

## Editorial closure of Revista 16 de Abril in 2021

Cierre editorial de la Revista 16 de Abril en el año 2021

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**D**ear Readers:  
During 2021 the Revista 16 de Abril represented profound changes, where a renewed Editorial Committee was exalted with an imperious responsibility in the middle of a convulsive epidemiological situation demanding new knowledge.

The Editorial Committee modified its structure, increasing the number of members of other nationalities. A campaign began to disseminate scientific work in social networks, promoting the use and benefits of Information and Communication Technologies.

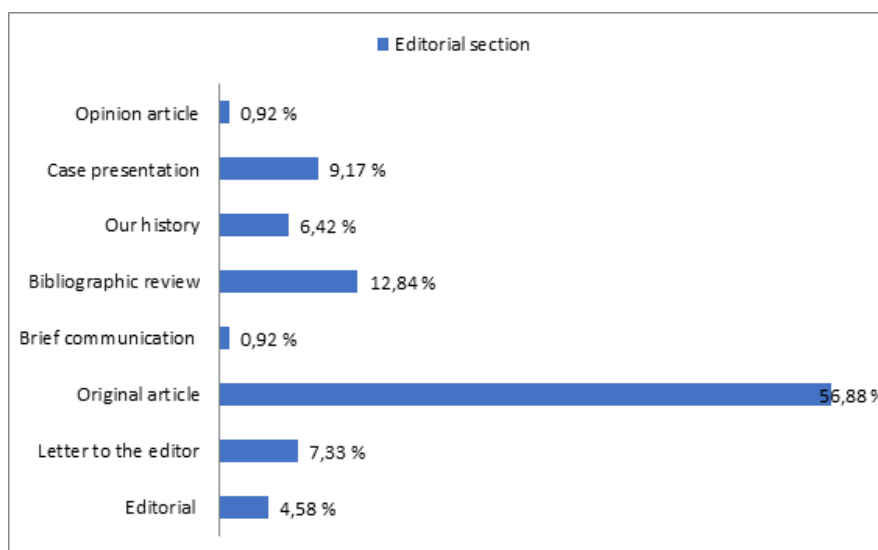


Figure 1. Distribution of articles by editorial section published in the Revista 16 de Abril during 2021  
Source: created database

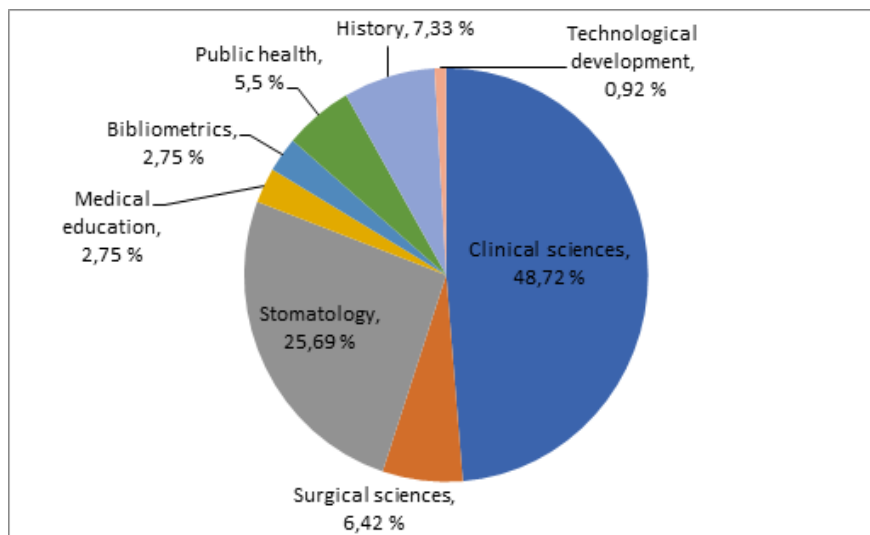


Figure 2. Distribution of articles by subject area

It included profiles on LinkedIn, Twitter and accounts on Facebook and Telegram.

A continuous publication model was adopted, where articles are periodically incorporated to the issue in progress until its closure, reaching a greater number of articles for each published issue.

The journal was indexed in

several prestigious international databases, highlighting its inclusion in the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) and CAB International (CABI), which places it in Group 2 as established by the Ministry of Higher Education (MES). High-impact articles were published in Spanish and English, prioritizing those related to COVID-19.

In 2021 the journal exceeded the number of citations with respect to the previous year (135 vs 96), with an h-index of 9 and a hi10-index of 9 to date, which are an achievement and a challenge for the Editorial Committee in future publications.

A total of 109 articles were published in volume 60 of 2021, distributed in four regular issues and a thematic supplement on Stomatology, with an average of 21,8 per issue. A total of 17 articles were published in relation to COVID-19, of which 41,17 % were original articles.

Of all the articles, 14 had interprovincial collaboration and

two had international collaboration. According to the typology by editorial section, original articles predominated (56,88 %), of which 69,35 % corresponded to the observational, descriptive, cross-sectional classification (Figure 1).

The most frequently addressed subject area was related to clinical sciences and its wide range of subjects, represented by 48,62 % of the articles (Figure 2).

A total of 377 authors published in the journal, 4,3 % of whom were foreigners. The most productive institution was the University of Medical Sciences of Havana, which represented 14,06 % (Table 1). Among

other evaluated indicators, a rejection rate of 53 % was obtained, around 95 % of the articles were published less than a year after they were received, and only 2,81 % of the authors who published belonged to the journal's editorial team.

All these achievements would not have been possible without the recognized work of our reviewers, who have guaranteed the quality of what has been published with the utmost commitment and rigor.

The challenges for the coming year are to increase the visibility of the journal in order to favor altimetry; to have a greater number of articles in languages other than Spanish; to guarantee higher impact indexing; to increase the number of articles with foreign authorship and international collaborations; to further enhance the quality and rigor of the published articles; to publish bibliometric studies that specifically evaluate the progress of the journal with precise indicators. All this in order to position the journal in a place of greater impact, both nationally and internationally.

It only remains to thank all those authors who entrusted their research to Revista 16 de Abril and commit ourselves as Editorial Committee to ensure the highest quality and visibility of their publications.

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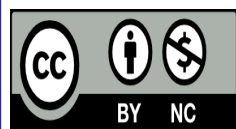
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Table 1. Distribution of authors according to origin

Country	Province/State/Department	No. (%)
Cuba (n=365)	Havana	53 (14,06)
	Cienfuegos	46 (12,2)
	Santiago de Cuba	41 (10,88)
	Holguín	32 (8,49)
	Granma	31 (8,22)
	Villa Clara	25 (6,63)
	Ciego Ávila	24 (6,37)
	Matanzas	23 (6,1)
	Pinar del Río	23 (6,1)
	Camagüey	22 (5,84)
	Artemisa	22 (5,84)
Colombia (n=7)	La Tunas	14 (3,71)
	Guantánamo	9 (2,39)
Spain (n=2)	Santander	4 (1,06)
	Bogotá	3 (0,79)
Chile (n=1)	Granada	2 (0,53)
Chile (n=1)	San Antonio	1 (0,27)
Peru (n=1)	Huancayo	1 (0,27)
El Salvador (n=1)	San Salvador	1 (0,27)



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