

Editorial

Photosynthetica is one of two well established international journals that provide opportunity to publish in research focused on a rather specific topic of photosynthesis. The research area is not very wide compared to many other scientific journals, but this field is still present and pertinent as the increasing number of submitted manuscripts proves.

Last year was another busy year for our journal, with some notable developments. In March 2014, we launched in cooperation with Springer the hybrid model of Open Access that enables research papers to be freely available. We appreciate that several papers have been already published in this mode.

Despite the high volume of submissions, we continue to keep the time for review processes as short as possible thanks to devoted service and excellent work of our associate editors and reviewers. I would like to express our sincere thanks for their work.

During the period from January 1 to December 31, 2014, we received 218 new submissions (191 original papers, 23 brief communications, and 4 reviews, *i.e.* 12% increase compared to the previous year) and accepted 81 manuscripts for publication. We published 70 papers in 4 issues during the last year. As we cannot immediately enlarge the number of pages per the issue without prior arrangement with Springer, we can only increase the number of papers in the online-first category. This could help reduce the time from acceptance to appearance in an issue, which is our current task.

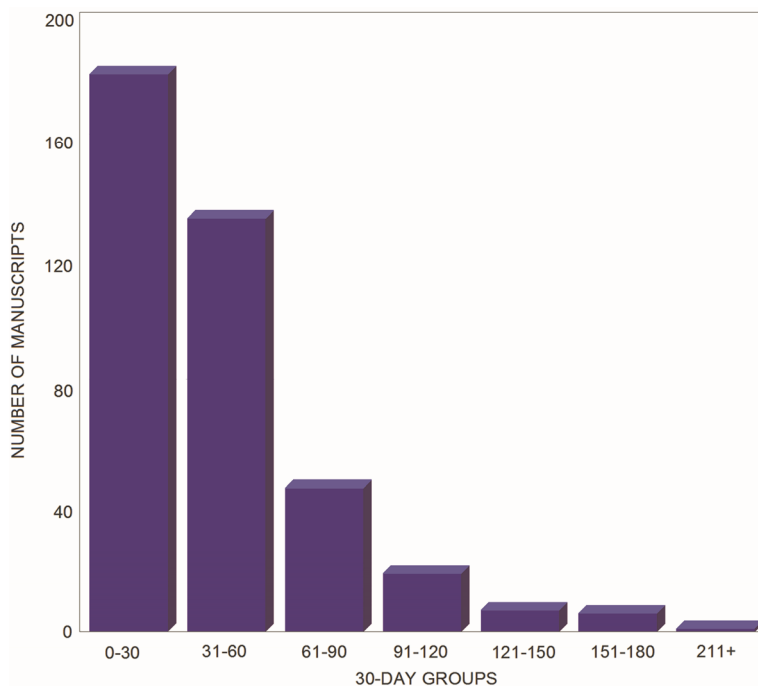
We encourage a wide variety of submissions concerning original research work and reviews on topics dealing with all aspects of photosynthesis. We request authors whose native language is not English to submit their manuscripts to professional English editing services before submission to our journal. This is one of the ways how to increase the speed of the review process.

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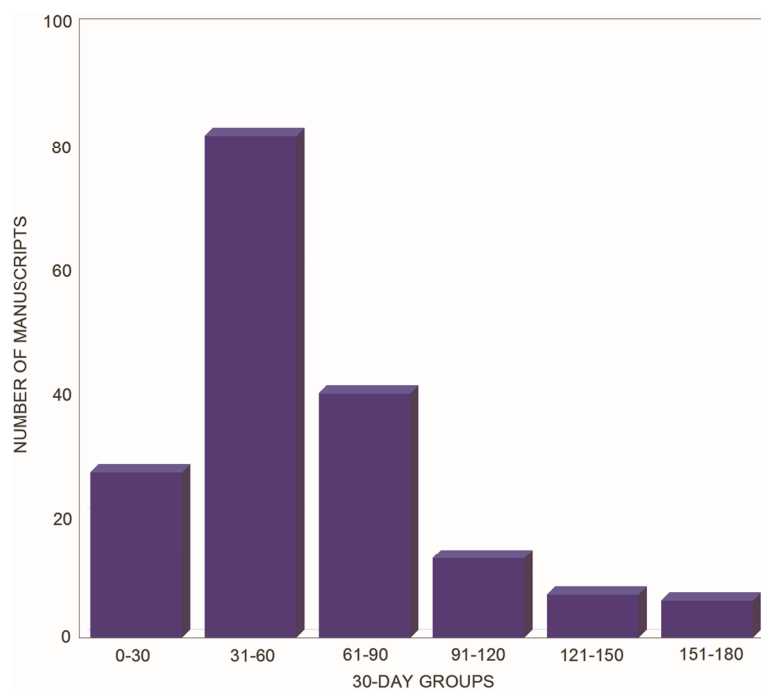
As mentioned above, our goal is to reach the shortest possible time for both the review process and publication of accepted papers online. Since it must not be achieved to the detriment of the quality of scientific content and a formal level, great responsibility lies also with authors. Compliance with all the instructions before submission and during the review process may influence the production period substantially.

Some statistical data from 2014

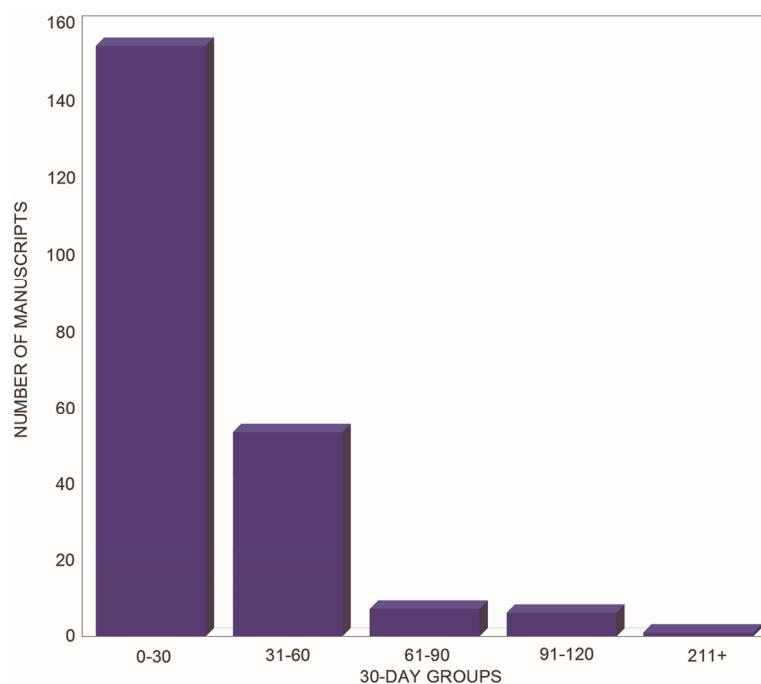
All the data were assumed from *ScholarOne* statistical reports and concern the period from 1st January 2014 to 31st December 2014.



Time from submission to decision in 2014 – originally submitted + revised papers.



Time from submission to 1st decision in 2014 – originally submitted papers.



Time from submission to decision in 2014 – revised papers.

The decision ratios [%] for originally submitted and revised papers. OP – original papers; BC – brief communications; R – reviews.

Originally submitted papers				Revised papers		
Decision	OP	BC	R	OP	BC	R
Accept	-	-	-	76	6	-
Minor revision	18	2	1	92	8	-
Major revision	50	9	2	22	2	1
Reject	85	8	-	11	2	1

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