

Veterinary Clinical Pathology Journal Report

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Veterinary Clinical Pathology is the journal for the American Society for Veterinary Clinical Pathology and the European Society of Veterinary Clinical Pathology.

Editorial Staff: Laura Brashear is the managing editor. There are currently nine Section Editors from the US and Europe/UK, who are listed below.

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Editorial Board: We currently have 35 Editorial Board members, which include clinical pathologists, internists, and scientists from academic institutions, diagnostic laboratories, private consulting companies, and pharmaceutical/healthcare companies. One statistician and one immunologist are also on the board.

Editorial board changes at the journal: After a decade of dedicated service, Christine Olver and Mehrdad Ameri are stepping down from their section editor roles at VCP. We want to express our immense gratitude to them for their invaluable contributions to the journal over the years. To fill these roles, we are pleased to welcome two new section editors, Kelly Santangelo and Andrea Santos, who will bring fresh perspectives and expertise to the editorial team. Additionally, we are delighted to introduce four new editorial board members who joined in 2022-2023: Kelly du Preez, Strahinja Medić, Elspeth Milne, and Valerie Wong. We believe that their diverse backgrounds and knowledge will enrich the journal's content and help maintain its high standards.

Affiliations: VCP is also the affiliate journal for the International Society for Animal Clinical Pathology (ISACP) and the Australian Society for Veterinary Pathology (ASVP).

Wiley-Blackwell: Amanda Buring is the new associate editor at Wiley-Blackwell. She oversees journal publication. SG Ramakrishnan remains the production manager at Wiley-Blackwell and continues to do an excellent job. We continue to use the AMA Manual of Style for formatting to help streamline the copyediting process. We appreciate Wiley's commitment to a high standard for VCP journal production.

Impact Factor: The 2-year impact factor for 2023 was released in June and is 1.2, down a bit compared with last year. This looks at manuscripts published from 2020 to the end of 2022, which was during COVID. Our journal ranking moved up five places in veterinary sciences to 80/144.

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Top 10 articles with the highest 2-year citations as of October 21, 2023:

Article Title	Publication Year	2-Year Citations	Total Citations	Author
Analysis of the gut microbiome in dogs and cat	2021	19	19	SUCHODOLSKI, J
Neutrophil-to-lymphocyte and platelet-to-lymphocyte ratios in dogs and cats with acute pancreatitis	2021	16	18	NEUMANN, S
Protein characterization using electrophoresis and immunofixation; a case-based review of dogs and cats	2019	14	25	MOORE, A
The 1,2-o-dilauryl-rac-glycero-3-glutaric acid-(6-methylresorufin) ester (DGGR) lipase assay in cats and dogs is not specific for pancreatic lipase	2020	13	15	LIM, S
A novel canine nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy-based metabolomics platform: Validation and sample handling	2021	12	13	OTTKA, C
A new automated turbidimetric immunoassay for the measurement of canine C-reactive protein	2018	11	26	PINEIRO, M
Immune thrombocytopenia (ITP): Pathophysiology update and diagnostic dilemmas	2019	11	21	LEVINE, D
The effects of iatrogenic blood contamination on total nucleated cell counts and protein concentrations in canine cerebrospinal fluid	2018	10	16	MACNEILL, A
Protein electrophoresis of non-traditional species: A Review	2021	10	10	CRAY, C
ASVCP guidelines: Allowable total error hematology	2018	9	47	NABITY, M

Mentored Reviewers: In 2020, we began a campaign to enlist mentees to work with mentors to review articles for VCP. This started slowly because of COVID but ramped up this year. We currently have two mentor-mentees. We will try to put interested mentees with mentors (possibly editorial board members or mentors at institutions). Those going through the program will be invited to join the editorial board for a two-year appointment. For information, please see the editorial by Christine Olver at <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1111/vcp.13008> and the author guidelines at <https://s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/clarivate-scholarone-prod-us-west-2-s1m-public/wwwRoot/prod1/societyimages/vcp/VCPMentoredReviewersGuide.pdf>. If you are interested in being a mentor or mentee, please contact me at wsprague@me.com or Laura Brashear at vetcinpathjournal@gmail.com.

