

Editorial Board meeting of the *Polish Journal of Neurology and Neurosurgery* — announcement of the gold open access for the journal

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The Editorial Board members met via Zoom meetings on April 20 and June 15, 2021. The status of the Journal was presented to them by Drs. Sławek and Wszolek, the editors of the Polish Journal of Neurology and Neurosurgery (PJNNS, *Neurologia i Neurochirurgia Polska*), and Dr. Stolarczyk and Ms. Czarnocka, the Journal administrators. In 2020, the PJNNS received a total of 334 manuscripts over all submission categories. This represents a 49.8% increase in submission numbers compared to 2019. Despite the significant increase in submitted manuscripts, the Journal's processing time continues to be very competitive (Fig. 1).

During the Editorial Board meeting, the issue of changing the format of publication of PJNNS from the current hybrid model to the gold open access model was extensively discussed. The members of the PJNNS Editorial Board expressed full support to change the publication system to the gold open access model, commencing on July 1, 2021. This change was earlier approved by the Executive Committee of the Polish Neurological Society. In 2020, 51% of published manuscripts were open access (Fig. 2). The change of publication model has also been supported by our readership. It will represent a further enhancement of availability of the

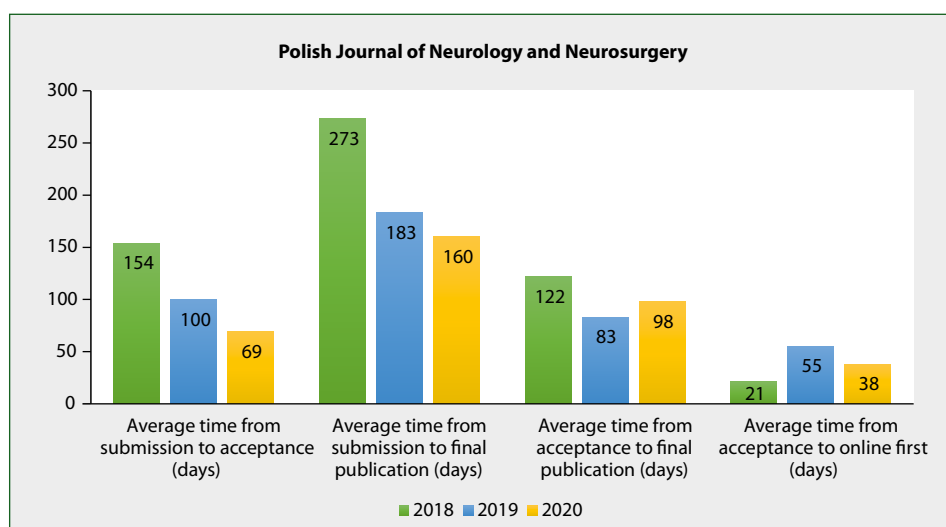


Figure 1. A major improvement in processing time of manuscripts submitted to the Polish Journal of Neurology and Neurosurgery (*Neurologia i Neurochirurgia Polska*) for years 2018, 2019, and 2020

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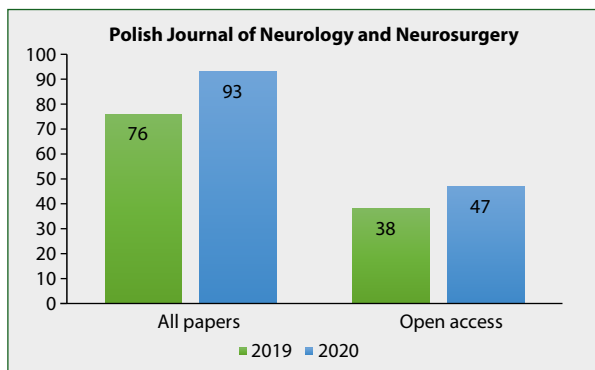


Figure 2. Open access manuscripts published by the Polish Journal of Neurology and Neurosurgery (Neurologia i Neurochirurgia Polska) compared to all published manuscripts in years 2019 and 2020

Journal's manuscripts to the public in large, and very likely will further improve the Journal's visibility, its citations and impact factor, and download of its manuscripts. The established rates are very competitive compare to other national and international neurological journals. For the members of the Polish Neurological Society and the Editorial Board members of the PJNNS, the individual cost per accepted manuscript will be USD 250; for all other authors, this will be USD 450.

The members of the Editorial Board were very pleased with the publication of the first issue (2/2021) of the PJNNS that included a Leading Topic. We will continue this feature in future issues.