

# Journals in the developing countries: Regaining the lost impact

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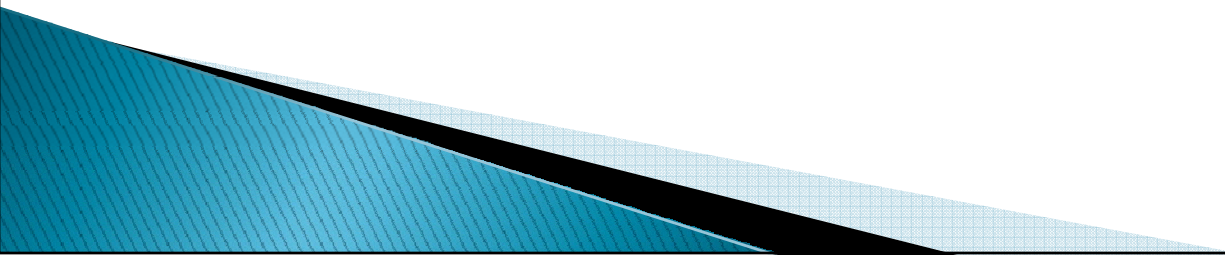
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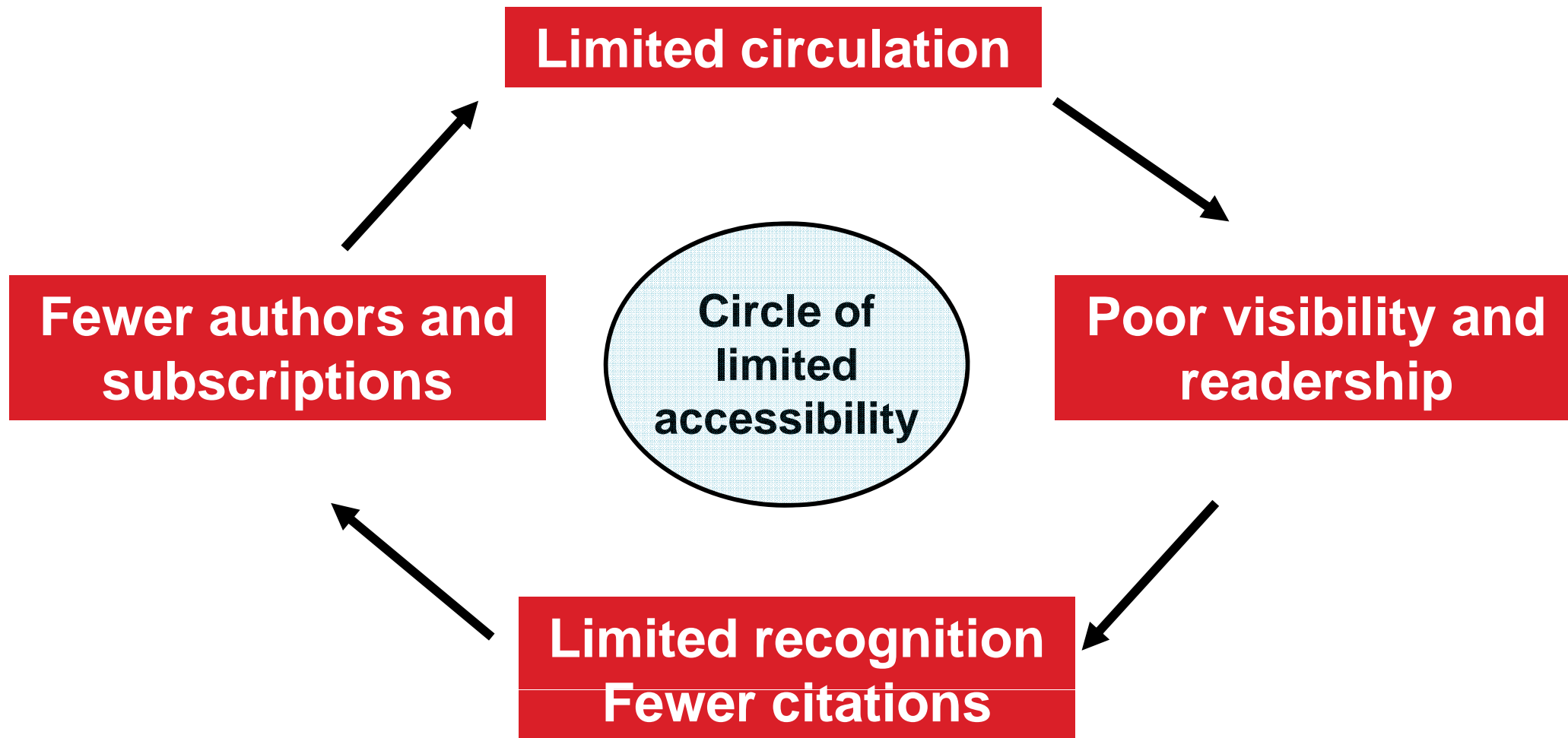
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# Local journals have little impact

