google Scholar, with SJR score of 0.001. In the future, we expect the journal to have a higher impact factor and increased visibility.

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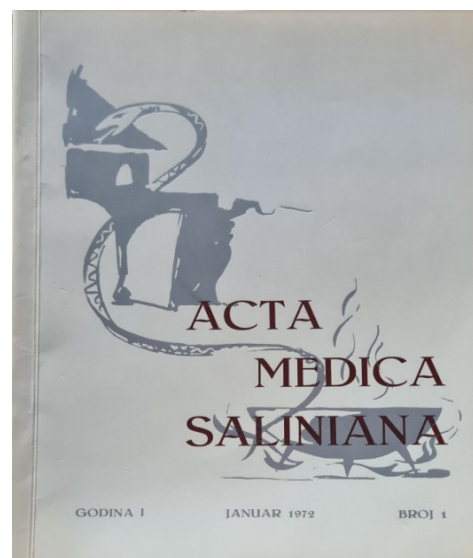
INTRODUCTION

It has been 358 years since the first medical papers were published in a scientific journal [1], 344 years since the publication of the oldest strictly medical journal in the world [2], 129 years since the first medical journal was issued in Bosnia and Herzegovina [3], and 50 years since the first issue of Acta Medica Saliniana – the first medical journal of the University Clinical Center Tuzla was published. This is a long enough period to analyze the Acta Medica Saliniana's past work and take a brief look into its future.

History, Editorial Characteristics, and Circulation

Throughout its fifty-year long history (from 1972 to 2023), Acta Medica Saliniana has undergone two format changes. Until 1990, the journal was printed in B4 format, and from then until today it is printed in A4 format. It has been published in three languages: from 1972 (Picture 1) to 1991 in Serbo-Croatian, from 1992 to 2008 in Bosnian, and from 2008 in English. Black and white editions were

being printed until 1986, while the journal is released in color for the last 37 years. Since 2009 it has also been available in an online format.



Picture 1: Front page of the first issue of Acta Medica Saliniana (1972)

During this period, eight individuals have served as the Editor-in-Chief, and we proudly emphasize that the first Ed-

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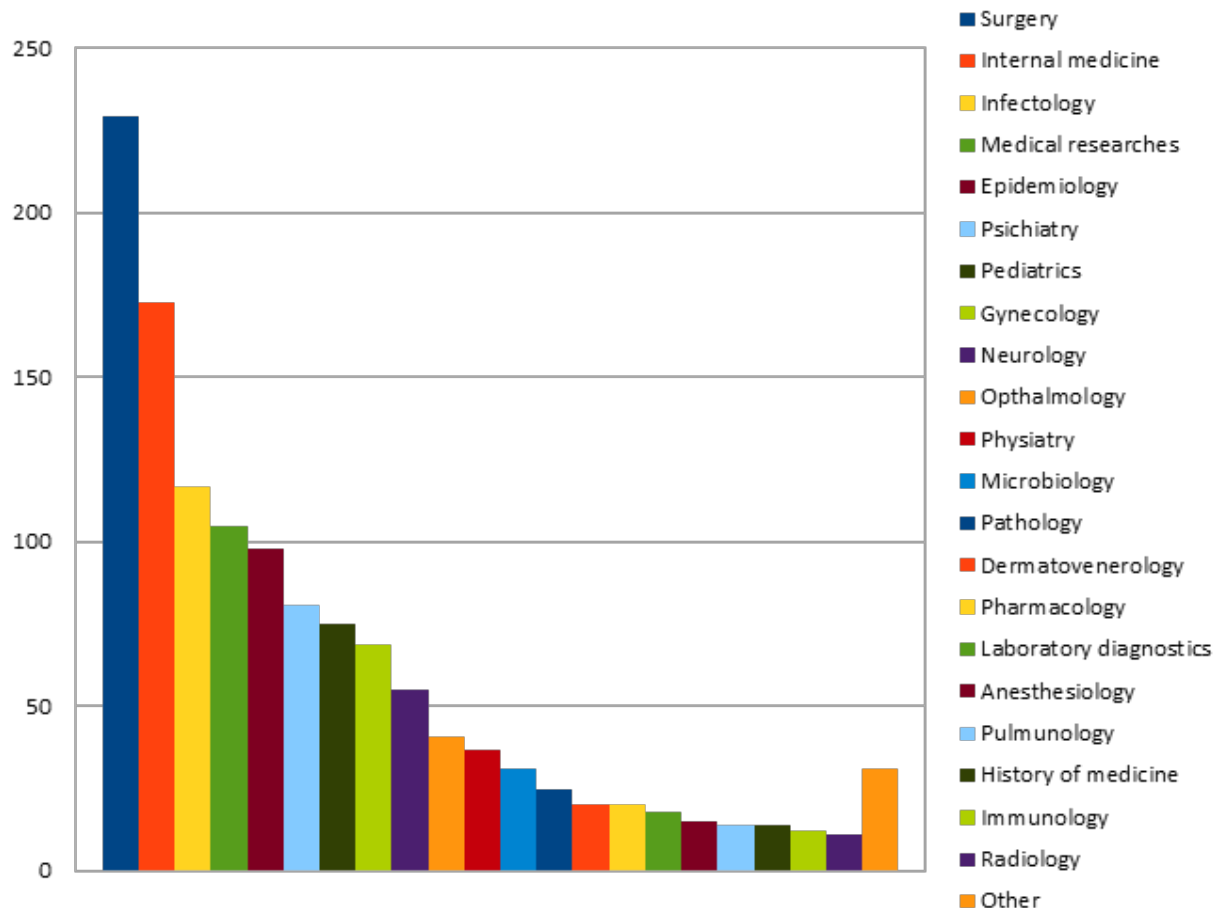
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itor-in-Chief of Acta Medica Saliniana was a woman (Prof. dr. Lenka Kljaić-Rosenberg). The journal has had a total of 940 members of the Editorial Board and 760 members of the Publishing Council who, over the past 50 years, have worked on publishing 66 issues, in-

cluding 13 supplements. In total, 1455 papers have been published, out of which 1291 are original articles, 56 are case reports, 108 are book and journal reviews, and 72 are short communications.