Double-anonymized reviews: We have been performing double-anonymized reviews since March 2023. The author guidelines for specific submission guidelines have been updated. We also put the information on the ASVCP and ESVCP websites.

Conference Proceeding Abstracts: The conference proceedings for the ASVCP meeting are up-to-date, and the abstracts from the ESVCP and ASVCP meetings should be published in the March 2024 issue.

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Special Issues: The 2023 VCP special issue on Laboratory Quality Management is almost finished. We have 9 articles for this issue, which we hope to get out by the end of the year.

For the 2024 Special Issue, we will be deciding on a topic soon. We will announce the topic and deadlines on the ASVCP list-serve and social media outlets, as well as ASVCP and ESVCP web pages.

Publication Ethics: As a Wiley-Blackwell journal, *Veterinary Clinical Pathology* is a member of COPE, the Committee on Publication Ethics (<http://publicationethics.org>). COPE promotes the highest standards of publication ethics, provides a code of conduct for journal editors, and is a forum for editors and publishers of peer-reviewed journals to discuss publication ethics. Authors are notified that all manuscripts considered for publication in VCP are screened for plagiarism using a plagiarism detection system, iThenticate.

Reviewers: Since the beginning of 2023, 245 different reviewers have agreed to contribute their knowledge and time to the journal. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to each one of these reviewers. Their commitment and contributions have a direct and profound impact on the journal's success, ensuring its continued excellence.

Author guidelines: We encourage all authors to follow the author guidelines when writing manuscripts for the journal.

Reference interval papers: In December 2019, we started a new category for RI manuscripts and have had great success thus far. Please see the RI templates and checklist in the author guidelines to help guide the design of your RI studies. Five articles were submitted, and 2 were accepted in the past year.

What is your diagnosis? articles: In 2023, we published 20 WYD articles in a Clinical Diagnostics Special Issue. Going forward, we will publish one Clinical Diagnostics Special Issue per year that will house WYD articles accepted between April and April of each consecutive year.

We also added a virtual issue that houses all of the WYD articles by year since 2016. To access them, go to: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/page/journal/1939165x/homepage/virtualissuespage.html>.

Manuscripts submitted, accepted, and rejected from January, 1, 2023, to October 21, 2023:

Article Type	Accept	Reject	Total
What is your diagnosis?	12	9	21
Brief Communication	2	0	2
Case Report	13	7	20
Original Article	20	30	50
Reference Interval	4	1	5
Review Article	2	6	8
Special Report	1	0	1
Technical Report	3	1	4
Book Review	2	0	2
Letter to the Editor	2	0	2
Total	61 (53%)	54 (50%)	115

** This is the number of articles submitted where a final decision has been made by October 21, 2023. We have also accepted 4 YTT articles.

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Manuscript submission to export:

