



Comentarios y cartas al editor

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Comments

- ✍ La publicación no es el final del proceso
- ✍ Ciencia = actividad abierta a la crítica
- ✍ Ciencia = self-correcting

Cartas al editor

- ✍ Objetivo: No es que un investigador sea consciente de un error
- ✍ Objetivo: Que los demás sean conscientes de tu error



Pero....

- ✍ ¿No había sido peer reviewed?
- ✍ Editores temen perder prestigio
- ✍ Demandas
- ✍ Corrección de artículos fraudulentos



¡Rápido y breve!

Table 2. Time Limit on Submitting Letters
Commenting on Published Articles

Journal	Time Limit, wk	Word Limit
<i>Annals of Internal Medicine</i>	6	300
<i>BMJ</i>	4	400
<i>CMAJ</i>	8	250
<i>JAMA</i>	4	400
<i>Lancet</i>	8	500
<i>New England Journal of Medicine</i>	4	250



Razones para NO publicarlas

Table 2
Justification for refusing the publication of a letter

Lack of interest for the journal	Poor writing	No justification	Not documented enough to question the contended article
59.6%	21%	10.4%	9%

Table 1
Macrostructure of letters to the Editor

	Strategy	Formulation: Examples extracted from our corpus
Move 1	Reminder of the published results under attack	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>We read with interest the work by...</i> (AJCN, 72, 2000, p. 199) • <i>The recent study of (...) examined the association between...</i> (AJCN, 72, 2000, p. 1059)
Move 2	Presentation of the challenged issue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The report by Kraaijenhagen and colleagues adds nothing to the debate...</i> (The Lancet, 357, 2001, p. 553) • <i>I believe that their study was underpowered to reach this conclusion...</i> (The Lancet, 357, 2001, p. 553)
Move 3	Arguments supported by the own research of the letter's author contradicting the contended results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Yet, we showed no significant decrease...</i> (The Lancet, 357, 2001, p. 558) • <i>First and foremost, we feel that an important aspect of our studies (...) was missed...</i> (AJCN, 72, 2000, p. 1234)
Move 4	Conclusion and strong pressure to reconsider the initial findings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Given the distinguished provenance of this wisdom, it is truly urgent that nutritionists resolve this issue now...</i> (AJCN, 1999, p. 70) • <i>-It is time for some UK doctors to take their heads out of the sand...</i> (The Lancet, 357, 2001, p. 555)



Estilo

✍ Presencia del autor: *I, we*

✍ Críticas explícitas

✍ Críticas implícitas

We find it surprising that. . ., Therefore we strongly suggest. . ., Therefore we think. . ., I have several comments. . ., I showed clearly. . ., In my opinion. . ., We believe. . ., We are aware. . ., We advocate doing this. . .

