

ARM Meet the Editors 2:
Journal of Comparative Effectiveness
Research

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Overview

- Publisher -Future Medicine Ltd (part of the Future Science Group)
- Senior Editors -Sheldon Greenfield (University of California, Irvine, USA) and Eugene Rich (Mathematica Policy Research, USA)
- Launched -January 2012
- Frequency -8 issues/year (increasing to 12 issues/year in 2018)
- Audience -Clinicians, Researchers, Health Economists, Payers/Reimbursement Agencies/Purchasers, Policy and Decision Makers
- Indexing in MEDLINE/Index Medicus

JCER Scope

Journal of Comparative Effectiveness Research provides a rapid-publication platform for debate, and for the presentation of new findings and research methodologies relevant to PCOR and CER.

key topic areas include:

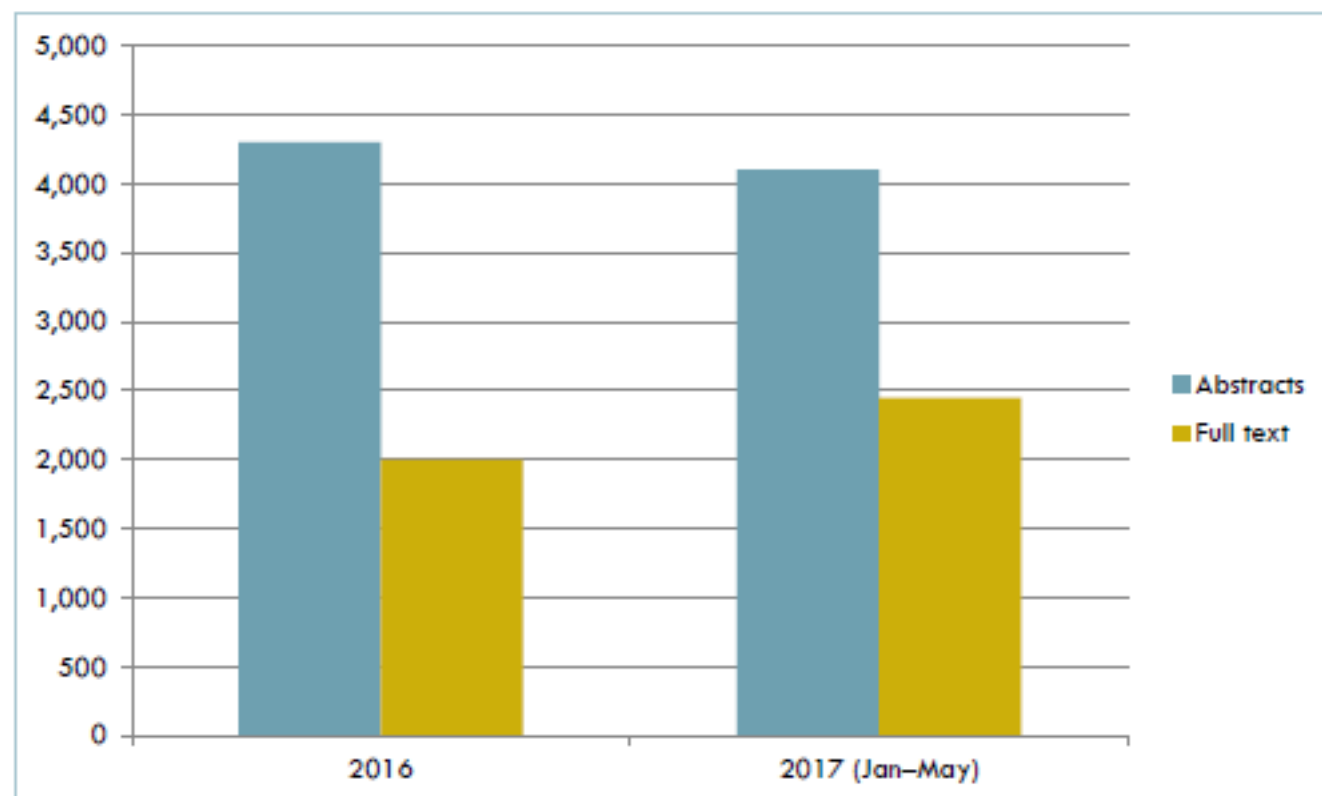
- Studies of patient-centered outcomes or comparative effectiveness relating to
 - diagnostics,
 - therapeutics, surgical procedures,
 - other healthcare services/options
- Systematic reviews of available evidence
- Perspectives and debate relating to the methodology for CER
- CER relevant pharmacoeconomics, health economics and outcomes research
- Evaluation and interpretation of the findings of recently completed CER trials
- Articles discussing the design and rationale of newly commenced CER studies
- Commentary on PCOR/CER topics- including policy implications

