

# Pol Arch Med Wewn at the end of 2014

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In 2014, the peer-reviewed open-access journal, *Polish Archives of Internal Medicine (Polskie Archiwum Medycyny Wewnętrznej, Pol Arch Med Wewn)*, has published 69 full-length articles, including 49 original papers and 20 review articles. Of this rapidly growing number of papers submitted to our journal, we selected 24% in a genuine belief that the journal's contents will be of interest to inter-nists, in particular those involved in clinical and basic research. The recent changes in our journal included the introduction of new sections—Clinical Images (in January 2013) and Research Let-ters (in October 2014).

As every journal, the *Pol Arch Med Wewn* has editorial requirements uniquely suited to its pur-poses. Based on a recent experience, it should be stressed again that the authors of any piece of work submitted to our journal should become familiar with the Instructions for Authors and should closely follow those instructions to in-crease the chances for their paper to be consid-ered for review and publication. Given a remark-able number of errors detected immediately after the initial submission of a manuscript, we now strictly adhere to our instructions and send back all flawed papers to their authors before forward-ing the paper for peer-review. A well-written man-uscript, which follows the journal's guidelines, means faster reviewing process and final accep-tance of the paper.

Since September 2014, all authors of the orig-inal papers should include a contribution state-ment on submission in the online editorial sys-tem as well as in the manuscript following the Acknowledgments section. This set of informa-tion could be of importance while the authors de-clare their involvement in the preparation of the papers during the academic carrier, particular-ly in Poland. It should be reminded that the au-thorship credit should be based on 1) substan-tial contribution to the study concept and design, acquisition of data, and interpretation of data; 2) drafting the article or revising it critically for important intellectual content; and 3) final ap-proval of the version to be published. Other con-tributors, especially those whose involvement in

**TABLE 1** Overall online statistics for 2014 and 2013

Statistics	2014 <sup>a</sup>	2013
total number of sessions	61,402	72,233
total number of users	49,775	58,749
total number of countries	171	167
pageviews	125,380	142,264
average number of pages per session	2.04	1.97
average session duration	00:01:38	00:01:40

<sup>a</sup> from January 1 to December 9

the study was limited to the acquisition of fund-ing, collection of data, or general supervision of the research group alone, should be listed in the Acknowledgments section.

The Internet is an important tool for delivering research findings published in medical journals. We have recently analyzed the online statistics for the *Pol Arch Med Wewn* to elucidate trends in this key aspect of journal visibility today. The overall statistics for the years 2013 and 2014 are shown in **TABLE 1**. As expected, over the last 2 years, the majority of users visited our website via external referrals such as PubMed followed by Google (**FIGURE 1**). The total number of journal pageviews has been stable over the last years with the max-imum of over 70,000 unique entries recorded in 2013 and about 15% less recorded for the period from January until December 9, 2014 (**FIGURE 2**). Of interest, readers from 171 countries looked up our open-access papers in 2014, which is 4 more than throughout the entire 2013. Not surprising-ly, Poland has been number one on the list of the top 10 countries from which investigators and clin-icians got access to read our articles, followed by the United States and China (**FIGURES 3** and **4**).