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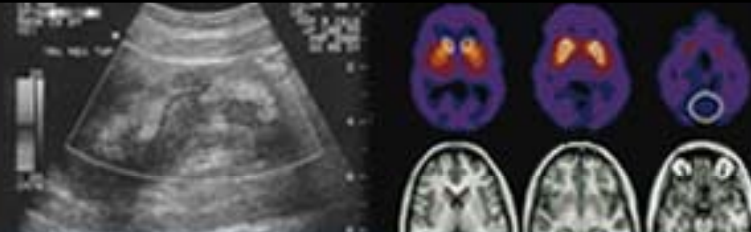
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### Antifungal susceptibility testing method for resource constrained laboratories

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#### ~ Abstract

**Purpose:** In resource-constrained laboratories of developing countries determination of antifungal susceptibility testing by NCCLS/CLSI method is not always feasible. We describe herein a simple yet comparable method for antifungal susceptibility testing. **Methods:** Reference MICs of 72 fungal isolates including two quality control strains were determined by

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Invasive fungal infections have not only increased in frequency but also new fungal species have been reported to cause infection, especially in immunocompromized patients. Concurrent with the increase in fungal infections, a large variety of antifungal drugs are available with different spectrum of activity. There is therefore a need to determine the antifungal susceptibility of isolates to available drugs.

NCCLS (now clinical and laboratory standard institute, CLSI) has recommended methodologies to be used for yeasts<sup>[1]</sup> and filamentous fungi<sup>[2]</sup> susceptibility testing. These methodologies give reproducible results. E-test, Alamar Blue, ATB fungus, API, Vitek and Disc diffusion have emerged as alternative techniques to address issues in different laboratories. <sup>[3],[4],[5],[6],[7],[8]</sup> In each new methodology comparison has been made to MIC results obtained by NCCLS / CLSI methodology.

NCCLS / CLSI gives reproducible results, however many of our colleagues from different part of India have expressed their inability to perform NCCLS / CLSI method for various reasons. One option is to collect the isolates and determine the MIC in a reference laboratory, but the inevitable delay involved would make the exercise only of academic interest. The other option is to develop a simple methodology and compare its performance with the NCCLS / CLSI methodology enabling resource-constrained laboratories to determine the antifungal susceptibility in clinically useful timeframe. To cater to the need of these resource-constrained laboratories it is important to have an antifungal susceptibility testing method which give results that correspond to the clinical outcome of antifungal treatment, show correlation to those obtained with the reference method as recommended by NCCLS / CLSI and be reproducible. The system would be more acceptable if it is rapid and easy to perform. The purpose of this study was to compare results of antifungal susceptibility testing of fungal isolates by NCCLS / CLSI broth microdilution and the semi solid agar antifungal susceptibility(SAAS)<sup>[8],[9],[10]</sup> method against antifungal agents: fluconazole (FCZ), itraconazole (ITZ), voriconazole (VCZ), amphotericin B (AMB), candidas (CAN) and terbinafine (TER).

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theaflavins (20%). These polymers contribute to the characteristic bright orange-red colour of black tea. Between 3 and 10% of the catechins remain in black tea. The major fractions of black tea polyphenols called theaflavins have higher molecular weights and are chemically poorly characterized.

#### Garlic

Garlic contains allyl sulphides which in their volatile state contribute to the strong odour. The sulphur compounds inhibit cell proliferation of cancer cells, modulate cell cycle activity and interfere with hormone action in cancer cells.[52],[53],[54],[55] Allicin is the major ingredient in crushed garlic and has been shown to inhibit the proliferation of human mammary, endometrial and colon cancer cells.[55] Chronic *Helicobacter pylori* sp disease is reduced with allium vegetable intake, and substantial *in vitro* anti-*Helicobacter pylori* effects have been shown for pure garlic oil, garlic powder and allicin, which suggest that they may be useful for *in vivo* clinical use against *Helicobacter pylori* infections.[56]

#### Soy Isoflavones

Soy protein is the highest quality protein found in the plant kingdom, and it is eaten by two-thirds of the world's population. Soy protein naturally contains isoflavones, primarily genistein and daidzein, phytoestrogens which act like very weak oestrogens or anti-oestrogens similar to raloxifene, and selective oestrogen response modifiers. In some tissues, soy acts as a mild pro-oestrogen (bone and brain) while in others it acts as an anti-oestrogen (breast and uterus). The evidence supporting an understanding of the cancer preventive potential of soy protein comes from a combination of evidence in cell culture, animals, and humans. Soy isoflavones bind with very low affinity (1/50,000 to 1/100,000 the affinity of estradiol) to the alpha-estradiol receptor, which mediates pro-oestrogen effects in the breast and uterus, but isoflavones and estradiol bind equally

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## *Helicobacter pylori*

kingdom: *Monera*, phylum: *Bacteria*

### Species List

*sp* *Helicobacter pylori* (Marshall et al. 1986) Goodwin et al. 1989

## Species 2000

Taxonomic information extracted from **Species 2000 Catalogue of Life**, version 2003.

