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SUBMISSION AND ACCEPTANCE LEVELS

Table 1 shows the number of papers submitted to *Auditing: A Journal of Practice & Theory* for the period from 2018 to 2022.

TABLE 1 Annual Activity Summary—For the Calendar Year

Manuscripts New				Manuscripts			
In-Process, Submissions Year Beginning of Received Year		Resubmissions Received	Available for Evaluation	Decision Letters Sent	In-Process, End of Year		
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(a) + (b) + (c) = (d)	(e)	$ (\mathbf{d}) - (\mathbf{e}) $ $= (\mathbf{f})$	
2022	62	195	135	392	347	45	
2021	43	172	138	353	291	62	
2020	50	144	122	316	273	43	
2019	45	155	109	309	259	50	
2018	44	161	112	317	272	45	

- (a) Includes submissions in the editor's hands, but excludes revise-and-resubmit editorial decisions in authors' hands.
- (b) New manuscripts, excluding resubmissions.
- (c) Resubmissions of previous revise-and-resubmit editor decisions.
- (d) Evaluation means all actions by referees, associate editor, and/or editor are complete and the manuscript has been returned to the authors.
- (e) Manuscripts processed with a decision returned to the author, including manuscripts returned by the editor without involving referees.
- (f) Submissions where a decision has not yet been sent to the author (note that in-process excludes revise-and-resubmit editorial decisions that are now in the authors' hands).

Table 2 shows acceptance and rejection rates for the period from 2018 to 2022.

TABLE 2
Annual Outcome Summary—By Calendar Vear Cohort

	New			Number			
Year	Submissions Received (a)	Number of Rejections (b)	Percentage of Rejections (c) = (b)/(a)	of Papers in Process (d)	Percentage in Process (e) = (d)/(a)	Number of Acceptances (f)	Percentage of Acceptances (g) = (f)/(a)
2022	195	130	67%	63	32%	2	1%
2021	172	136	79%	26	15%	12	7%
2020	144	109	76%	4	3%	31	22%
2019	155	118	76%	2	1%	35	23%
2018	161	124	77%	0	0%	37	23%

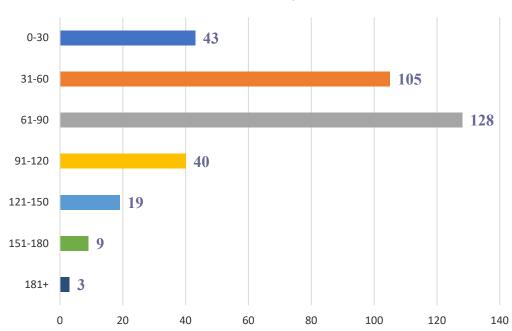
- (a) Number of submitted manuscripts from that year's cohort.
- (b) Number of rejected manuscripts from that year's cohort.
- (c) Percent of rejected manuscripts from that year's cohort.
- (d) Number of manuscripts still being evaluated (no report yet, revise, resubmit).
- (e) Percent of manuscripts from that year's cohort still being evaluated.
- (f) Number of accepted manuscripts from that year's cohort.
- (g) Percent of accepted manuscripts from that year's cohort.



EXHIBIT 1

Turnaround Times for Decisions Made in the Year Ended December 31, 2022

of Decisions (includes new submissions and revisions)





AAA DIGITAL LIBRARY and CONTENT AGGREGATOR DOWNLOAD DATA

The American Accounting Association Digital Library includes 17 journals that represent all areas of accounting. Table 3 shows the total usage data for each journal in 2022 across all distribution channels including: AAA Digital Library and the content aggregators (EBSCO, JSTOR, and ProQuest).

TABLE 3
2022 AAA Digital Library and Content Aggregators Downloads

Journals	Downloads
The Accounting Review*	937,193
Accounting Horizons*	156,824
Auditing: A Journal of Practice & Theory	149,913
The Journal of the American Taxation Association	116,525
Current Issues in Auditing	113,967
Issues in Accounting Education*	100,439
Journal of Emerging Technologies in Accounting	90,711
Journal of Management Accounting Research	86,217
Journal of Information Systems	77,323
Accounting Historians Journal	42,902
Behavioral Research in Accounting	34,178
Journal of International Accounting Research	29,715
Journal of Governmental & Nonprofit Accounting	17,805
Journal of Forensic Accounting Research	15,575
Journal of Financial Reporting	8,306
Accounting and the Public Interest	7,357
The ATA Journal of Legal Tax Research	4,016

^{*} Association-wide journal.