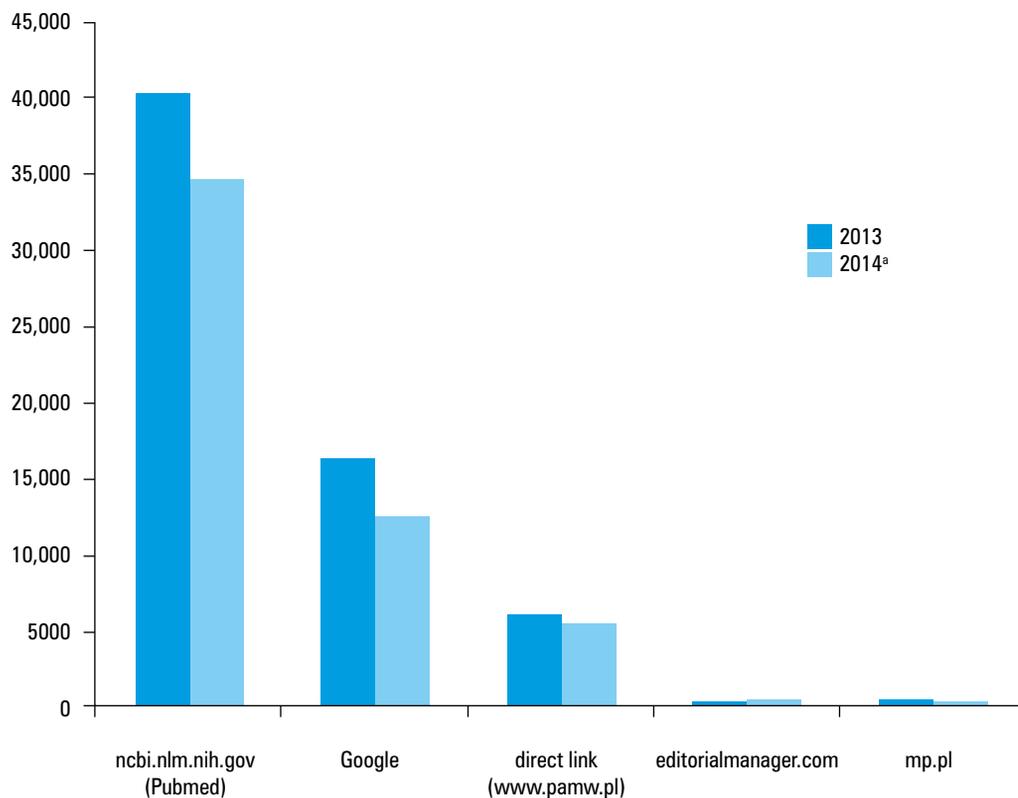
New visitors interested in the papers published in the *Pol Arch Med Wewn* constitute about 80% of the whole population of our readers with no difference between the results in 2013 and 2014 (**FIGURE 5**).

The top 3 papers published in the *Pol Arch Med Wewn* based on the total number of views in 2014

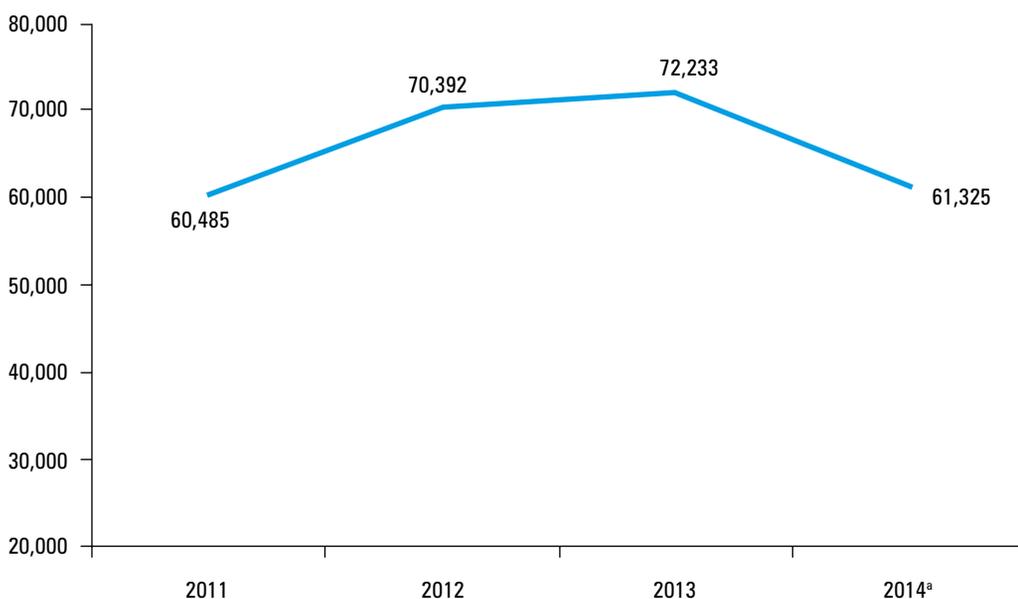
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**FIGURE 1** Top 5 most common sources of visits in 2013 and 2014 **a** from January 1 to December 9



