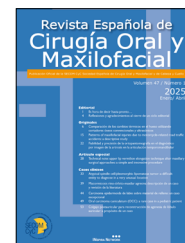




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Editorial

It's time to say see you soon...

Es hora de decir hasta pronto...

With this issue of the *Spanish Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery* (RECOM), we mark six and a half years of our new journey—my own as Editor-in-Chief and Dr. Pedro Infante Cossio's as Deputy Editor-in-Chief, which we have led with great enthusiasm since January 2019. This phase was built on the shoulders of Dr. Naval Gías, with whom I had the honor of working on the journal as Deputy Editor-in-Chief since 2015. This combined represents a total of 10 years as Editor-in-Chief of RECOM. All this time has provided me with invaluable learning experiences, often through trial and error, which has enriched

my experience in the field of scientific publishing and (I speak in the plural) has allowed us to support the Spanish Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (SECOM) through its official scientific journal.

The road has not been easy... the work of selecting, editing, and improving the papers has been arduous and tenacious, with the goal of publishing articles of unquestionable scientific quality in each and every one of the 23 issues published since 2019 (24 with this issue, the first of 2025) (Fig. 1). With an average rejection rate of almost 65 % for papers submitted

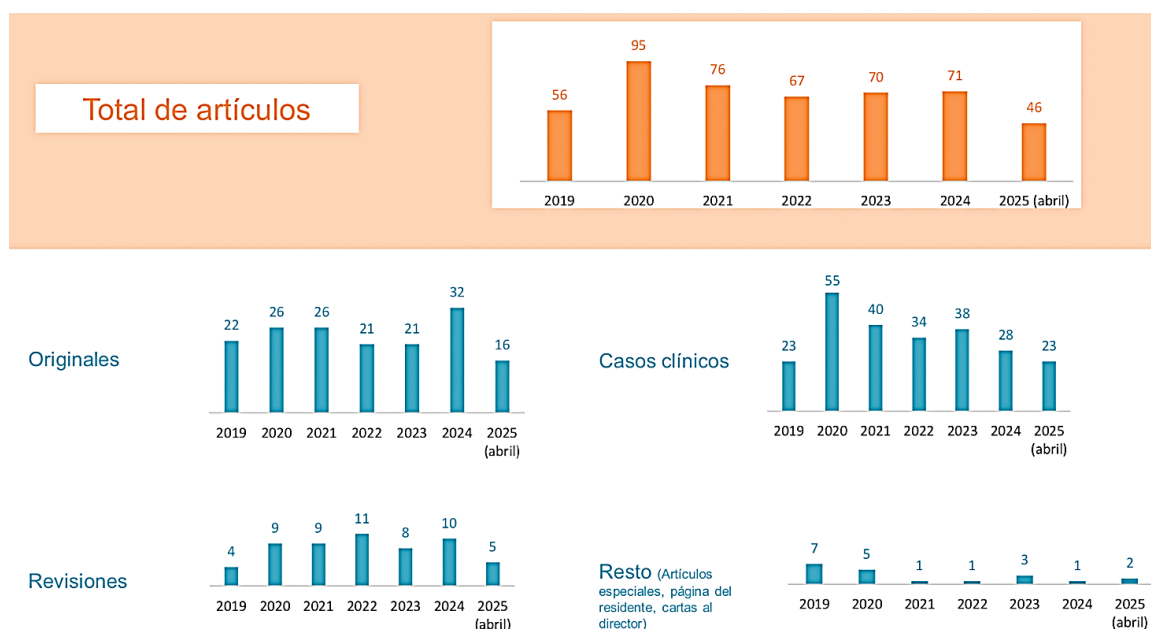


Figure 1. Evolution of articles received 2019-2024.

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to RECOM, only 3 out of 10 papers received by the journal have actually seen the light of day. This gives a reliable idea of the rigor of our editorial committee in selecting those with the highest scientific quality, especially considering that 437 original papers (148 original articles and 218 clinical cases) were submitted during this period.

Over the course of this six-year period, a total of 208 articles were published across 24 issues of the journal. The analysis by typology reveals a predominance of clinical cases (n=85; 40.86%), followed by original articles (n = 74; 35.6 %), reflecting an editorial approach oriented toward practical experience, without neglecting research and critical analysis (Table I). In these six years, we have addressed various aspects of the specialty, often marked by events of tremendous impact on our lives, as occurred with the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic in 2020, through 24 editorial articles, featured in each and every issue.