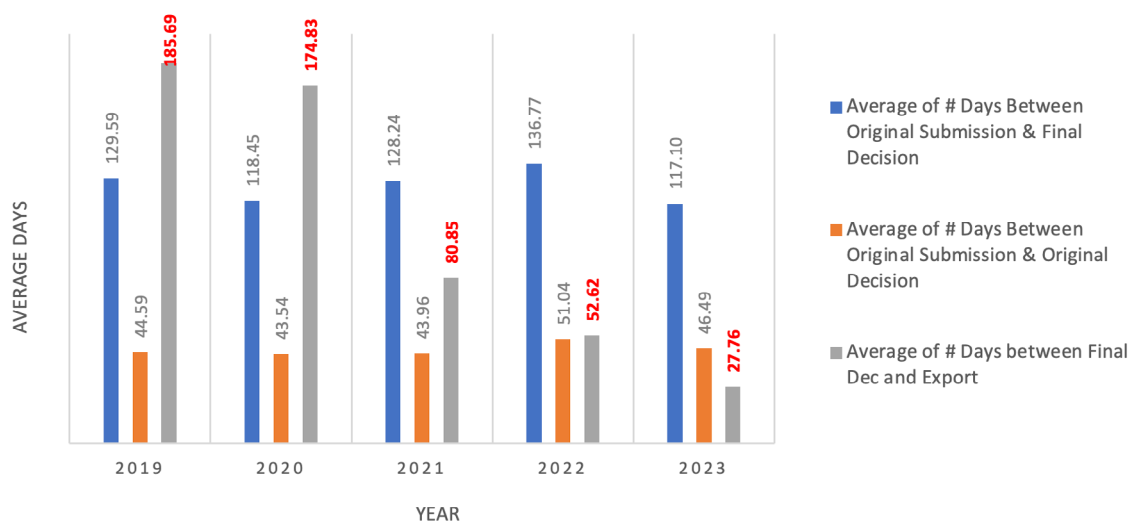
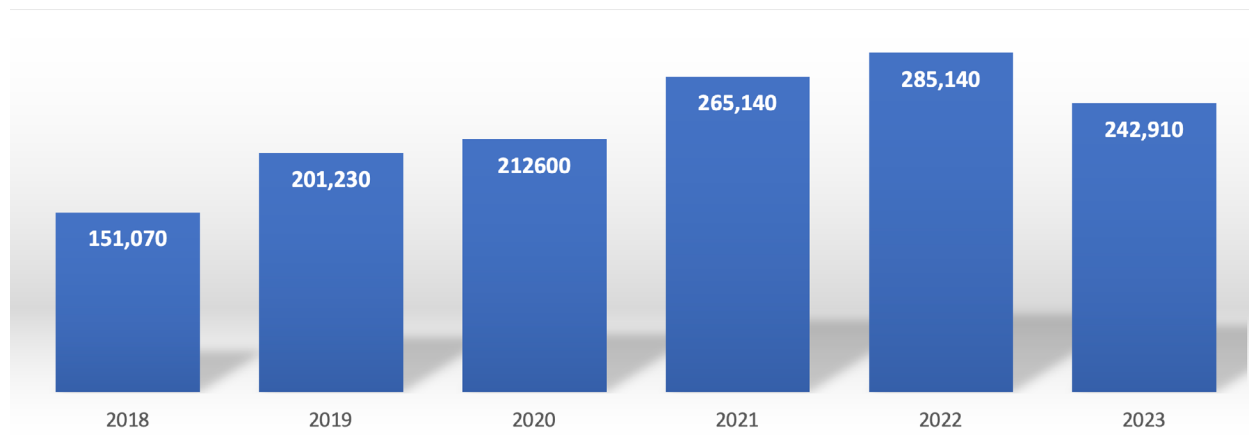


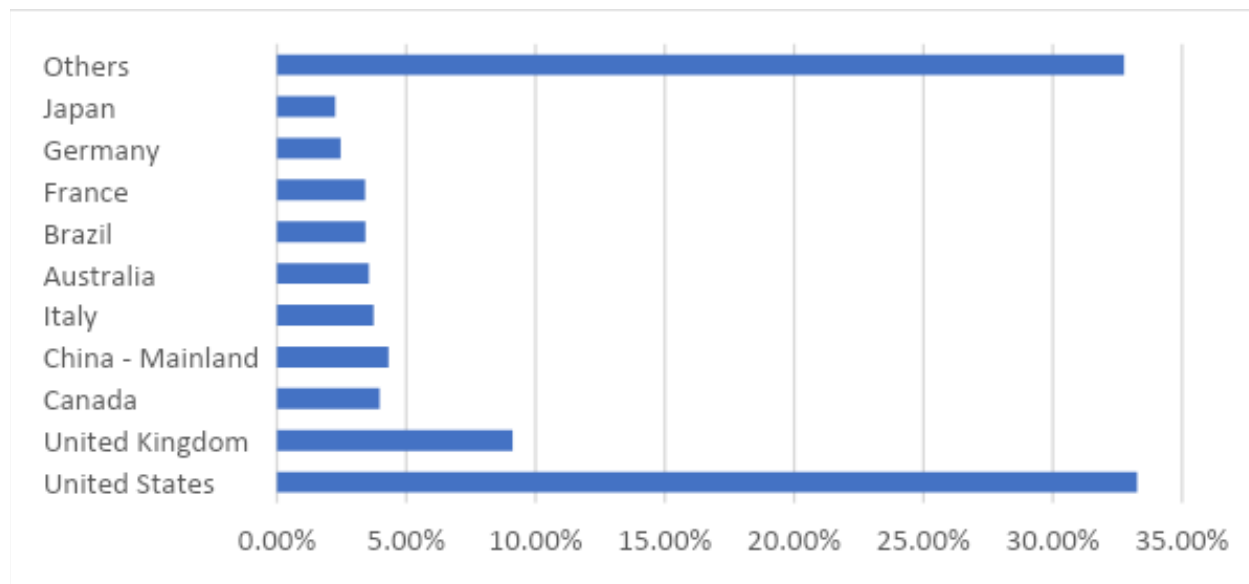
Figure 1: This graph shows the average days from article submission to original decision (blue), from original decision to final decision (orange), and export to typesetting by article type (grey). This shows a concerted effort to improve the turn-around time from article acceptance to typesetting at Wiley.