**FIGURE 2** Total number of sessions in the years 2012 to 2014 **a** from January 1 to December 9

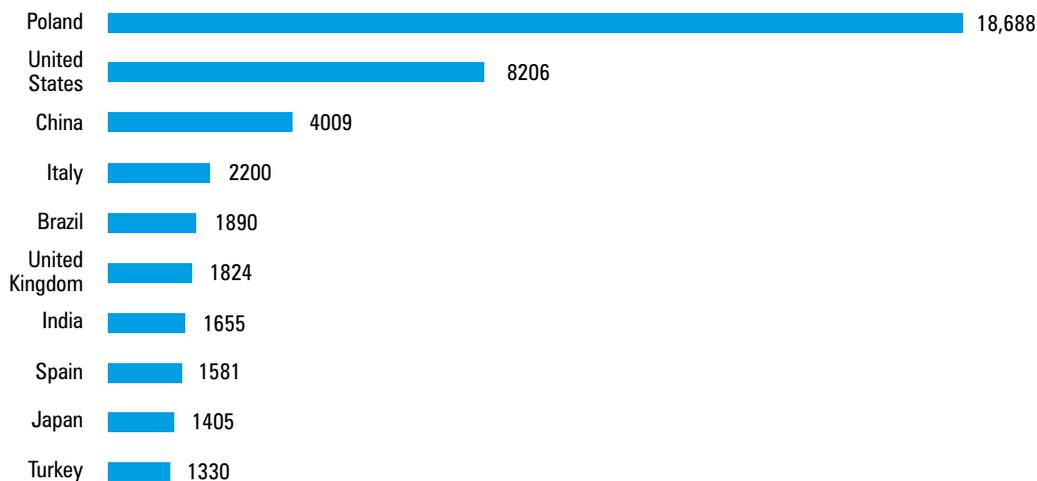


(until December 9) were 3 reviews addressing clinically relevant issues (TABLE 2).<sup>1-3</sup> The most viewed paper by Sarr<sup>1</sup> published in 2013 was also well cited (7 cites). The 2 other papers, ranked second and third, have gained considerably less cites so far, indicating that the number of views does not necessarily translate to a large number of investigators ready to refer to our articles in their scientific papers.

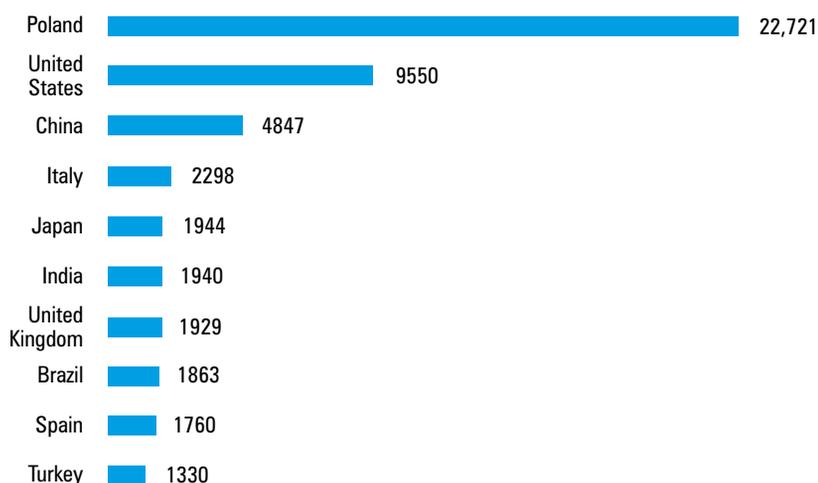
Last but not least, what does it mean to be a responsible editor of a scientific peer-reviewed journal in Poland, as in many other countries, in the era of an economic crisis and increasing demand to achieve commercial success? The owners of the journal, eg, a society, foundation, or company,

have the right to appoint and dismiss the editor-in-chief and to make important business decisions, which could involve the editor if needed. Publishers should not interfere in the evaluation, selection, or editing of individual articles. The editor-in-chief must have full authority over the content of the journal. The concept of editorial freedom should be defended by the editor-in-chief supported by his or her devoted team, even if it requires placing their positions at stake. To secure this independence in everyday practice, all the efforts and risk should be undertaken. The editor-in-chief should be free to express critical views about all the submitted manuscripts without fear of retribution, even if his or her opinions are in