*sp* *Helicobacter pylori* (Marshall et al. 1985) Goodwin et al., 1989  
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*Bell's spasm*: involuntary twitching of the facial muscles

**Bell-Magendie law** [More Details](#): The anterior spinal nerve roots contain only motor fibres and the posterior roots only sensory fibres

**Mona Lisa syndrome** [More Details](#): Facial muscle contracture that develops after Bell's palsy when the facial nerves have undergone partial **Wallerian degeneration** [More Details](#) and have regenerated

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**'Learning beyond boundaries'**

# Augustus Volney Waller

English neurophysiologist, born December 21, 1816, Elverton Farm near Faversham, Kent; died September 18, 1870, Geneva, Switzerland.

## Associated eponyms:

### Waller's law

When nerve fibres are cut the distal portions of the fibre degenerate.

### Waller's method

Use of the changes undergone by the distal portion after sectioning (Wallerian degeneration) to trace the pathway of a nerve fibre.

### Wallerian degeneration

Degeneration of the distal segment of a peripheral nerve fibre (axon) that has been severed from its nutritive centres (cell body), without local inflammation.

## Biography:

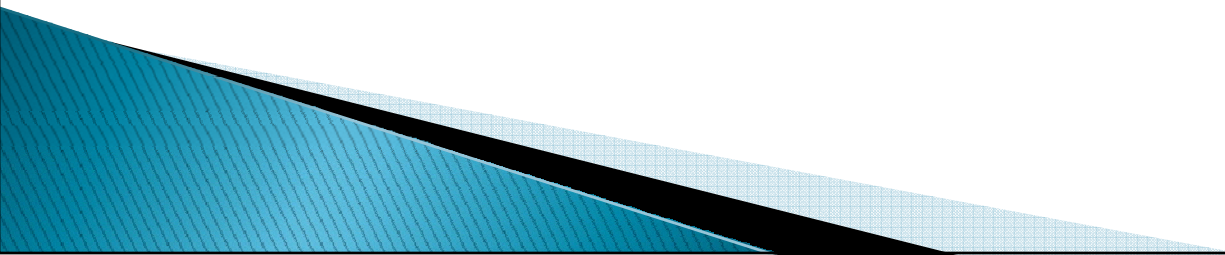
**Augustus Volney Waller**, the son of William Waller, was raised in the south of France, in Nice, until his father's death in 1830. Augustus was 14 year old when he returned to school in England, living with Dr. Lacon Lambe and then with William Lambe (1765-1847), and eccentric vegetarian who believed that almost all diseases were caused by animal diet and the poor water in London. Following early training in the physical sciences, Waller studied medicine at Paris, receiving the M.D. degree in 1840.

## A student takes a closer look

In his student years, between 1834 and 1840, Waller became involved in microscopy. It was a time of great advances in the subject. The resolution of microscopes had been improved by the introduction of the achromatic lens by Lister in 1826 and the first systematic account of animal histology was published by Hodgkin and Lister in 1827. One of the earliest histologists was Waller's teacher, Alfred Donné (1801-1878), whose MD thesis on the formation of pus and blood cells might have stimulated Waller's later interest in leukocyte movements. It was in this period that Waller became interested in the histology of the frog's tongue.

