

# Editorial

## Annual *Journal* Entries

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This is the eighth year of the *Journal's* publication. The following report provides information regarding the number of manuscripts received by the editors during the year 2003 and the number of manuscripts accepted for publication. In addition, data is provided indicating the number of manuscripts published as compared to the number of manuscripts received during the last six years of publication.

### Vital Statistics

*Number of manuscripts accepted vs. rejection.* During the past year, twenty-six manuscripts were submitted to the *Journal* for consideration. Two of these were withdrawn by their respective authors before they were reviewed. Twelve of the manuscripts were accepted and published. The other twelve were rejected as not being acceptable for publication. This provides the *Journal* with a fifty percent rejection rate for the 2003 calendar year.

Figure 1 shows the number of papers submitted to the *Journal* for each year of the *Journal's* publication. Also shown for each year are the numbers of manuscripts that have been accepted for publication and the numbers of manuscripts that have been rejected.

Figure 2 shows the rejection rates for the years 1998 through 2003. The years 1996 and 1997 were not included in this analysis because there were so few manuscripts submitted. As noted, the average rejection rate for the *Journal* through the six-year period is 39.84 percent.

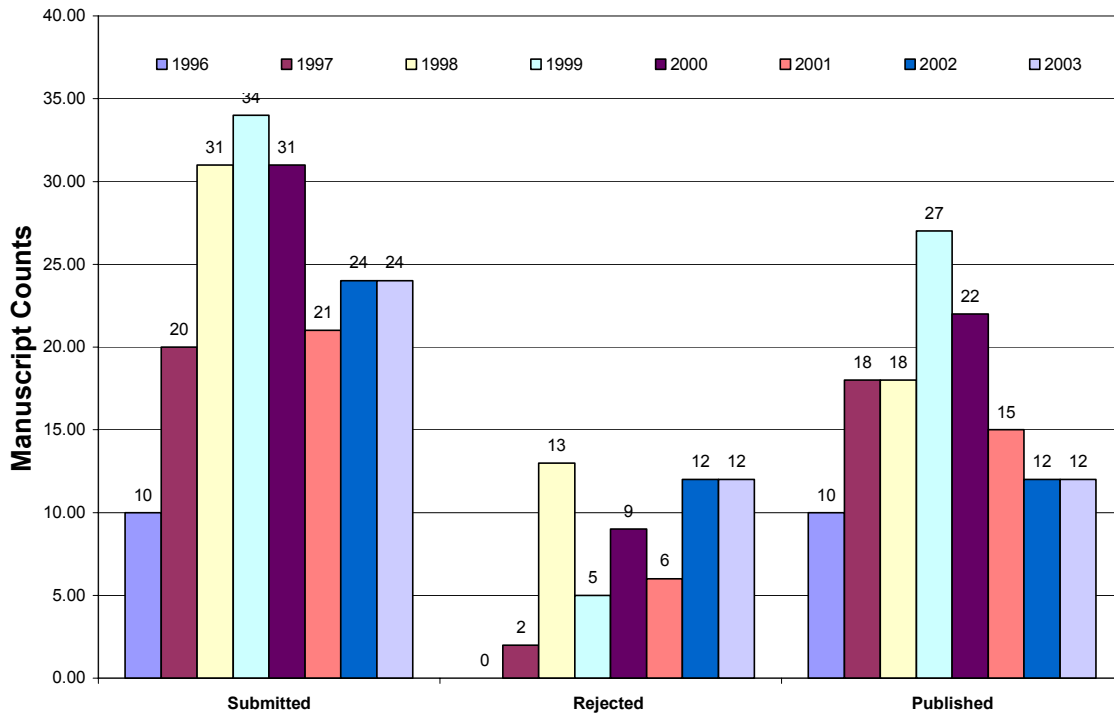


Figure 1: Publication and Submission Data

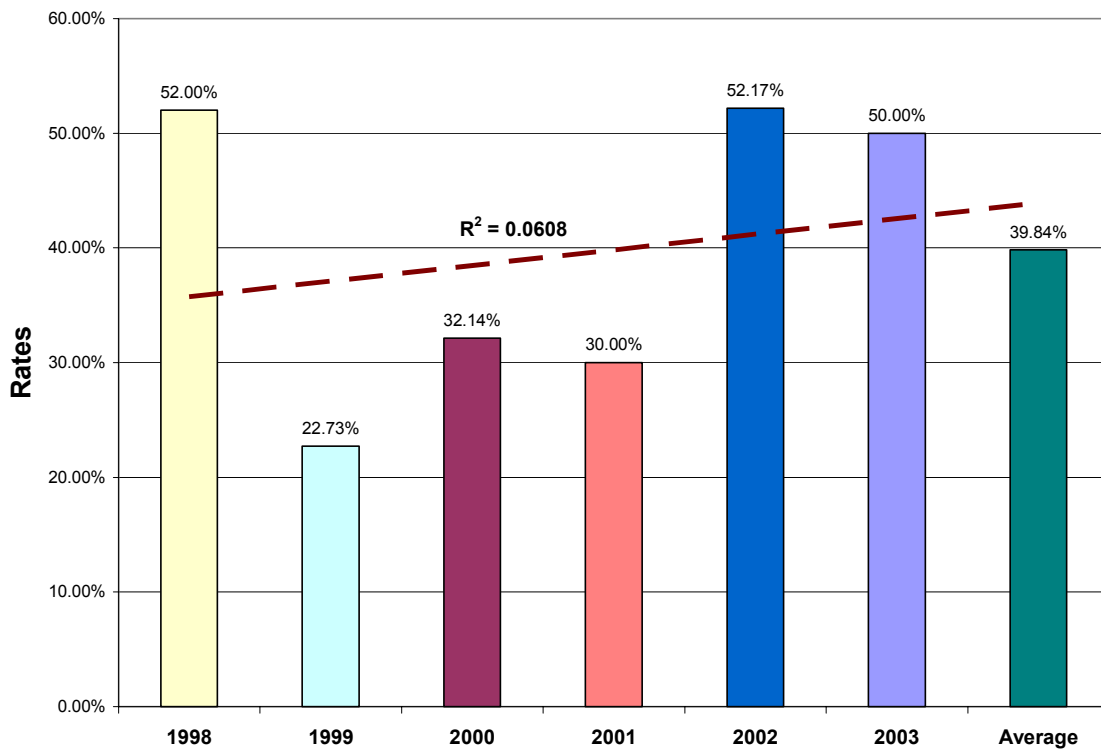


Figure 2: Rejection Rates Data