## Getting your paper published

### Keith D. Lindor, MD

Dean

**Professor Medicine** 





### **Outline**

- Hepatology submission analysis
- What kind of work is awaited
- Most common errors in rejected manuscripts
- How to write a high quality paper

### **Hepatology Submission Analysis**

- Overall analysis by country
- Analysis of ALEH members countries

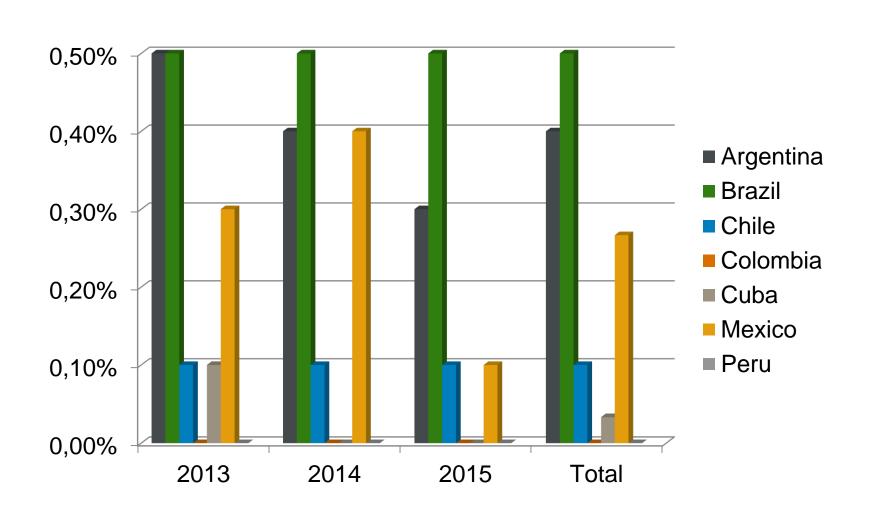
## **Submissions by Country 2013-2015**

Country	2013	2014	2015	Total
USA	623	644	675	1942
China	460	510	443	1413
Japan	200	159	149	508
Italy	142	135	141	418
Germany	145	137	116	398
Korea, South	99	114	117	330
France	116	112	107	335
Taiwan	123	110	95	328
UK	105	108	107	320
Spain	88	68	69	225
Canada	47	39	55	141
Netherlands	63	43	47	153
Australia	44	44	30	118
India	35	26	35	96
Hong Kong	26	31	27	84

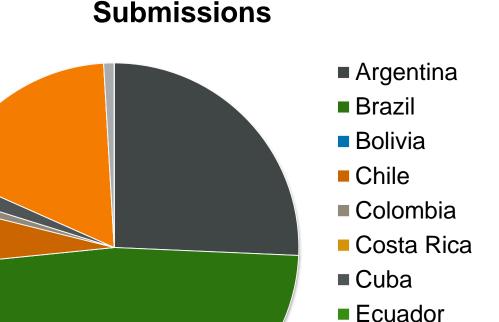
### **Submissions by ALEH Countries 2013-2015**

Country	2013	2014	2015	Total
Argentina	12	9	7	28
Brazil	19	16	17	52
Bolivia	0	0	0	0
Chile	2	2	2	6
Colombia	1	0	0	1
Costa Rica	0	0	0	0
Cuba	2	0	0	2
Ecuador	0	0	0	0
Guatemala	0	0	0	0
Mexico	7	9	3	19
Paraguay	0	0	0	0
Panama	0	0	0	0
Peru	1	0	0	1
Dominican Republic	0	0	0	0
Uruguay	0	0	0	0
Venezuela	0	0	0	0

