

## JAMA Pediatrics—The Year in Review, 2019

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**This has been another extraordinary year** for *JAMA Pediatrics*. We continue to pursue our mission to vet and disseminate the best science and perspectives related to child health. By the numbers presented in the **Table**,<sup>1-3</sup> 2019 was another extraordinary year for the journal. We received 2736 manuscripts, and our acceptance rate for research articles was 8%. Our impact factor inched up again to 12.0 and remains the highest of any pediatric journal in the world.



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**Table. JAMA Pediatrics Statistics for 2019**

Characteristic <sup>a</sup>	Result
<b>Manuscript data</b>	
All manuscripts received	2736
Research manuscripts received <sup>b</sup>	2195
Acceptance rate, %	
Overall	16
Research	8
Peer reviewer turnaround, median, d	14
Receipt to first decision without peer review, median, d	3
Receipt to first decision with peer review, median, d	43
Acceptance to publication, median, d	102
Receipt to publication, median, d	142
2018 Journal impact factor	12.0
<b>Information dissemination data</b>	
Recipients of electronic table of contents per week	>72 000
Full-text/PDF downloads per year	>5.2 million
Twitter and Facebook followers	>46 000
<b>Top 3 articles by Altmetric score</b>	
1. Green et al, <sup>1</sup> Association Between Maternal Fluoride Exposure During Pregnancy and IQ Scores in Offspring in Canada	2273
2. Boers et al, <sup>2</sup> Association of Screen Time and Depression in Adolescence	1833
3. Madigan et al, <sup>3</sup> Association Between Screen Time and Children's Performance on a Developmental Screening Test	1530

<sup>a</sup> Data based on all manuscripts submitted, including research, review and education, opinion, and letters.

<sup>b</sup> Includes Original Investigations and Research Letters.

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