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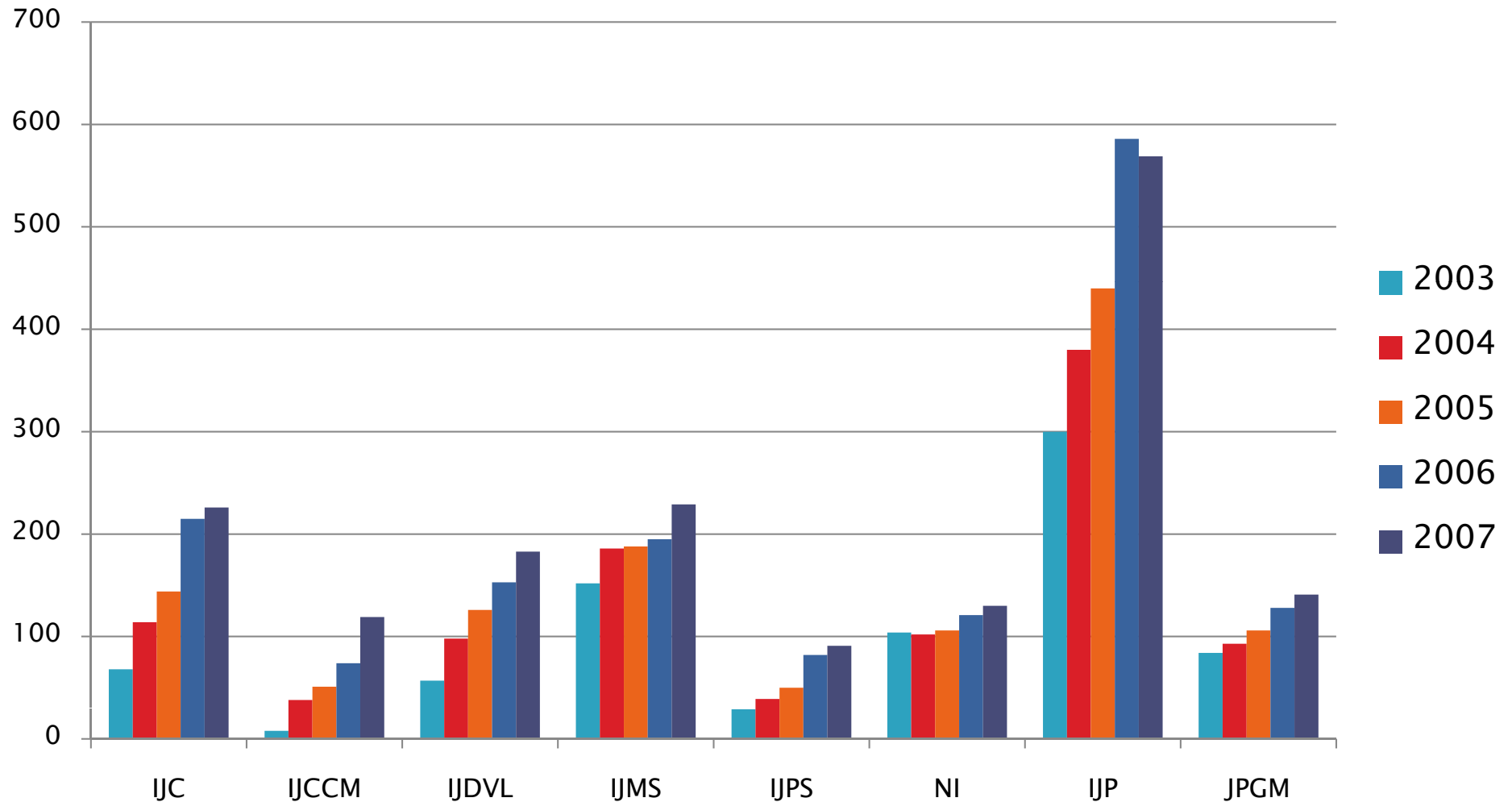
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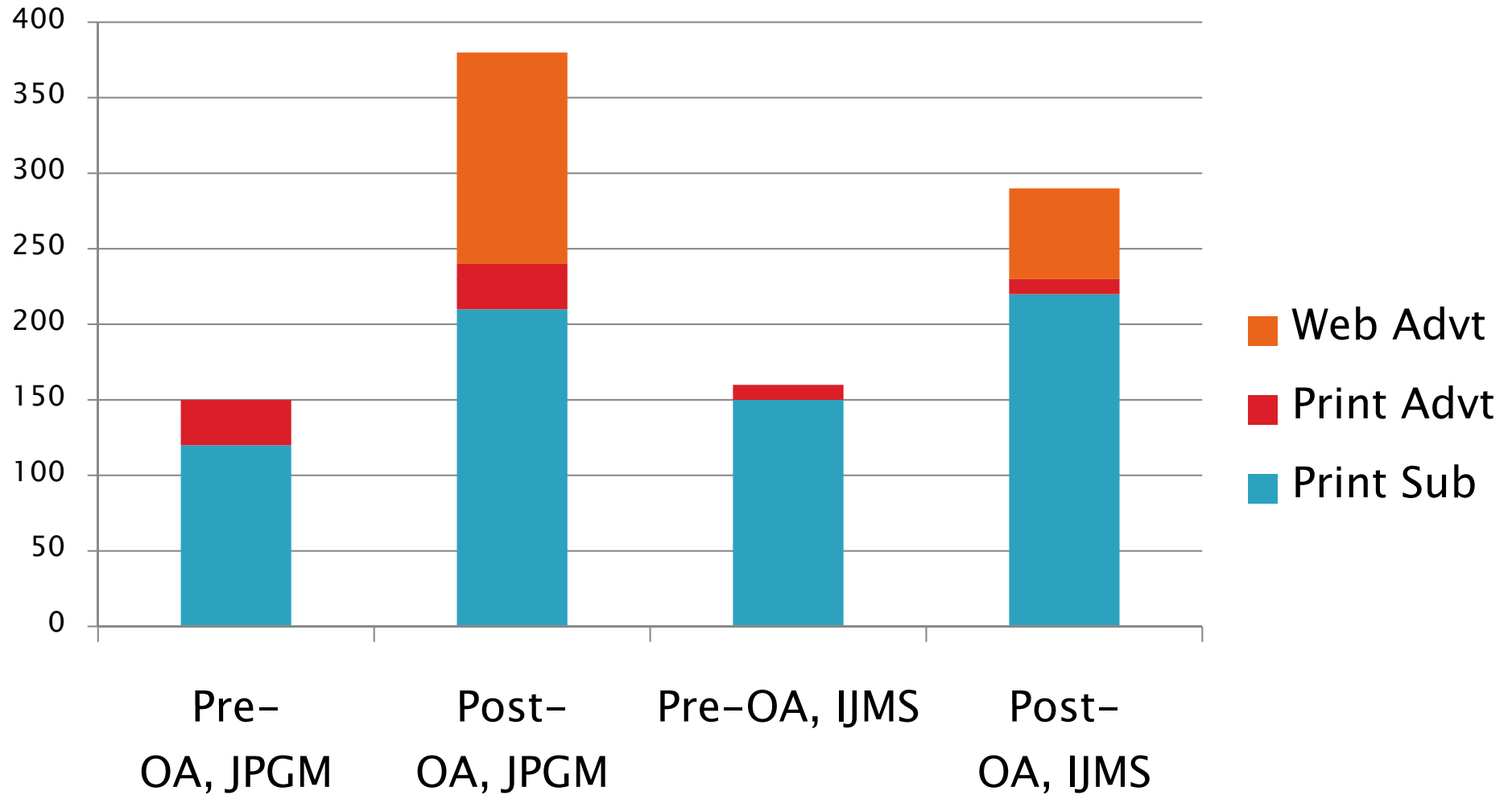