Examples of Top 10 read papers 2017

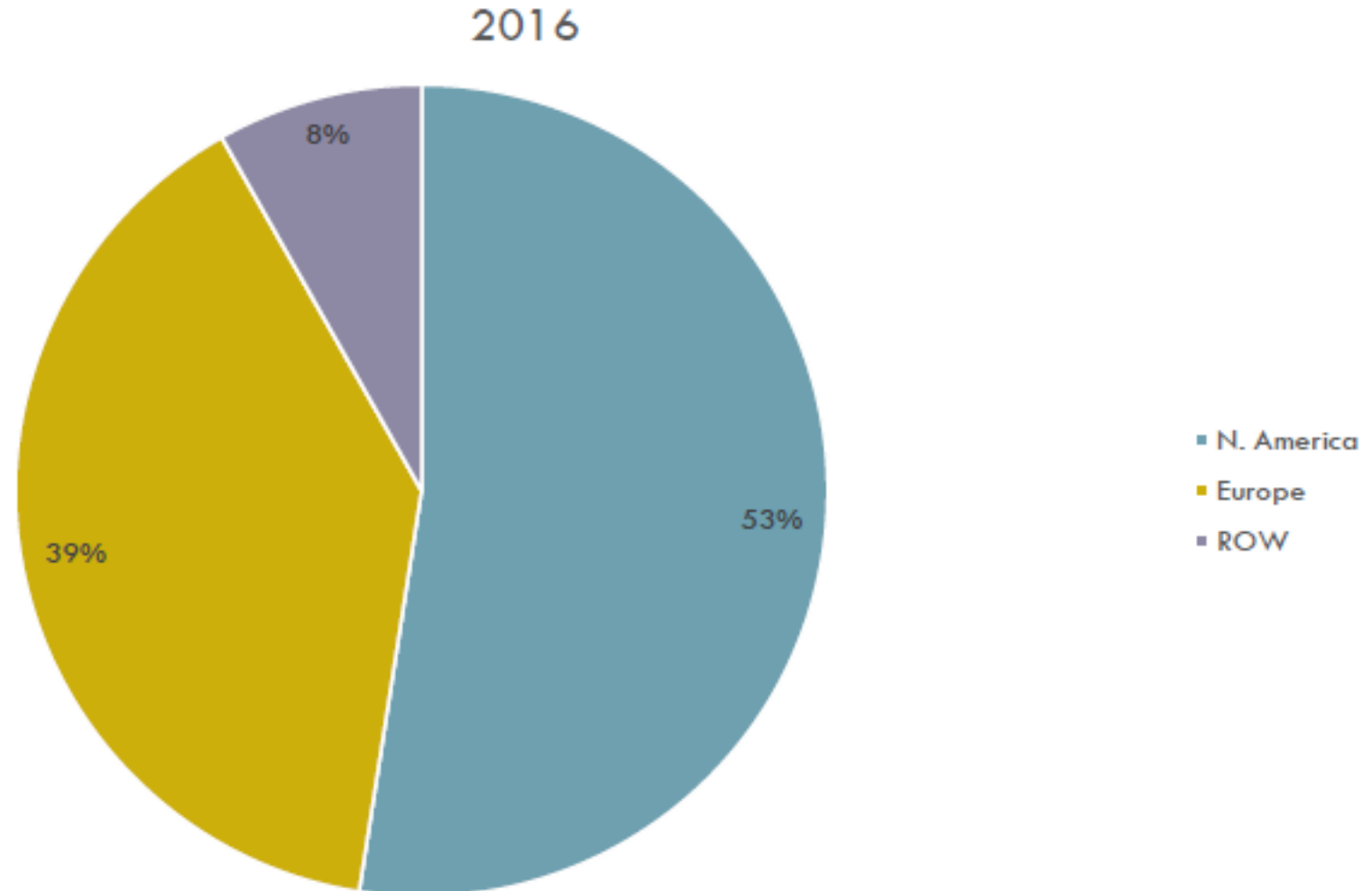
- Editorial: Building trust in real-world evidence and comparative effectiveness research. Richard White (Vol. 6, No. 1, January 2017)
- Review: Risk assessment in patients with an acute ST-elevation myocardial infarction. Nadeem Ahmed, Jaclyn Carberry, Vannesa Teng, David Carrick & Colin Berry (Vol. 5, No. 6, November 2016)
- Research Article: Patient, caregiver and clinician use of comparative effectiveness research findings in care decisions: results from a national study. Lori B Frank, Laura P Forsythe, Thomas A Workman, Tandra Hilliard, Mary Lavelle, Daniel Harwell & Lauren Fayish (Vol. 6, No. 3, May 2017)
- From Methods to Policy: Comparative effectiveness research around the globe: a valuable tool for achieving and sustaining universal healthcare. Kalipso Chalkidou (Vol. 6, No. 2, March 2017)