Other Important Statistics

- 1. Auditing: A Journal of Practice & Theory is ranked #31 of 168 Accounting (Business, Management, and Accounting: Accounting) journals (CiteScore, Elsevier, 2022).
- 2. Percentage of international authors: 56%
- 3. Auditing: A Journal of Practice & Theory is ranked #12 in Google Scholar's Top Publications list of Business, Economics & Management: Accounting & Taxation journals. The h5-index is 36; h5-median is 48. (Google Scholar, 2023).
- 4. View the Most Read and Most Cited papers for AJPT on the AAA's <u>Digital Library</u>.



CITATION INDICES

Auditing: A Journal of Practice & Theory is a highly ranked international journal. This section provides data on rankings drawn from Scopus (Elsevier 2022), presents citation counts from Elsevier's CiteScore, compares impact factors from the Social Science Citation Index (Clarivate Analytics 2022), and includes international journal listings and ratings from the most recent data available.

Scopus Rankings

An important measure of the quality of a journal is to understand how its intellectual contributions are valued by measuring the extent of citations made to papers published in that journal. Elsevier's Scopus database of abstracts and citations of peer-reviewed papers has 50m records in more than 22,000 titles published by 5,000 publishers (http://www.elsevier.com/online-tools/scopus). Scopus provides a foundation for new journal metrics that have become increasingly influential in recent years (http://www.journalmetrics.com). Important metrics based on Scopus include Source-Normalized Impact per Paper (SNIP) and SCImago Journal Rank (SJR). Journal citation metrics based on Scopus are increasingly seen by many senior university administrators as a means of normalizing the differences in publishing patterns between disciplines.

The key aspect of SNIP is to measure citation impact by "normalizing" citation values for the radically different patterns of citation between disciplines. SNIP also counters the various manipulations of citation rankings. The summary of SNIP is:

- "Takes a research field's citation frequency into account
- Considers immediacy—how quickly a paper is likely to have an impact in a given field
- Accounts for how well the field is covered by the underlying database
- Counters any potential for editorial manipulation" (http://www.journalmetrics.com)

The key aspect of SJR is the recognition that not all citations are equal. A citation in a more influential journal should count more than a citation in a less influential journal. The summary of SJR is:

- "Is weighted by the prestige of the journal, thereby 'leveling the playing field' among journals
- Eliminates manipulation: the only way to raise the SJR ranking is publish in more reputable journals
- 'Shares' a journal's prestige equally over the total number of citations to that journal
- Normalizes for differences in citation behavior between subject fields" (http://www.journalmetrics.com)

Table 4 shows the SNIP and SJR rankings for 2019 to 2022 (most recent data) with comparable data for AAA peers, as well as those in the accounting and finance disciplines.



TABLE 4 SNIP and SJR Rankings: 2019–2022

Source Title		SN	NIP			SJ	JR	
	2022	2021	2020	2019	2022	2021	2020	2019
Auditing: A Journal of Practice &	2.010	1.930	1.706	2.017	1.655	1.907	1.822	2.417
Theory								
AAA Peers								
Accounting and the Public Interest	0.456	0.318	0.676	0.589	0.184	0.212	0.258	0.299
Accounting Historians Journal	0.233	0.525	0.815	1.298	0.142	0.143	0.367	0.328
Accounting Horizons	1.413	1.700	1.566	1.296	0.997	1.454	1.302	1.170
Auditing: A Journal of Practice &	2.010	1.929	1.930	1.706	1.655	1.777	1.907	1.822
Theory								
Behavioral Research in Accounting	1.095	1.414	1.130	1.058	0.701	1.238	1.311	0.818
Current Issues in Auditing	0.518	0.707	0.581	0.489	0.370	0.473	0.274	0.515
Issues in Accounting Education	1.328	0.665	0.794	0.811	0.525	0.483	0.415	0.410
Journal of the American Taxation	1.452	1.456	1.122	1.416	1.108	2.271	2.756	1.468
Association								
Journal of Emerging Technologies	0.825	1.335	1.648	0.879	0.654	0.946	0.756	0.490
in Accounting								
Journal of Information Systems	1.251	1.112	1.654	1.671	1.092	1.183	0.859	0.780
Journal of International Accounting	0.531	0.526	0.860	0.832	0.314	0.371	0.399	0.397
Research	0.001	0.020	0.000	0.002	0.01.	0.071	0.000	0.277
Journal of Management Accounting	1.033	0.970	1.247	1.269	0.917	0.768	1.307	1.106
Research					***	.,,,,,,		
The Accounting Review	3.477	3.662	3.503	3.729	4.446	4.674	5.678	5.446
The ATA Journal of Legal Tax	0.000	0.126	0.000	0.000	0.103	0.102	0.102	0.102
Research								

Source: SCOPUS database, http://www.scopus.com/sources, Elsevier, 2022.



