



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

## Vojnosanitetski pregled u drugoj godini pandemije COVID-19

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Welcome to the first 2022 issue of the *Vojnosanitetski pregled* (VSP). First of all, on behalf of the Editorial Staff I am very pleased to express our sincere gratitude to authors, reviewers, members of the Editorial Board, and readers for their supportive and dedicated participation in the Journal in 2021, because, without these contributions, we would not be able to produce it.

The last two years have been very challenging for all of us. Many of us lost loved ones in the pandemic caused by the SARS-CoV-2. We have all faced a unique feeling of anxiety for the future of ourselves and the whole community, and, more than ever, we have become aware of the importance of science for fighting COVID-19. Fortunately, we have been saved by the outstandingly fast development of COVID-19 vaccines, which have helped us in the face of this challenge. Therefore, we would like to take the opportunity to thank and send a word of respect to the scientists developing the COVID-19 vaccines. We are now far better prepared with vaccine stocks, but we should not loosen up too much because COVID-19 cases are on the rise again, and a far more contagious strain of the new Omicron strain of the SARS-CoV-2 virus is spreading across the globe. Fortunately, this strain of the virus appears to be less dangerous than the Delta variant.

In spite of the SARS-CoV-2 storm that has damaged the world, we are ready to start the new year with the belief that we will have a more normal life in 2022.

Last year, we were pleased to receive very informative manuscripts on diverse topics in the fields of medicine, dentistry, and pharmacy. A total of 278 manuscripts were received, which was almost identical to the number from 2020 when 280 manuscripts had been submitted to our Journal. As usual, the largest number was from the category Original articles (196 or 70.50%) and Case reports (52 or 18.71%) (Table 1).

**Table 1**

**Categories and the number of manuscripts submitted to the *Vojnosanitetski Pregled* in 2021**

Category	Manuscripts n (%)
Original Articles	196 (70.50)
Case Reports	52 (18.71)
Current Topics	8 (2.88)
General Review	4 (1.44)
Short Communications	3 (1.08)
History of Medicine	5 (1.80)
Letter to the Editor	6 (2.16)
Editorial	1 (0.36)
Practical Advice for Physicians	1 (0.36)
Meta-analysis	1 (0.36)
Book Review	1 (0.36)
<b>Total</b>	<b>278 (100)</b>

Out of all the submitted manuscripts, 65.11% were from domestic authors, primarily from the so-called civilian health and academic institutions (81.22%). The authors of the remaining 18.78% of the manuscripts were from the University of Defence in Belgrade, Serbia.

The VSP is proud to be an international journal with about 35% of its submitted manuscripts being from abroad, which was more compared to the last year's number of papers by foreign authors (27.14%). Last year, we were pleased to receive manuscripts from Bosnia and Herzegovina, China, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Lithuania, Mongolia, Montenegro, Northern Macedonia, Pakistan, Romania, Saudi Arabia, and Turkey (in alphabetical order). We express our greatest respect to all of the authors from abroad because the manuscripts of these authors have

significantly contributed to the growth of the VSP's impact in the scientific and academic community.

Of the 278 papers received in 2021, 91 (32.73%) manuscripts were rejected and 187 (67.27%) were accepted for publication. The structure of published papers is given in Table 2. As in 2021, most of the published papers were from the category Original Articles, which is expected because most of the submitted papers belong to that category. In addition, a total of 105 articles were published last year as Online first in electronic form with an assigned DOI number.

**Table 2**  
**Categories and the number of articles published in the *Vojnosanitetski Pregled* in 2021**

Category	Articles
	n (%)
Editorial	1 (0.54)
Original Articles	116 (62.03)
Case Reports	40 (21.39)
General Review	1 (0.54)
Current Topic	6 (3.21)
Short Communications	10 (5.35)
Preliminary report	1 (0.54)
Practical advices for physicians	2 (1.07)
History of Medicine	5 (2.67)
Letter to the Editor	4 (2.14)
Book Review	1 (0.54)
Total	187 (100)

The quality of a scientific journal heavily relies on high-quality peer review. We thank our reviewers for taking

their time to make the journal as successful as it is. The following experts provided reviews of papers submitted to VSP in 2021 (Table 3).

Members of the Editorial Staff are working hard to enhance the status of the Journal and its position among journals indexed in the Science Citation Index Expanded database. In 2022, we will continue improving the impact and quality of the VSP. We welcome submissions of better-quality manuscripts in 2022, hoping you will enjoy reading VSP throughout the year.

As mentioned above, in 2021, given that VSP is a multidisciplinary biomedical journal, papers with topics from all fields of medicine, dentistry, and pharmacy were submitted to our journal. Among them were papers on COVID-19, mostly in the form of Case Reports, and Letters to the Editor, which confirmed what had already been published about the SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19. Therefore, a relatively small number of such papers were accepted to be considered for publication, and then published.

In these challenging times of the pandemic, we encourage authors to submit research findings concerning the role of the immune system in the protection against viruses. Looking ahead, we look forward to receiving your suggestions in the future, in anticipation that VSP will continue to grow and make a place for itself among the most valued journals from the biomedical science field.

We wish you all a fruitful and scientifically productive 2022, better coping with the healthcare challenges we confront worldwide, and personal and family happiness.

**Table 3**

**Reviewers of the *Vojnosanitetski pregled* in 2021**

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Antonijević Biljana	Daković Dragana	Glišić Branislava	Jović Stošić Jasmina
	Davidović Lazar	Glumac Sofija	Jović Zoran
Baletić Nenad	Dedić Gordana		
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Bančević Vladimir	Dobrić Milan	Ilić Tihomir	Kalodjera Livije
Basarić Dragan	Dobrić Silva	Iuliano Rodolfo	Kolak Veljko
Bašćarević Zoran	Doder Radoje	Ivanov Olivera	Konstantinović Ljubica
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Bogdanović Jovo	Drapšin Miodrag	Jakovljević Miro	Kosanović Rade
Bokonjić Dubravko	Drobac Milan	Jakovljević Vladimir	Kostić Dejan
Borovčanin Milica	Dubljanin Raspopović Emilija	Jakšić Vesna	Kostić Smiljana
Božić Milena	Dukanac Vesna	Janković Borisav	Kotur-Stevuljević Jelena
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