✍ Ironías, sarcasmos

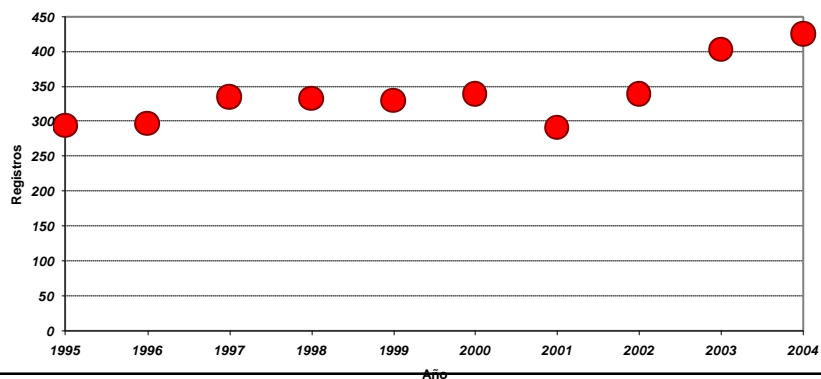
✍ Hedging

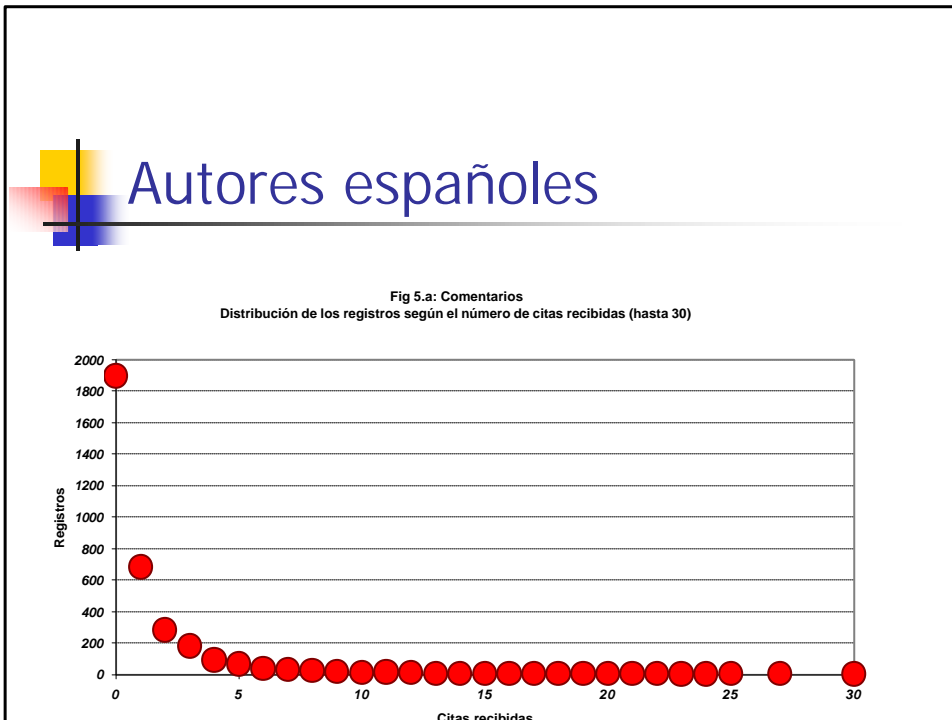
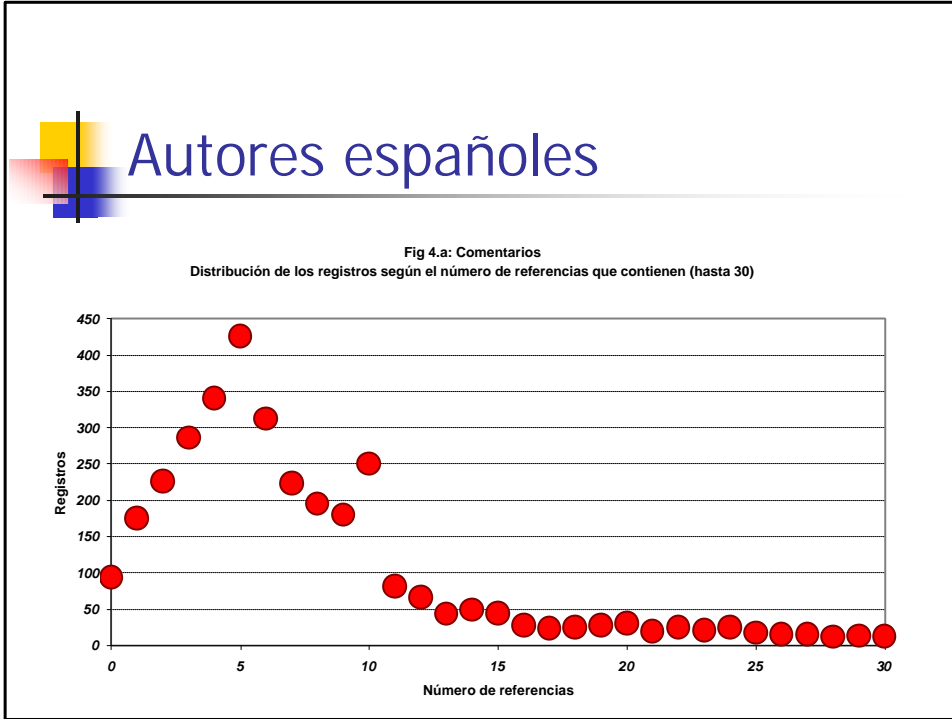
Problemas para investigar

- ⌘ Pubmed marca como "comment on"
- ⌘ No existe un formato uniforme
- ⌘ Todas las cartas en un único registro: "Correspondence"
- ⌘ Cartas separadas, título "correspondence"
- ⌘ No aparecen en webs revistas
- ⌘ Bases de datos de texto completo pueden excluirlas
- ⌘ Otras etiquetas: "editorial material", "notes", ..

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Fig 1.a: Comentarios
Número de registros publicados cada año

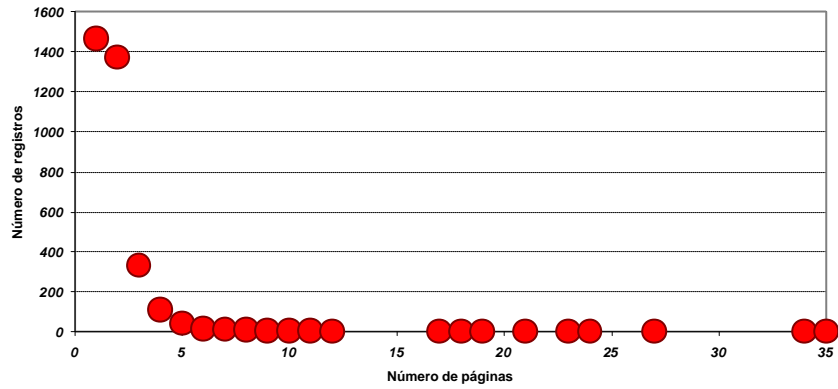






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Fig 3.a: Comentarios
Distribución de los registros según el número de páginas que contienen



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Fig 7.a: Comentarios
Distribución de los registros según el número de autores