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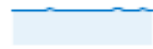
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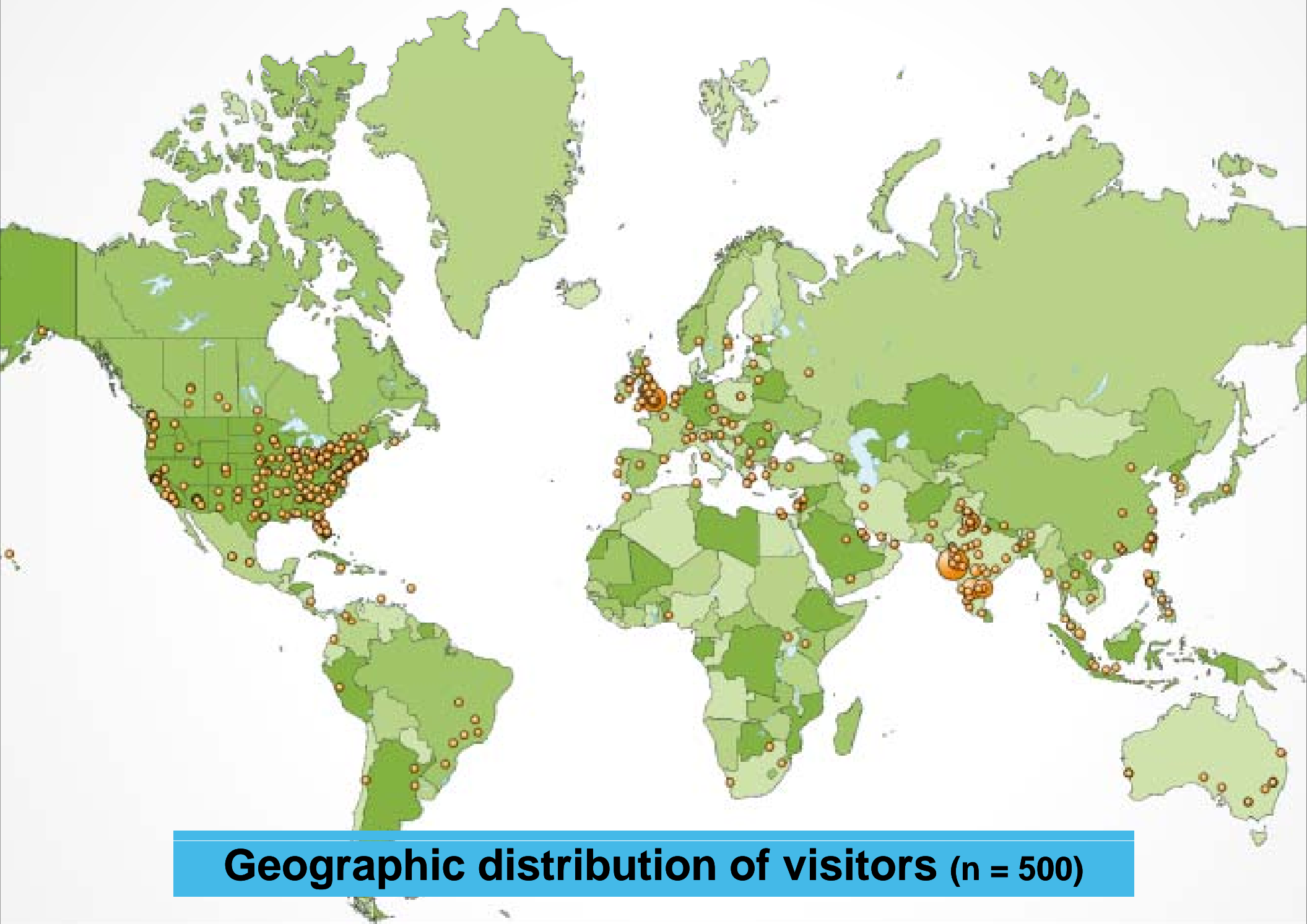


