



## The *Vojnosanitetski Pregled* in the year of COVID-19 pandemic

### Vojnosanitetski pregled u godini pandemije COVID-19

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The year 2020 will be remembered as one of the most difficult years for humanity, the year that united the entire planet against a common enemy, severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), the cause of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), that took more than 1.5 million lives. For medical science, it was a year of great challenges, during which great efforts were made to find a vaccine against that virus, as well as the best therapeutic protocols for the treatment of COVID-19. The world's most famous journals made all the information about research of these topics published in them freely available and thus contributed to a faster and better understanding of the nature of the virus itself, the disease it causes and ways to prevent and treat it. Other medical topics seemed to be put in the background. However, a careful analysis of the published papers showed that other areas of medicine were very well represented in the professional medical literature. Although members of the medical profession, in general, were very engaged caring about COVID-19 patients, they still found the time to write papers from their narrow scientific fields. This is confirmed by the analysis of the papers submitted for publishing in the *Vojnosanitetski Pregled* (VSP) during 2020.

In the past year, a total of 280 manuscripts were received, which was almost identical to the number from 2019, when 276 manuscripts had been received<sup>1</sup>. Typically, the largest number was from the category 'Original articles' (177 or 63.21%) and 'Case reports' (79 or 28.21%) (Table 1). Of the submitted manuscripts, 72.86% were from domestic authors, primarily from the so-called civilian health and academic institutions (82.35%), while the authors of the remaining 17.65% of the manuscript were from the Military Medical Academy (MMA) in Belgrade, i.e. the Faculty of Medicine of the MMA of the University of Defence. Last year, the number of manuscripts from foreign authors increased significantly (27.14% of the total number of submitted manuscripts), which was slightly more than double compared to the last year's number of papers by foreign au-

thors<sup>1</sup>. This indicates an increased interest in our journal in the international scientific community.

**Table 1**

**Categories and the number of manuscripts submitted to the *Vojnosanitetski Pregled* in 2020**

Category	Manuscripts n (%)
Original Articles	177 (63.21)
Case Reports	79 (28.21)
Current Topics	10 (3.57)
Practical Advice to Physicians	4 (1.43)
Preliminary Reports	1 (0.36)
History of Medicine	4 (1.43)
Letter to the Editor	5 (1.79)
Total	280 (100)

Of the 280 papers received in 2020, 103 manuscripts were rejected (36.8%), 94 (33.6%) were accepted for publication, and the remaining 83 (29.6%) are still in the process of peer review.

Regarding the published papers, there were 191 in 2020, which was about 4% more than in 2019. The structure of published papers is given in Table 2. As in previous years, most of the published papers were from the category 'Original Articles', which is understandable if we take into account that the number of received papers mostly belongs to that category. In addition, a total of 145 articles were published last year as Online first in electronic form with an assigned DOI number and they will be published in print form in future issues of the journal. As in previous years, the authors of published articles in 2020 were in more than 80% of cases domestic authors. Considering that the number of papers submitted by authors from abroad was significantly increased in the past year, it is to be expected that the number of published papers by these authors will increase in the next period, which will further affect the international recognition of the VSP.

**Table 2**  
**Categories and the number of articles published in the**  
***Vojnosanitetski Pregled* in 2020**

Category	Articles n (%)
Editorial	3 (1.57)
Original Articles	128 (67.02)
Case Reports	40 (20.95)
General Review	2 (1.05)
Current Topics	3 (1.57)
Short Communication	7 (3.69)
Meta-analysis	1 (0.5)
History of Medicine	2 (1.05)
Letter to the Editor	5 (1.79)
Book Review	2 (1.5)
Special Article	1 (0.5)
Total	191 (100)

As it is known, the quality of a scientific journal largely depends on its reviewers. For years, the VSP has had the honor of cooperating with a large number of experts from various fields of medicine, pharmacy and dentistry. The names of those who were engaged in peer review of submitted manuscripts in 2020 are given in Table 3. On this occasion, I would like to thank them most warmly for their time and effort to improve the papers submitted for publication in our journal with their comments and suggestions. I would also like to thank our authors who showed interest in publishing their papers in the VSP, as well as all members of the Editorial Board and Editorial Office of the VSP, who with their great commitment contribute to our journal being among the most prestigious medical journals indexed in the Web of Science.