Readership (average per month)

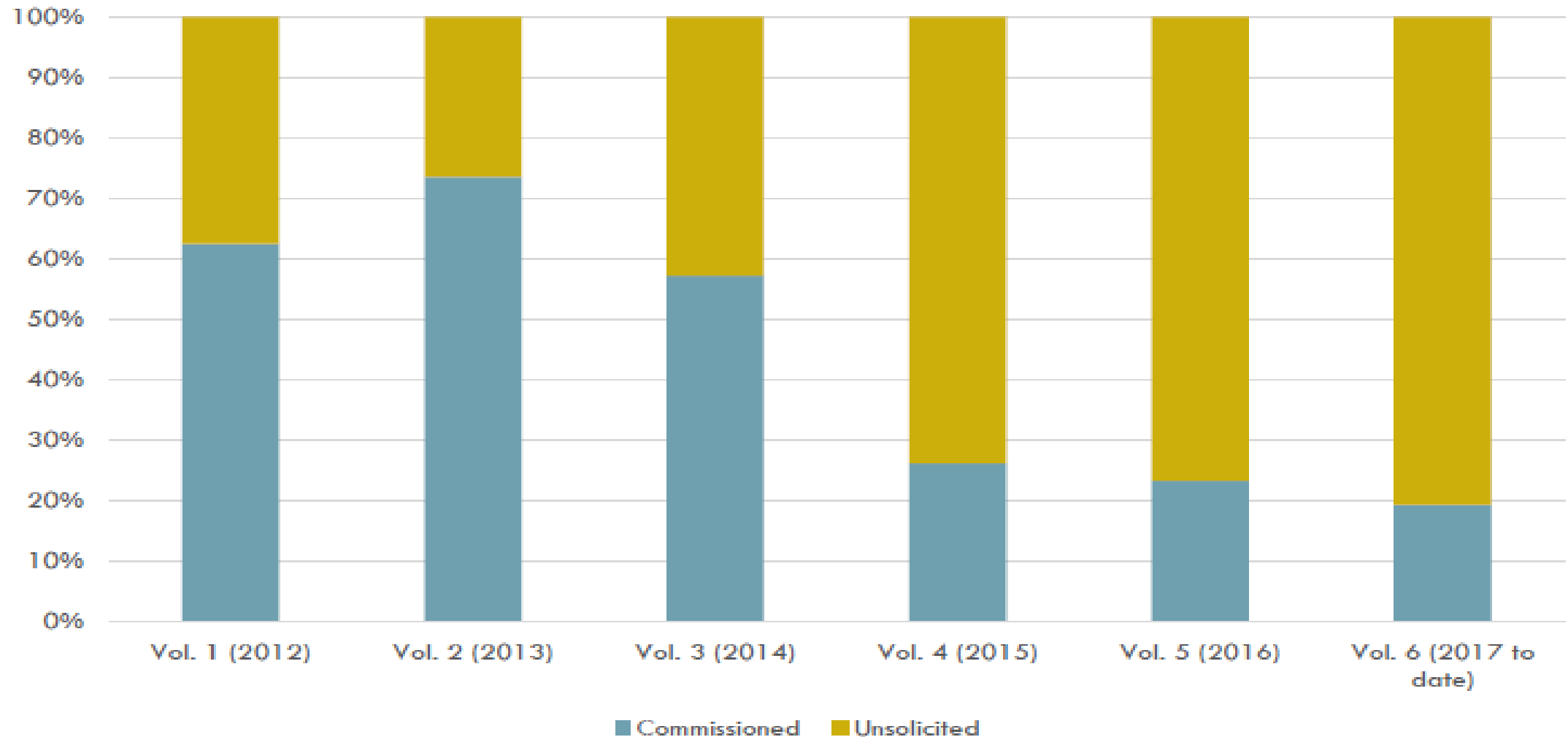
Content	2016	2017 (Jan–May)
Abstracts	4,300 views/month	4,100 views/month
Full text	2,000 views/month	2,450 views/month



Geographic spread of authors



Unsolicited vs commissioned content



Acceptance rate

- Overall ~70%
- Unsolicited manuscripts
 - Immediate rejection (i.e., out of scope): 30%
 - Rejection post-peer review: 30%
 - Accepted post-peer review and revision: 40%
- Most common reason for rejection pre-external review- not in scope-
ie not comparative effectiveness

How to help a manuscript 'sail through'

- Ensure the article fits within the aims & scope of the journal
- JCER welcomes pre-submission enquiries, to ensure authors have relevant information (eg is article potentially "in scope")
- Follow the author guidelines
- Respond to all peer-reviewer recommendations, even if it's to provide a rebuttal