



BJD Report for ABCD committee meeting on 11th March 2024

There were 41 new submissions in 2023 compared to 37 submissions in 2022, 54 submissions in 2021 and 59 submissions in 2020. 2024 has started encouragingly with 14 new submissions to date.

The BJD June issue will be a bumper issue and will be showcasing six papers from the Re:Mission study (the qualitative study of the low-calorie diet pilots for remission of type 2 diabetes) from Louisa Ells's group. Chris Walton has been leading on this. The six papers will be printed as a mini-edition for Diabetes UK in April 2024.

After some chasing we finally received confirmation last November that our application to COPE (Committee on Publication Ethics) has been accepted. We can now start preparing our application for PubMed Central.

Average time in review (from submission to decision returned to authors, including papers submitted within previous 12 months and resubmissions) = **31.48 days** (25 days in December, 27 days in October/ November, 30 days in September, 32.3 days in August, 33.45 days in May, 32.5 days in March).

We continue to rely on the goodwill of a few reviewers for the quick turnaround of manuscripts. Chris Walton (deputy editor), Jen Atkinson (RHI), and I continue with our weekly Zoom meetings, and we have an editorial board meeting every 2 months, again via Zoom.

Statistics for 2024 to date

- Number of new submissions in 2024 = 14
- Total number of active papers = 23
- Accepted so far in 2024 = 2
- Average time in review (from submission to decision returned to authors. Includes papers submitted within previous 12 months and resubmissions) = **31.48 days** (32.3 days in August, 33.45 days May, 32.5 days in March, 25 days in December, 27 days in October/ November, 30 days in September).

Statistics for 2023

- Number of new submissions in 2023 = 41
- Accepted in 2023 = 14
- Declined in 2023 = 9
- Withdrawn in 2023 = 2
- Average time in review (from submission to decision returned to authors. Includes papers submitted within previous 12 months and resubmissions) = 32.3 days in August 2023. (33.45



days May 2023, 32.5 days in March 2023, 25 days in December 2022, 27 days in October/ November, 30 days In September, 26.1 days in July/ August, 24.7 in May/ June, 23.5 days in April 2022).

Statistics for 2022

- Number of submissions in 2022 = 37
- Accepted in 2022 = 19 (51.35% of total submissions in 2022)
- Declined in 2022= 5 (13.51% of total submissions in 2022)
- Withdrawn in 2022 = 1
- Average time in review (from submission to decision returned to authors. Includes papers submitted within previous 12 months and resubmissions) = 27 days in November 2022 (25.7 in Sept/ Oct, 26.1 days in July/ August, 24.7 days in May, 23.5 days April, 25 days in December, 27 days in October/ November 2021)

Statistics for 2021

- Number of submissions in 2021 = 54
- Accepted in 2021 = 31
- Declined in 2021= 16
- Average time in review (from submission to decision returned to authors. Includes papers submitted within previous 12 months and resubmissions) = 25 days in December (27 days in October/ November, 30 days In September, 29 days in August, 24 days in July, 36.2 in June, 37.5 days May, 41.5 days in April, 45.5 days in March 2021)

Statistics for 2020

- Number of submissions in 2020 = 59
- Accepted in 2020= 28
- Declined in 2020= 13
- Average time in review (from submission to decision returned to authors following 1st round review for 2020 papers) = 48 days (56.5 days in November, 58 days in October, 63.5 days In September, 61.5 days in August, 61 days in July)