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All editions of the journal *European Surgery* are accessible and available worldwide via the platform SpringerLink (<https://link.springer.com/journal/10353>). A look at recent years of this online presence shows how successful the magazine is in the electronic world.

Viewing the development of full-text downloads since 2017 (Fig. 1) shows how great the interest in the content of *European Surgery* is—an interest that is growing steadily: the number of full-text downloads in 2018 was 36,265, it was 49,898 in 2019, and increased to 63,804 in 2020.

Of interest is also the evaluation of the access in view of the year of publication of the respective article (Fig. 2). Here it can be seen that a comparatively high proportion of accesses (20%) to current articles published in 2020 has taken place—a positive proof that the Editor-in-Chief has a good sense for the hot topics in his specialist area.

In addition, a look at the top full-text article requests 2020 is certainly of interest (Fig. 3); on the one hand, it shows which topics have met with particular interest on the part of the readership and, on the other hand, it makes clear the great impor-

Fig. 1 Full-text article requests 2017–2021 (YTD). (Source: counter use data on Google BigQuery, downloads from SpringerLink, Nature.com, and BMC platform)

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Fig. 2 Full-text article requests by content age 2020. (Source: counter use data on Google BigQuery, downloads from SpringerLink, Nature.com, and BMC platform)

Title	Author	Article Types	Volume	Issue	Year*	Article Requests 2020
8th Annual Meeting of Chinese College of Surgeons and 19th Annual Meeting of the European Society of Surgery		Events	47 S1		2015	2,890
Swallowing MRI for GERD—diagnosis and treatment monitoring	Christianne Kulinna-Cosentini et al.	Review Paper	51	5	2019	1,782
Molecular biology in pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma: implications for future diagnostics and therapy	Kjetil Søreide et al.	Original Paper	51	3	2019	1,515
Experiences with the standardized classification of surgical complications (Clavien-Dindo) in general surgery patients	M. Bolliger et al.	Original Paper	50	6	2018	1,253
A review of online platforms in training and surgical education	Michael El Boghdady et al.	Review Paper	51	2	2019	1,167
New evidence defining the pathology and pathogenesis of lower esophageal sphincter damage	Parakrama Chandrasoma	Review Paper	51	6	2019	1,089
Laparoscopic versus open surgery: aerosols and their implications for surgery during the COVID-19 pandemic	Janso P. Joseph et al.	Letter	52	4	2020	888
Outcomes following pancreatic resections—results and challenges of an Austrian university hospital compared to nationwide data and international centres	Benno Cardini et al.	Original Paper	51	3	2019	866
Management of cystic pancreatic lesions	Klaus Sahora et al.	Original Paper	51	3	2019	866
The “critical view of safety (CVS)” cannot be applied—What to do? Strategies to avoid bile duct injuries	Hans-Jörg Mischinger et al.	Original Paper				833

Fig. 3 Top 10 full-text article requests 2020 (all publication years). (Source: counter use data on Google BigQuery, downloads from SpringerLink, Nature.com, and BMC platform). Asterisk Pricelist year

tance that open access (OA) now has: eight of the ten most frequently downloaded articles were OA publications.

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