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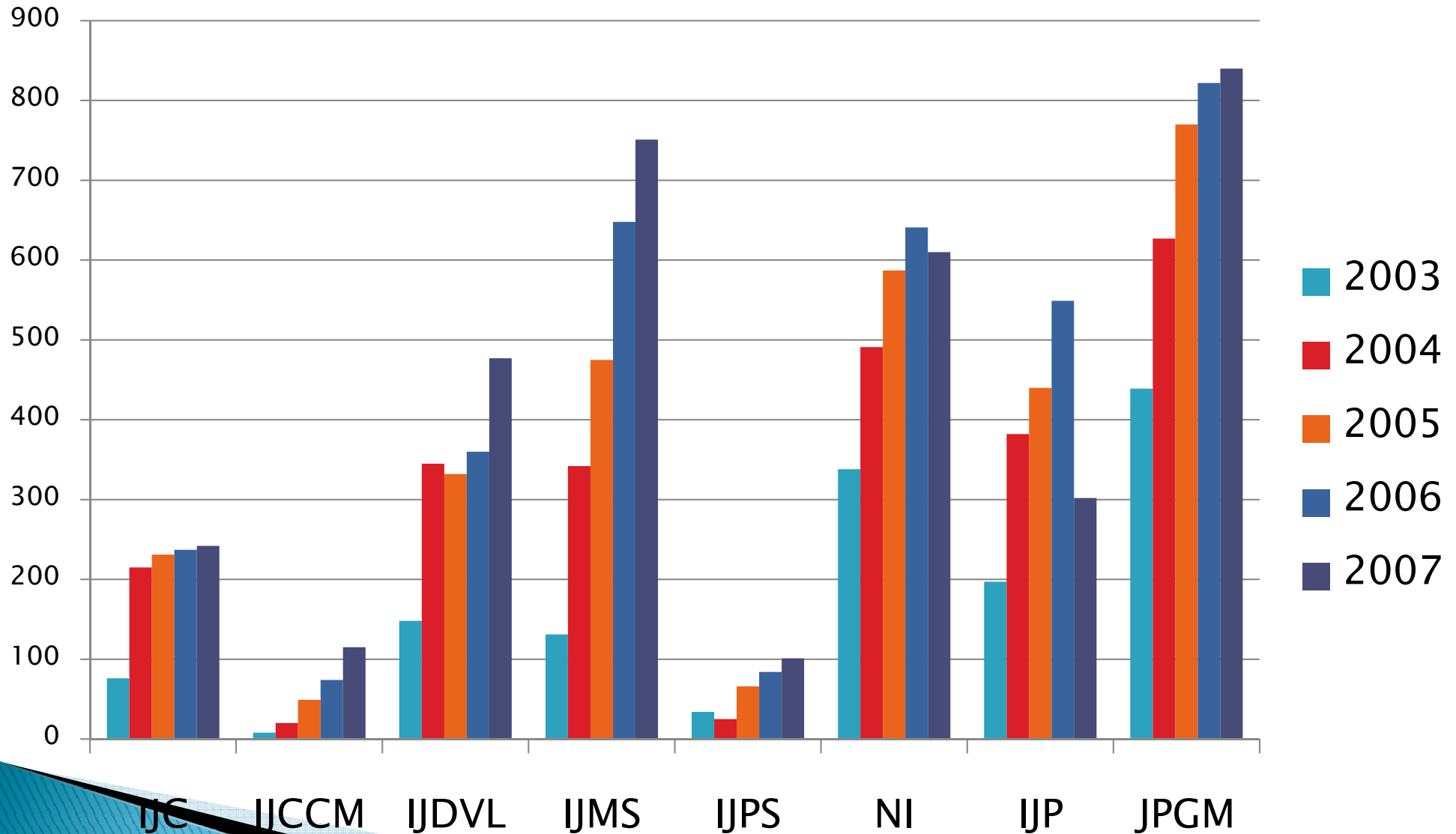