**Table 3**

**Reviewers of the *Vojnosanitetski pregled* in 2020**

Ač Nikolić Eržebet	Duka Miloš	Jovanović Vesna	Matić Ivana
Aleksić Zoran		Jović Jasna	Matijević Stevo
Alempijević Đorđe	Đenić Nemanja	Jović Nebojša	Medić Stojanoska Milica
Amidžić Jelena	Đorđević Boban	Jović Stošić Jasmina	Micev Marjan
Antonijević Biljana	Đorđević Dragan	Jović Zoran	Mijušković Mirjana
Antonijević Nebojša	Đorđević Vladan		Mijušković Željko
Arsenijević Nebojša	Đurić Dragan		Mikić Dragan
	Đurić Dragana	Kačar Aleksandra	Mikov Aleksandra
Baletić Nenad	Đurić Mirna	Kandolf Sekulović Lidija	Milanović Slađan
Balint Bela	Đurović Branka	Knežević Ušaj Slavica	Milenković Branislava
Baščarević Vladimir		Konstantinović Ljubica	Milenković Saša
Baščarević Zoran	Džopalić Tanja	Konstantinović Vitomir	Mileusnić Dušan
Begović Vesna		Koračević Goran	Milev Boško
Bezmarević Mihajlo	Elez Marija	Kostić Dejan	Milić Rade
Bogdanović Jovo		Kostić Smiljana	Milislavljević Milan
Bokonjić Dubravko	Filipović Branislav	Kozarski Jefta	Mirković Ljiljana
Bonkovsky L. Herbert		Kozomara Ružica	Mitrović Jovanović Ana
Borovčanin Milica		Krajnović Dušanka	Mladenović Zorica
Bouhani Malek	Glišić Branislav	Kukić-Marković Jelena	Mladnović Tihomir
Božić Milena	Glumac Sofija	Kuzmanović Marija	
Brdareski Zorica	Golocorbin Kon Svetlana		Nedok Aleksandar
Brkić Zlata		Lajnert Vlatka	Nenadić Dane
Bulajić Nina	Hrvačević Rajko	Lakić Aneta	Nićiforović Dijana
		Lalošević Dušan	Nikolić Borislav
Carević Momir	Ilić Dragan	Lazić Srđan	Nikolić Branka
	Ilić Tihomir	Lazović Biljana	Nikolić Ljubiša
Čolić Miodrag	Ivanović Mirjana	Lepić Toplica	Ninković Milica
Čutović Tatjana	Ivetić Dražen	Lučić Miloš	
Čuk Vladimir			Obradović Slobodan
	Jakovljević Vladimir	Ljubić Aleksandar	Ostojić Gordana
Daković Dragana	Janićević Petrović		
Damnjanović Tatjana	Mirjana	Majkić Singh Nada	Paunović Zoran
Davidović Lazar	Janjić Zlata	Manojlović Nebojša	Pavlović Milorad
Dedić Gordana	Janković Borisav	Marčetić Mirjana	Pekić Sandra
Dinčić Dragan	Janković Janko	Marić Bojović Nađa	Perić Aleksandar
Dobrić Silva	Janković Slobodan	Marinković Nadica	Perić Aneta
Dominović-Kovačević	Jevđić Jasna	Marinković Valentina	Pljevljakušić Dejan
Aleksandra	Jokić Spasić Vesna	Marjanović Ivan	Polovina Snežana
Dragojević Simić Viktorija	Jovanović Dragana	Marković Dejan	Pucar Ana
Dragović Tamara	Jovanović Milan	Martić Vesna	

**Table 3 – continued**

Rabrenović Violeta	Sekulić Vuk	Tadić Ivana	Vavić Neven
Rađen Slavica	Sotirović Jelena	Tadić Vanja	Vezmar Kovačević Sandra
Radenović Lidija	Spasojević Ivan	Tarabar Dino	Višnjić Milan
Radoičić Dragan	Srzentić Snežana	Tatić Svetislav	Vojvodić Danilo
Radović Milan	Stamenković Dragoslav	Tatomitović Željka	Vojvodić Nikola
Radunović Aleksandar	Stamenković Jelena	Tepšić Ostojić Vesna	Vučaj Ćirilović Viktorija
Rančić Nemanja	Stanković Ivan	Todorović Balint Milena	Vučetić Dušan
Rasulić Lukas	Stanković Nebojša	Todorović Ljubomir	Vučević Dragana
Resan Mirko	Starčević Srđan	Todorović Veljko	Vučinić Predrag
Ristanović Elizabeta	Stijak Lazar	Tomić Aleksandar	Vukomanović Aleksandra
Ristić Anđelka	Stojanović Zvezdana	Tomić Dragan	Vukomanović Đurđević
Ristić Dragana		Trifunović Zamlakar	Biserka
Ristić Gorica		Danijela	Vukosavljević Miroslav
Ristić Ljubiša	Šobić Šaranović Dragana	Trifunović Zoran	Vulović Maja
Ristić Medić Danijela	Špirić Željka	Tušek Ivan	
Roganović Branka	Šubarević Vladan		Zeba Snježana
	Šupić Gordana	Udovičić Ivo	
Savić Slobodan	Šurbatović Maja	Vasilijić Saša	Živković Slavoljub
Savić Snežana	Šušnjar Snežana	Vasiljević Nađa	Životić-Vanović Mirjana

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