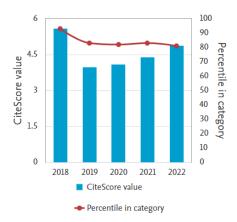
CiteScore

In 2016, CiteScore was added to the Scopus metrics. CiteScore measures the citations on articles published in the previous 3 years. All article types are counted. Scopus metrics now include Source Normalized Impact per Paper (SNIP), SCImago Journal Rank (SJR), and citation and document counts and percentage cited (CiteScore). Another way of looking at this is SNIP is article impact, SJR is the journal impact, and CiteScore is a view of the journal's citation analysis. The following images show the CiteScore trends for *AJPT*, and the CiteScore table lists the CiteScore for every AAA journal indexed in Scopus.



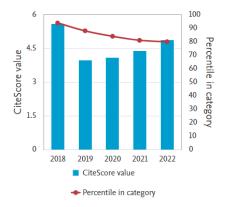
Accounting

CiteScore trend



Finance

CiteScore trend



Source: CiteScore, Elsevier, 2022



	CiteScore, 2022				
Journal	2019-2022	Citations/ Documents			
Accounting Historians Journal	0.40	20 cites/48 docs			
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Accounting Horizons	3.50	492 cites/141 docs			
Accounting and the Public Interest	0.80	14 cites/17 docs			
Accounting Review, The	7.30	2,510 cites/345 docs			
ATA Journal of Legal Tax Research	0.20	2 cites/12 docs			
Auditing: A Journal of Practice & Theory	4.90	638 cites/131 docs			
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Behavioral Research in Accounting	4.00	178 cites/45 docs			
Current Issues in Auditing	1.70	94 cites/56 docs			
Issues in Accounting Education	1.70	166 cites/96 docs			
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Journal of the American Taxation Association	2.40	112 cites/47 docs			
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Journal of Emerging Technologies in Accounting	4.00	351 cites/87 docs			
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Journal of Financial Reporting	n/a	n/a			
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Journal of Forensic Accounting Research	n/a	n/a			
Journal of Governmental & Nonprofit Accounting	n/a	7/0			
Journal of Governmental & Nonprofit Accounting	11/ a	n/a			
Journal of Information Systems	4.20	492 cites/118 docs			
Journal of Information Systems	4.20	432 Cites/110 docs			
Journal of International Accounting Research	1.50	97 cites/65 docs			
Journal of International Accounting Research	1.30	77 Cites/03 does			
Journal of Management Accounting Research	2.00	248 cites/122 docs			
Journal of Management Accounting Research	2.00	270 CICS/122 UOCS			



WEB OF SCIENCE: SOCIAL SCIENCE CITATION INDEX

The *Journal Citation Report (JCR*, Clarivate Analytics, formerly Thomson Reuters) provides data that rank, evaluate, categorize, and compare journals that are indexed in the Social Science Citation Index (SSCI). The impact factor (IF), one of the data points of SSCI, is the industry measure of the frequency with which an article in a journal has been cited over a particular period. The annual *JCR* impact factor is a ratio between citations and recent citable items published. Thus, the impact factor of a journal is calculated by dividing the number of current year citations to articles published in that journal during the previous two years (*JCR*, 2022).

Journal	2022 IF	2021 IF	2020 IF	2019 IF
Accounting Review, The	5.182	4.301	3.993	4.562
Accounting Horizons	2.157	2.162	1.576	1.377
Auditing: A Journal of Practice & Theory	3.076	2.864	2.108	2.642
Journal Information Systems	2.308	1.7		



POSITIONING IN INTERNATIONAL RANKINGS

Auditing: A Journal of Practice & Theory is in a number of international journal rankings, as tracked by the Harzing Journal Quality List (http://www. harzing.com, updated July 2022). The following table lists Auditing's position on selected rankings

TABLE 5

Journal	ABDC 2022	ABS 2021	EJL 2020	HCERES 2021	
Auditing A Journal of Practice & Theory	A*	3	Р	Α	
American Accounting Association Journals					
Accounting and the Public Interest	В				
Accounting Historians Journal	В	2		В	
Accounting Horizons	Α	3	S	Α	
Auditing A Journal of Practice & Theory	A*	3	Р	Α	
Behavioral Research in Accounting	Α	3	S	В	
Current Issues in Auditing	В	2			
Issues in Accounting Education	Α	2		С	
Journal of Emerging Technologies in Accounting	В	1			
Journal of Financial Reporting	Α				
Journal of Forensic Accounting Research	В				
Journal of Governmental & Nonprofit Accounting	В	1			
Journal of Information Systems	Α	1			
Journal of International Accounting Research	Α	2	S	В	
Journal of Management Accounting Research†	A*	2	S	В	
The Accounting Review	A*	4*	P*	Α	
The ATA Journal of Legal Tax Research	С	1			
The Journal of the American Taxation Association	Α	3			