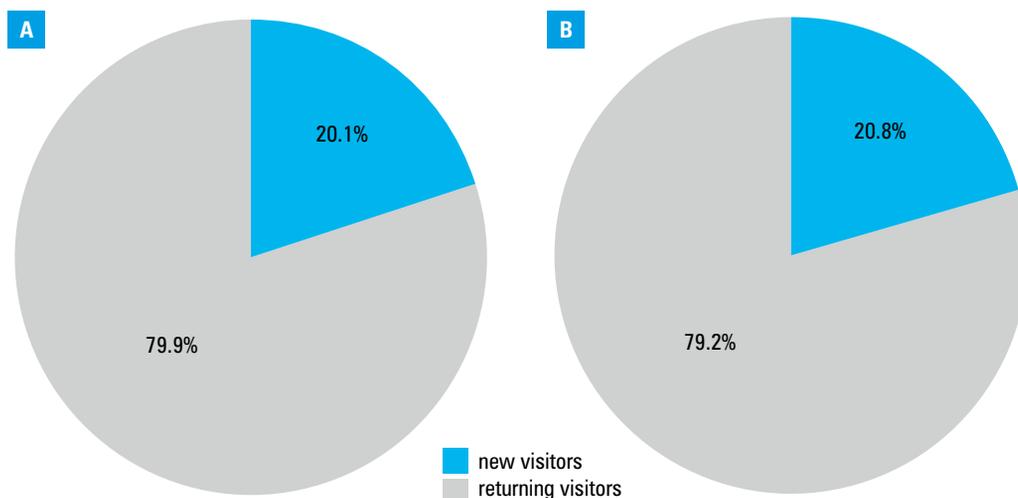
**FIGURE 3** Page entries per country: top 10 countries in 2014 (until December 9)



**FIGURE 4** Page entries per country: top 10 countries in 2013



**FIGURE 5** Proportion of new and returning visitors in 2013 (A) and 2014 (until December 9) (B)



conflict with the commercial goals of the publisher. A scientific advisory board may be useful in helping the editorial team establish and maintain editorial policy. The national and international boards of our journal, including new eminent investigators selected and invited to join each year, is an important component of the whole editorial policy aimed at improving our standing among Polish biomedical journals.

We will be pleased to invite you to contribute your valuable research papers to the *Pol Arch Med Wewn* with a current IF of 2.052. With a steadily increasing number of citations in 2014, we estimate that our 2014 impact factor will be similar or slightly higher than the current value.

In the November issue of our journal, a controversial article by Gøtzsche<sup>4</sup> was published. The views presented in this paper have attracted a

**TABLE 2** Top 10 articles viewed in 2014

1	Sarr MG. 2012 revision of the Atlanta classification of acute pancreatitis. <i>Pol Arch Med Wewn.</i> 2013; 123: 118-124.
2	Pandharipande PP, Patel MB, Barr J. Management of pain, agitation, and delirium in critically ill patients. <i>Pol Arch Med Wewn.</i> 2014; 124: 114-123.
3	Konduracka E, Krzemieniecki K, Gajos G. Relationship between everyday use cosmetics and female breast cancer. <i>Pol Arch Med Wewn.</i> 2014; 124: 264-269.
4	Staszal T, Zapala B, Polus A, et al. Role of microRNAs in endothelial cell pathophysiology. <i>Pol Arch Med Wewn.</i> 2011; 121: 361-366.
5	Iba T, Yamada A, Hashiguchi N, Nagaoka I. New therapeutic options for patients with sepsis and disseminated intravascular coagulation. <i>Pol Arch Med Wewn.</i> 2014; 124: 321-328.
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considerable interest since the impact of pharmaceutical industry on the market and health spending has been widely discussed both in the scientific literature and wider media. In response to a number of requests to publish this article in Polish, the Polish version has been attached to this issue. We hope that the current publication will encourage all readers to critically discuss its content and comment on it also in Poland, highlighting several differences between low-, middle-, and high-income countries within a broad spectrum of issues addressed by Gøtzsche.<sup>4</sup>

As an editorial team and members of the Polish Society of Internal Medicine, we are interested to learn about your views and encourage you to share your comments on the journal's content. With the support of our readers, we can continue to improve the quality of the *Pol Arch Med Wewn* and strive to reach even wider community of clinicians and basic scientists worldwide. We hope that you will find our journal useful for your research and continued education.

We wish you Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2015!

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