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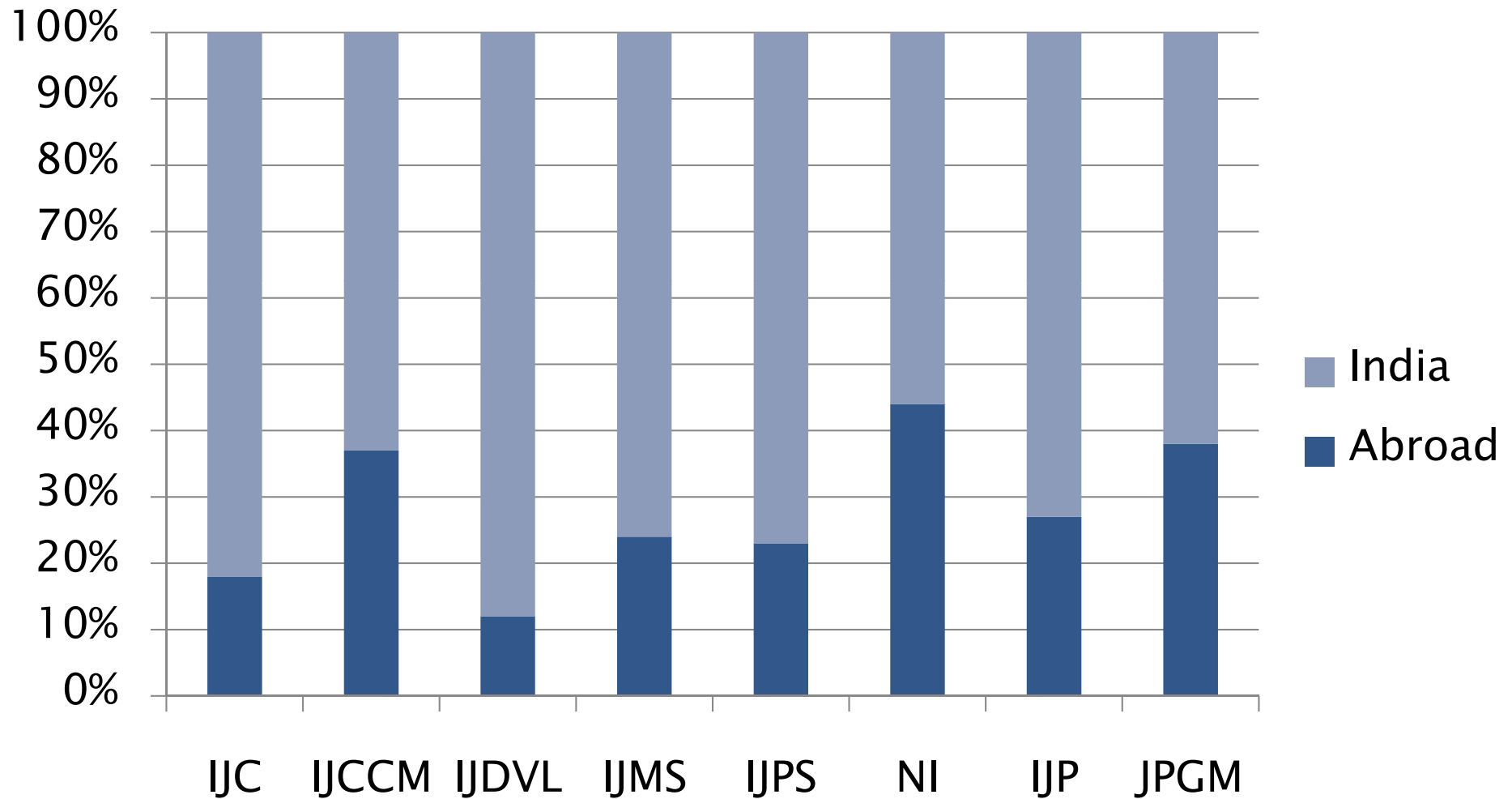
# Journals' performances

