

# ONE DAY AT A TIME...

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The guidelines of the **Archives of Gastroenterology** follow the ideals of its founder, Prof. José Fernandes Pontes. The principles of neutrality, independence and editorial freedom continue.

However, to develop and grow within the publishing world it is necessary to be aware of the changes and evolution of scientific media publications. During these past 10 years these actions were taken to internationalize the magazine.

These changes were necessary for numerous reasons, where the main reason was to provide greater visibility to the authors papers who deposit their confidence in **Archives of Gastroenterology** publication. The magazine is indexed in all the bases and receives signals of these entities of its frank evolution, not only in the number of publications, but mainly in the amount of citations their articles receive.

The data on Figure 1 shows that the editorial guidance adopted to meet international requirements for publications was correct. For many years we have been aware of our position in the Brazilian medical editorial field in South America, in Portuguese and Hispanic speaking countries. The union with the Brazilian specialties societies opened new doors for new projects and special publications. The expert members are encouraged to produce more and better, with the certainty that they will be published by a magazine with international credibility.

Another effect of this evolution is occurring slowly, but gradually and ascendant: foreign researchers have submitted their papers to the **Archives**. In Tables 1 and 2, which compare the triennium 2012-2015, it is well noticed. Curious, but for us, obvious, it is clear that we are a publishing option for BRICS countries. To the surprise of some, countries that have serious internal conflicts, find space to produce and share their experiences.

We are not less demanding than others in relation to the fundamental principles of scientific publications. The papers pass anonymously by reviewers, and in the same way we treat the Brazilian readers, we ask for new reviews, suggest alterations or reject publications that do not meet our requirements. Coincidence or not, published by order of acceptance, there are six works in this number of foreign authors. (Portugal 1,

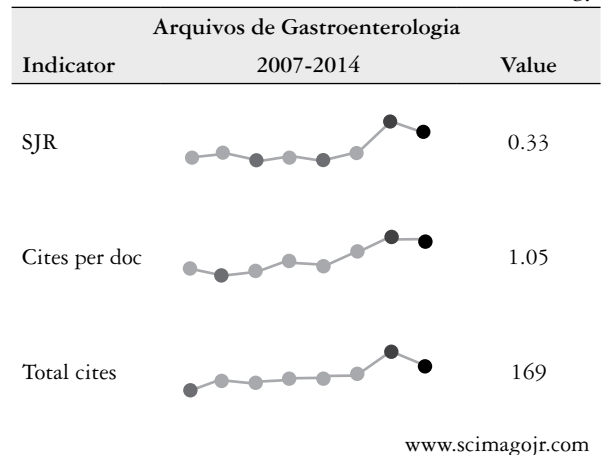
Turkey 1, Iran 3, India 1). That is almost half of the papers published.

Considering this significant fact, as apart from reflecting the degree of internationalization of the magazine, it also shows that **Archives of Gastroenterology** is an option for publication of papers from emerging countries, which most certainly identify themselves with Brazil. In addition, receiving acceptances without prejudice, and with no publication taxes, there was an increase the interest in improving the submissions. Often there was a need for several rounds of revision until final acceptance. (English spoken and methodology were the main barriers).

Finally, the connection to the SciELO and ScholarOne submission policy, and the philosophy of "open access", is the living proof that you can produce and disseminate quality scientific texts with reasonable investment and without commercial interests, like the **Archives of Gastroenterology**. The sponsors of the magazine, Takeda laboratories and Hospital IGESP, give us support without any interference on content or editorial policy, allowing to maintain the editorial principles. Once again, the editors thank this essential collaboration, since without it, it would be impossible to produce our periodical.

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FIGURE 1. Current indicators of Archives of Gastroenterology



SJR: SCImago Journal Rank

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TABLE 1. Submissions to Archives of Gastroenterology in the last 3 years, by year and country

2013			2014			2015		
Brazil	58	87.9 %	Brazil	134	83.2 %	Brazil	78	72.9 %
Portugal	3	4.5 %	Portugal	9	5.6 %	Portugal	7	6.5 %
Greece	1	1.5 %	Argentina	4	2.5 %	India	4	3.7 %
Hong Kong	2	3.0 %	Germany	2	1.2 %	Iran	12	11.2 %
Philippines	2	3.0 %	Greece	1	0.6 %	Portugal	7	6.5 %
			Turkey	7	4.3 %	Turkey	6	5.6 %
			Italy	1	0.6 %			
			United Kingdom	3	1.9 %			

TABLE 2. Total of submissions by countries in the last 3 years

Country of submitting author	Manuscripts	Percentage
Argentina	4	1.2 %
Brazil	270	80.8 %
Germany	2	0.6 %
Greece	2	0.6 %
Hong Kong	2	0.6 %
India	4	1.2 %
Iran (the Islamic Republic of)	12	3.6 %
Italy	1	0.3 %
Philippines	2	0.6 %
Portugal	19	5.7 %
Turkey	13	3.9 %
United Kingdom	3	0.9 %
Summary	334	100 %

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