Table I. Percentage of published articles (2019-2024), by type.		
Published articles 2019-2024		
	N	%
Total published articles	208	100
Original articles	74	35,57
Published reviews	11	5,32
Clinical cases	85	40,86
Resident's pages	4	1,92
Editorials	24	11,53
Special articles	5	2,40
Letters to the Editor	5	2,40

One of the most significant achievements has been the progressive increase in the number of article downloads, from an initial figure of 1,796 downloads in 2019, through a progressive increase in the number of downloads in the subsequent years (with more than 4,000 downloads in 2023), and reaching a peak of 5,625 downloads in 2024, representing a 314% increase since the first year (Figure 2). This data demonstrates the growing dissemination of RECOM thanks to its open access format, free of charge for authors (unlike other platforms), and the highly significant fact that RECOM has established itself as an international benchmark in the transmission of specialized knowledge in Oral, Maxillofacial, and Head and Neck Surgery.

Not coincidentally, the percentage of unsolicited manuscripts was 94.50 %, clearly reflecting the unidirectionality of submissions, as authors actively choose RECOM as a destination for reporting their clinical results. Today, RECOM's reach is growing, with active users worldwide, including China, with more than 17,000 active users. It even surpasses Spain (7,200 active users in Spain) but also extends to diverse regions

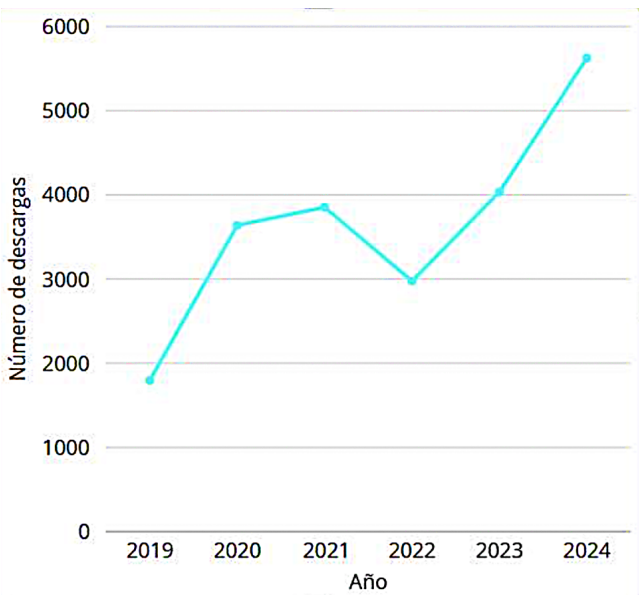


Figure 2. Number of downloads of RECOM articles (2019-2024). 2019: 1,796 downloads; 2020: 3,637 downloads; 2021: 3,852 downloads; 2022: 2,975 downloads; 2023: 4,035 downloads; 2024: 5,625 downloads.

such as Hong Kong (4,200 users), Mexico (3,500 users), Canada (2,900 users), the US (2,800 users), and the United Kingdom (1,600 users) (Figure 3).

It's obvious that social factors have changed the priorities of our residents and young specialists over the last decade, and sometimes the lack of sufficient incentives in our field has reduced the desire for author participation (once more intense in these groups) to a secondary level. This gap in the submission of papers has been filled, on the other hand, by the increasing participation of authors from Latin America and other parts of the world, conferring growing international prestige on our journal, which a few years ago ceased to have a strict framework for dissemination within its borders. We believe that RECOM is now the most relevant Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in the Spanish-speaking world.

Furthermore, RECOM has maintained rigorous publishing standards for original works, research articles, and clinical cases of unusual rarity or special relevance over the past six years, with the goal of providing a scientific corpus that generates new knowledge in the field of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Head and Neck Surgery. This effort has laid the groundwork for eligibility to be indexed in the well-known National Library of Medicine (NLM) database, in order to achieve the coveted Medline indexing and inclusion in the PubMed search engine. With this goal in mind, RECOM has applied this April 2025, aiming to be included in the NLM database.

With the satisfaction of having provided the journal with a corpus of very high scientific quality and unprecedented international dissemination, both Pedro and I decided to step aside to allow the beginning of a new era and let another editorial team take the reins of the journal, convinced that RECOM



Figura 3. Número y procedencia de los usuarios activos de RECOM.

will continue to grow and will be able to address new challenges with (we are confident of this) increasing international dissemination once we receive the long-awaited news of its inclusion in the NLM repository. From this Board of Directors, we fervently hope that the new team will reap the rewards of this effort and that we will receive the positive report on its inclusion in PubMed in a few months, after the always rigorous candidate selection process. It is clear that our journal deserves this achievement.

I can only deeply thank Dr. Infante Cossio for his tireless efforts in editing, critically analyzing, reviewing, and often rewriting (always exquisitely) the vast number of scientific papers received by RECOM. Without a doubt, we have stolen many hours from our families for a passionate project (because only with passion are these projects possible), which has been carried out with absolute selflessness and enthusiasm, despite

many difficulties along the way. I also want to thank the entire panel of reviewers for their generous work behind the scenes, not to mention Laura Martín, head of the Inspira Network editorial team, an excellent professional who stands out for her dedication, rigor and infinite kindness.

Without further ado, I can only thank the readers of RECOM for their loyalty to this exciting scientific project and wish our beloved journal a bright and excellent future. It's time to say see you soon...

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