VCP downloads: *Veterinary Clinical Pathology* has received over 242,910 full-text downloads since the end of September 2023. This is an increase of 12.1% since this time last year.



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Top downloading countries in 2023:



Top 20 Article Downloads in VCP as of September 2023, and the year published:

Article	Author	Year	Full Text Downloads
ASVCP reference interval guidelines: determination of de novo reference intervals in veterinary species and other related topics	FRIEDRICHS, K	2012	18,970
Method comparison in the clinical laboratory	JENSEN, A	2008	18,750
ASVCP guidelines: Allowable total error hematology	NABITY, M	2018	14,997
Analysis of the gut microbiome in dogs and cats	SUCHODOLSKI, J	2021	12,524
ASVCP Guidelines: Principles of Quality Assurance and Standards for Veterinary Clinical Pathology (version 3.0)	ARNOLD, J	2019	12,082
Histologic and cytologic bone marrow findings in dogs with suspected precursor-targeted immune-mediated anemia and associated phagocytosis of erythroid precursors	LUCIDI, C	2017	11,326
Patterns of the low-dose dexamethasone suppression test in canine hyperadrenocorticism revisited	ZEUGSWETTER, F	2021	9,257
ASVCP guidelines: allowable total error guidelines for biochemistry	HARR, K	2013	9,174
Synovial cell sarcoma in a dog: A misnomer-Cytologic and histologic findings and review of the literature	MONTI, P	2018	9,044
Left shift and toxic change in heterophils and neutrophils of non-mammalian vertebrates: A comparative review, image atlas, and practical considerations	STACY, N	2022	8,856
Immune thrombocytopenia (ITP): Pathophysiology update and diagnostic dilemmas	LEVINE, D	2019	8,026
The effect of a raw vs dry diet on serum biochemical, hematologic, blood iron, B12, and folate levels in Staffordshire Bull Terriers	ANTURANIEMI, J	2020	6,900
Current diagnostics for chronic enteropathies in dogs	ALLENSPACH, K	2021	5,867

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Cytologic examination of fine-needle aspirates from mammary gland tumors in the dog diagnostic accuracy with comparison to histopathology and association with postoperative outcome	SIMON, D	2009	5,323
Reference values for hematology and plasma biochemistry variables, and protein electrophoresis of healthy Hermann's tortoises (<i>Testudo hermanni</i> ssp.)	ANDREANI, G	2014	5,317
Reducing blood volume requirements for clinical pathology testing in toxicologic studies-points to consider	POIROUT-BELIS-SENT, F	2016	5,273
Measurement and clinical applications of C-reactive protein in gastrointestinal diseases of dogs	COVIN, M	2022	5,177
Evaluation of reticulocyte hemoglobin content (RETIC-HGB) for the diagnosis of iron-limited erythropoiesis in cats	KEINER, M	2021	5,088
Correlation of electrophoretic urine protein banding patterns with severity of renal damage in dogs with proteinuric chronic kidney disease	HOKAMP, J	2018	5,050
Renal biomarkers in domestic species	HOKAMP, J	2016	4,878

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