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Times to decision and publication

20.2 Days from submission to first decision (including rejection without review) – 2021 average

76 Days from submission to publication (advance article) – 2021 average

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29.8% of editorial and advisory boards are women

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Journal editorial and advisory board members from 47 countries

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What our customers say

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