

Editorial

Last year was another busy year for *Photosynthetica*, with some notable developments. In March 2015, we launched a new system of online-first publishing. All articles are now published online as soon as possible in their accepted versions only with necessary formatting. It has reduced substantially a period from acceptance to appearance online that had been our weak point for many years. However, this system is more demanding on manuscript language quality, beside its scientific value, and thus authors must carry their responsibility on their shoulders. After detailed editing and formatting for a final printed version, the online-first version is replaced by a definitive version assigned to an issue available on Springer website.

Photosynthetica takes also an advantage of the hybrid open access model that enables research papers to be freely available. We appreciate that several papers have been already published in this mode.

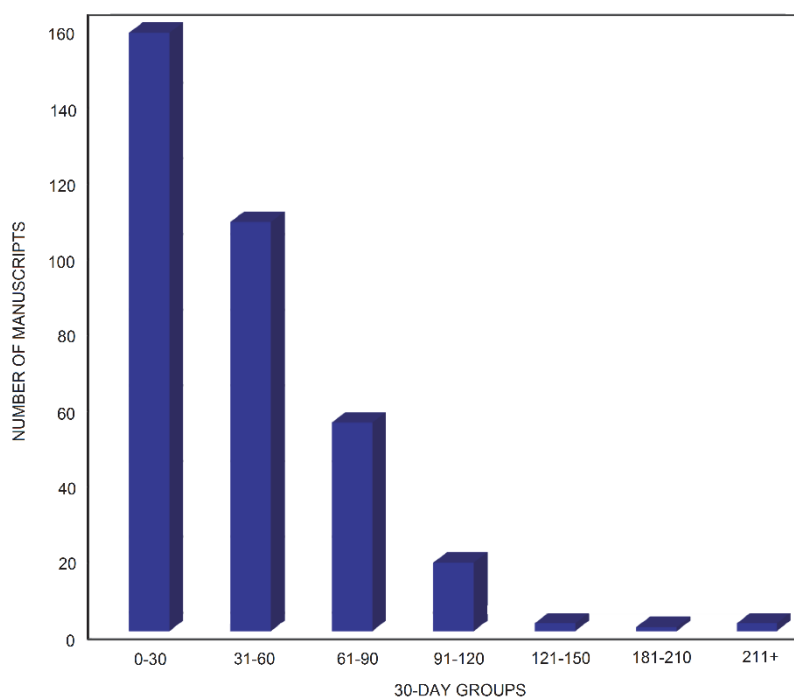
During the period from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2016, we received 213 new submissions; it is approximately the same amount as during the last year. Despite the high volume of submissions, we continue to keep the time for reviewing process as short as possible thanks to devoted service and excellent work of our associate editors and reviewers. I would like to express our sincere thanks for their effort.

At the end of 2015, we initiated reconstruction of our editorial board, where many excellent scientists had been working for many years. We thank to all who decided to retire from this position for their long-term devoted work for our journal. We welcome as well all members who were willing to prolong their involvement or those who have just started working as associate editors or members of the editorial board of *Photosynthetica*. We hope that they all can help us keep increasing quality of our accepted manuscripts and published papers.

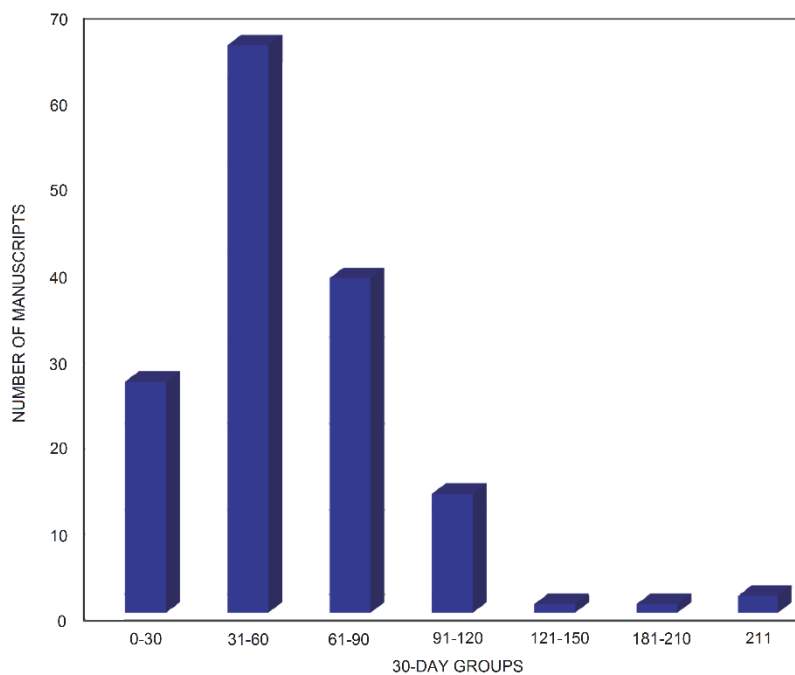
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Some statistical data from 2015

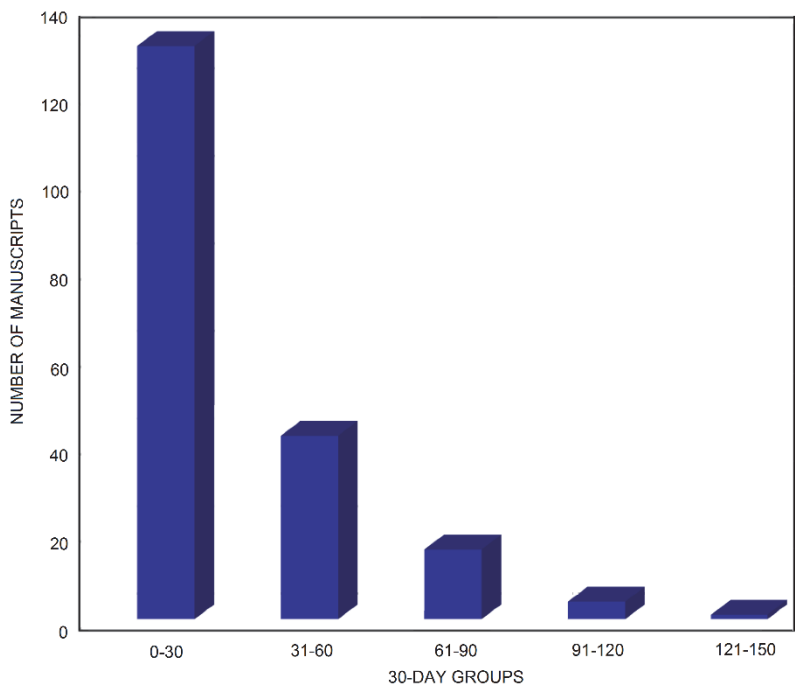
All presented data were assumed from *ScholarOne* statistical reports and concern the period from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015.



Time from submission to decision in 2015 – originally submitted + revised papers.



Time from submission to 1st decision in 2015 – originally submitted papers.



Time from submission to decision in 2015 – revised papers.

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

Decision	Originally submitted papers			Revised papers		
	OP	BC	R	OP	BC	R
Accept	-	-	-	57	10	2
Minor revision	6	2	-	85	8	4
Major revision	74	1	-	23	2	-
Reject	67	3	2	6	-	-

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