Graph 1: Number of published paapers by medical branches

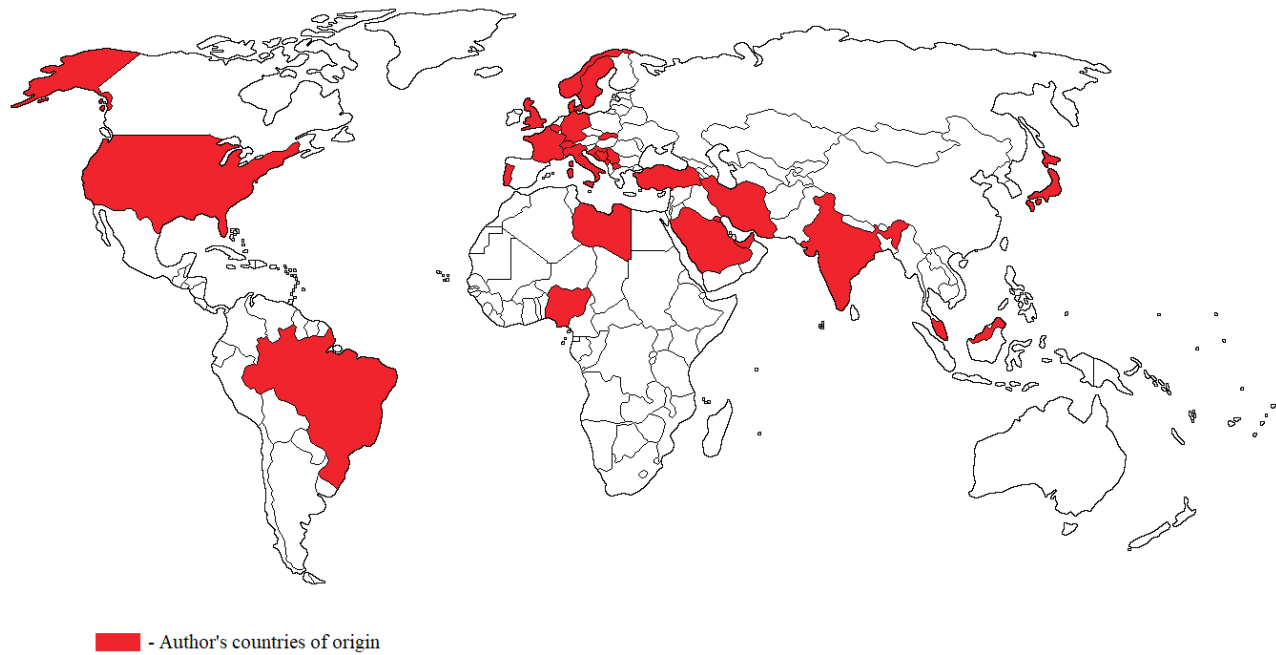
The first two issues of the journal (both published in 1972) had 2.1 co-authors per paper, while the papers in the latest edition (2023) had an average of 5.7 co-authors. The circulation of journal ranges from 200 to 500 copies.

CREDIBILITY AND INDEXING

Ever since it has been first established, the journal is entirely recognized as a reference for advancement in the professional and academic fields, both within the University Clinical Center as its founder, and at the University of Tuzla. In terms of author's professional and academic advancement, it is widely accepted throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina and the whole region. It also meets the requirements for grant allocation by the competent authorities, primarily the Tuzla Canton Government and the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina Government. Acta Medica Saliniana had

published papers authored by individuals from five continents (Picture 2).

Acta Medica Saliniana is indexed/included in Scopus, Index Copernicus Master Journal List, EBSCO, The Ulrich's Periodical Directory, Directory of Open Access Journals, Open J-Gate, ProQuest, Google Scholar. Its International Standard Serial Number (ISSN) is 0350-364X, and its eISSN is 1840-3956. The overall rank of Acta Medica Saliniana stands at 27,424th. As per the SCImago Journal Rank (SJR), the journal is positioned at 0.100. With an h-index of 5, our journal was cited by a total of one article over the last three years. Notably, Acta Medica Saliniana's strongest quartile is Q4. The trend in the impact score reveals a consistent increase, rising from 0.06 in 2019, to 0.14 in 2020, and further to 0.21 in 2021. Adhering to the ISO 4 standard abbreviation, Acta Medica Saliniana is abbreviated as "acta_Med.salin." This abbreviation comes highly recommended and has received approval for indexing, abstracting, referencing, and citation purposes. It satisfies all essential criteria outlined by the ISO 4 standard. Looking ahead, we anticipate the journal having a higher impact factor and increased visibility.



Picture 2: Authors' countries of origin

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