# Impact on article submissions





# More international submissions



# Effect of article submissions

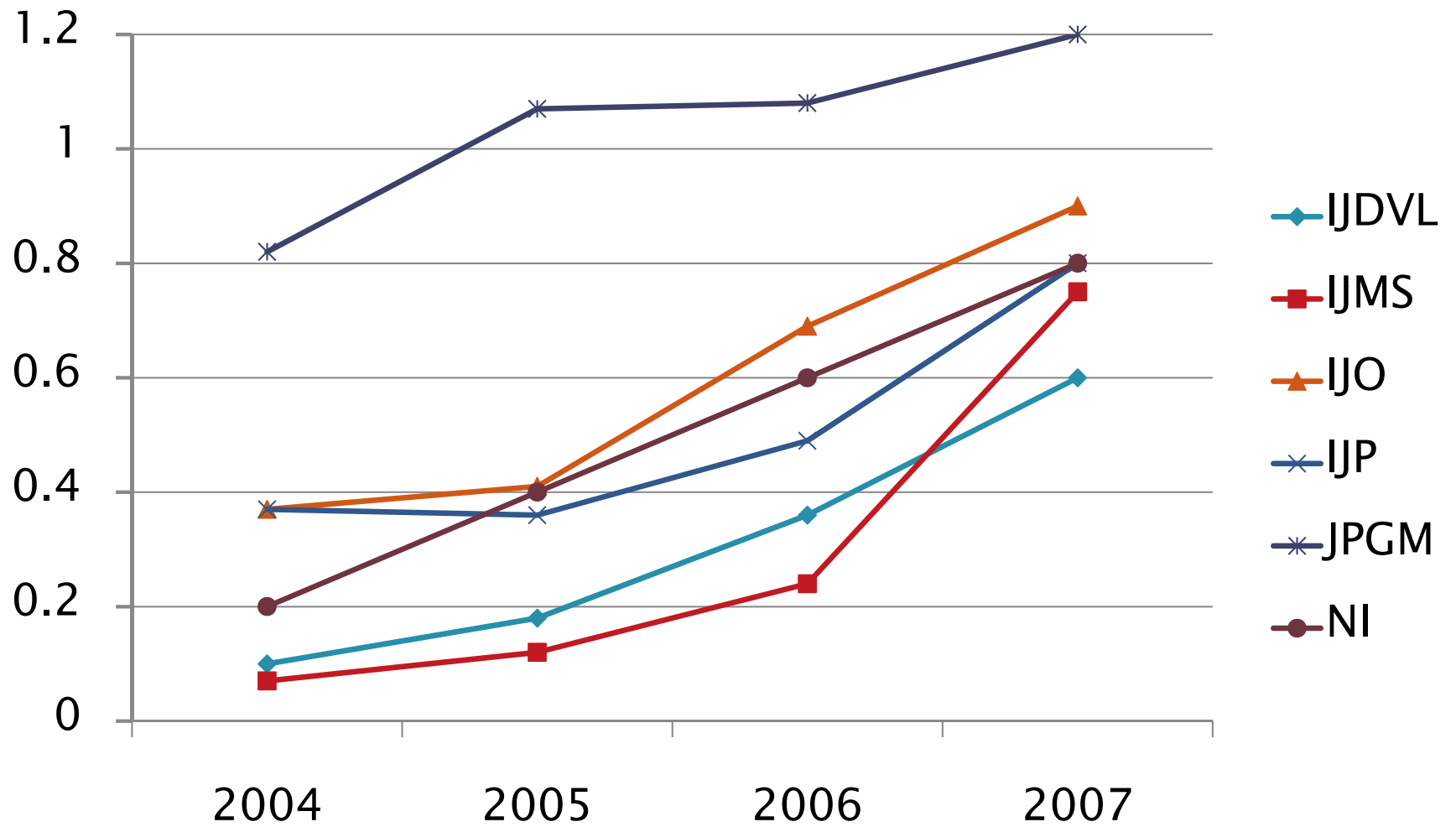
- ▶ **More articles per issue**
  - Indian Journal of Urology
    - 40 articles in 2005
    - 82 articles in 2006
    - 115 articles in 2007
    - Higher no. of original research papers
- ▶ **More issues per year**
  - Increase in frequency for 6 journals
- ▶ **Regularity of publications**
  - 6 journals published ahead of schedule
  - 40 out of 44 published 'on time'

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# Research Impact



# Impact on Impact Factor



# Running a successful journal

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## ▶ What journals need

- Quality papers
- Time of editors and reviewers
- Finances
- Readers

## ▶ What OA provides

- Readers
  - Quality papers
  - Additional revenue
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