### **Submissions - ALEH Countries 2013-2015**



### **Submissions – ALEH Countries 2013-2015**



Guatemala

Mexico

Paraguay

### **Hepatology Submission Timeline**

- Average days from submission to 1<sup>st</sup> decision
  - 32.3 days
- Average days from acceptance to final publishing
  - Accepted Articles: Manuscript published online in unedited draft format within a few days of acceptance
  - Early View: Final, edited manuscript published online approximately 7 weeks after acceptance
  - Final Publishing: Manuscript published in print journal, specific time determined at discretion of the editor
- Acceptance rate (all and from ALEH Member Countries)
  - **2013-2015** 
    - All-15%
    - ALEH 6%

### **Accepted Articles by Country 2013-2015**

Country	% Share
USA	36.77%
China	10.53%
Italy	4.70%
Germany	8.18%
UK	5.04%
Spain	3.48%
France	6.28%
Japan	4.60%
Australia	1.35%
Taiwan	3.03%
Netherlands	1.68%
Canada	1.57%
Switzerland	1.46%
Korea, South	2.80%
Hong Kong	1.46%

- Total Accepted Article Numbers: 892\*
- \*Information based on Original manuscripts only

# Accepted Articles by ALEH Countries 2013-2015

Country	% Share
Argentina	.37%
Brazil	.45%
Bolivia	0
Chile	0
Colombia	0
Costa Rica	0
Cuba	0
Ecuador	0
Guatemala	0
Mexico	0
Paraguay	0
Panama	0
Peru	0
Dominican Republic	0
Uruguay	0
Venezuela	0

Total Accepted Article Numbers: 892\*

 <sup>\*</sup>Information based on Original manuscripts only

### What Kind of Work is Awaited

#### **Hepatology Table of Contents Categories 2007-2016**

Autoimmune, Cholestatic and Biliary Disease

Clinical Observations in Hepatology

Clinical Perspectives in Hepatology

Diagnostic and Therapeutic Advances in Hepatology

Hepatobiliary Malignancies

Hepatology Elsewhere

Liver Biology and Pathobiology

Liver Failure, Cirrhosis and Portal Hypertension

Liver Injury and Regeneration

**Public Policy Corner** 

Steatohepatitis and Metabolic Liver Disease

Viral Hepatitis

<sup>\*</sup> those in italics are Original Research

## **Works Submitted by Category**

Categories Autoimmuna Chalastatia and Bilianu	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016 YTD
Autoimmune, Cholestatic and Biliary Disease	26	35	41	33	24	39
Clinical Observations in Hepatology	0	8	9	9	15	15
Clinical Perspectives in Hepatology	0	3	1	3	4	1
Diagnostic and Therapeutic Advances						
in Hepatology	5	0	0	0	0	0
Hepatobiliary Malignancies	63	66	99	79	73	57
Hepatology Elsewhere	34	36	21	23	25	17
Liver Biology and Pathobiology	57	54	40	50	40	37
Liver Failure, Cirrhosis and Portal						
Hypertension	22	31	35	43	40	43
Liver Injury and Regeneration	44	36	45	46	24	30
Public Policy Corner	1	0	0	1	2	1
Steatohepatitis and Metabolic Liver						
Disease	44	58	67	62	63	68
Viral Hepatitis	93	108	107	149	147	103

<sup>\*</sup> those in italics are Original Research

## **Types of Work Submitted**

	# of Reviews	# of Original Articles	# of Editorials
2007	26	329	39
2008	26	358	44
2009	21	381	64
2010	27	376	63
2011	23	364	57
2012	16	401	33
2013	15	417	68
2014	12	372	88
2015	13	334	91
2016 YTD	14	179	61

## Tips for publishing in Hepatology

- Important issue being addressed
- Within scope of journal (see headings)
- Scientifically sound approach
- Well presented

## **Specific Tips**

- Conclusions supported by results
- Methods well-described and appropriate
- Results well-presented
- Paper well written

### **Even More Specific Tips**

- Consider English editorial service
- Avoid/define acronyms
- Maintain consistent sequence
- Clear figures
- Customize to journal style

### Conclusion

- Hepatology increasingly selective
- Hepatology Communications is a new option
- Keep trying!