PUBLISHING IN THE PANDEMIC



During the COVID-19 pandemic, the dissemination of, and access to, research has never been more vital. Over the past year we have seen significant growth in both the submission and readership of content. As a responsible publisher we have accelerated our publishing output to ensure the latest research, evidence and data is, and continues to be, as discoverable as possible. A snapshot of the impact can be seen below.

CONTENT USAGE



MORE DOWNLOADS 2020 compared to **2019** During the pandemic we have been working to make all relevant global research, and data, immediately available. Our free content initiatives reached significant numbers of users.

ARTICLE DOWNLOADS COVID-19 journal content

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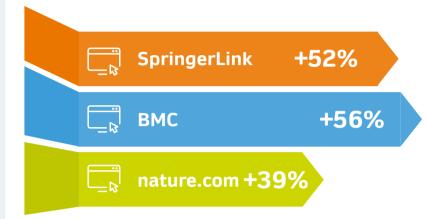
CHAPTER DOWNLOADS

Free textbook initiative

WEBSITE VISITS +48%

TOTAL 2020 GROWTH

Activity on our content platforms significantly increased in 2020, compared to 2019.



NOTE: Some of this is driven by the increase in interest in the freely accessible COVID-19 content and our free textbook campaign to support students learning remotely.

INSTITUTIONAL DOWNLOADS TOTAL 2020 GROWTH

Remote access support for library customers and their users combined with strong interest in research content significantly increased global institutional downloads compared with 2019.



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FACILITATING AND ENHANCING REMOTE ACCESS

Keeping our research platforms fully available and facilitating remote access has been at the forefront of our collaboration with libraries across the world. The lessons learnt during this time will benefit all of us beyond the pandemic. Read about our remote access collaborations here

SUBMISSIONS



INCREASE IN SUBMISSIONS year on year

JOURNAL ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

TOTAL 2020 GROWTH

In addition to a high number of COVID-19 related articles, submissions are showing strong growth across all disciplines.





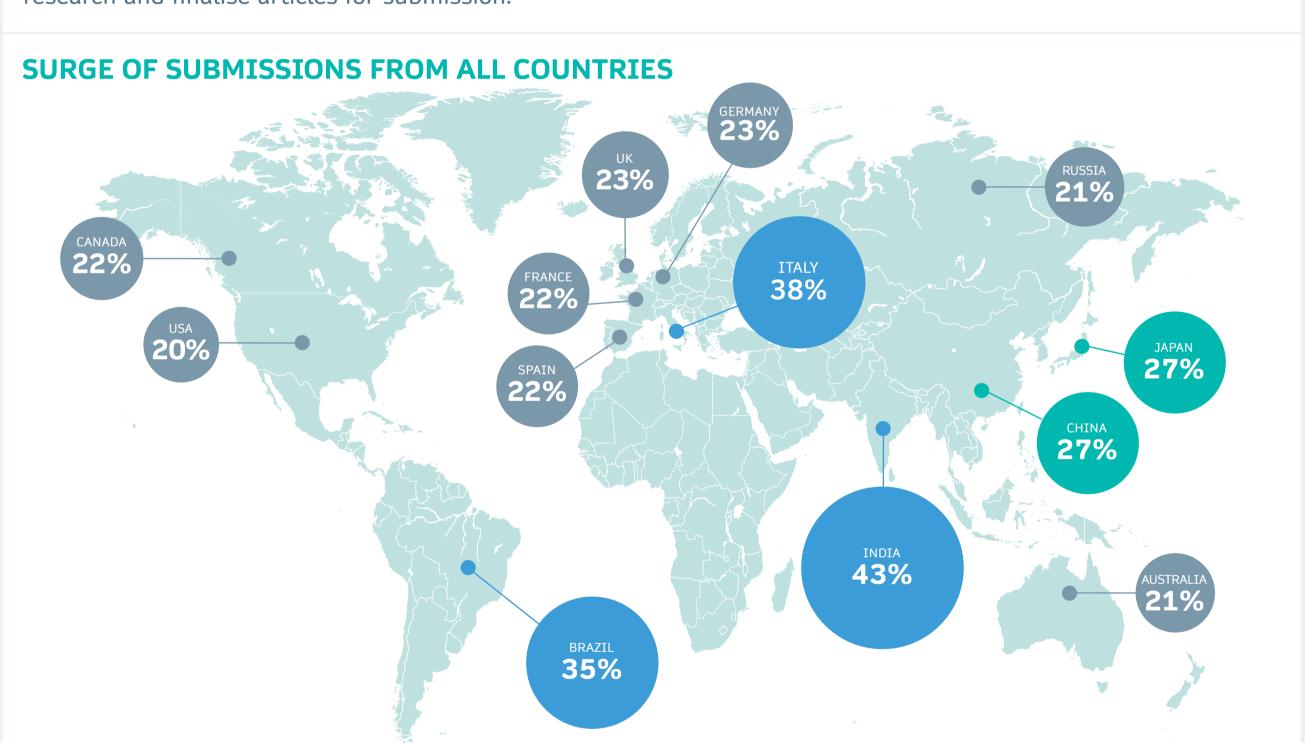


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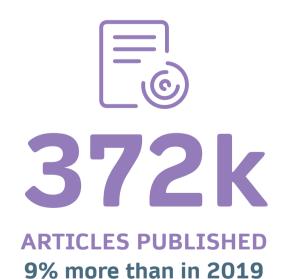
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Despite the impact of lockdown, researchers have been busy, taking the opportunity to write up their recent research and finalise articles for submission.



PUBLISHED ARTICLES

As lockdowns were implemented and offices were closed around the world, our now remotely working teams stepped up to support the increase in volume and speed of publications.

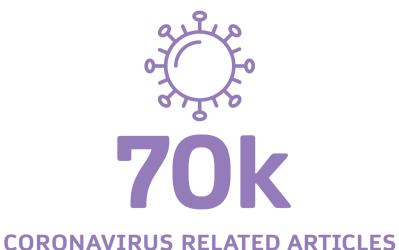




ARTICLES IN FULLY OA JOURNALS +12% to 92k

ARTICLES IN SUBSCRIPTION & HYBRID JOURNALS

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During 2020, as well as 70,000 articles and book chapters, we also provided free access to significant



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numbers of textbooks, preprint articles and the experimental datasets of newly published COVID-19 articles. Explore more, including our 'research in the time of the pandemic' blog series at springernature.com/coronavirus

We will continue to closely monitor the impact of the pandemic on our customers and partners so we can continue

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to adapt and respond effectively to support the research community.









