

**Abbreviated Report of the Editors of JEEA
Delivered to ExComm, June 2020**

Refers Primarily to Papers Submitted to JEEA in 2019

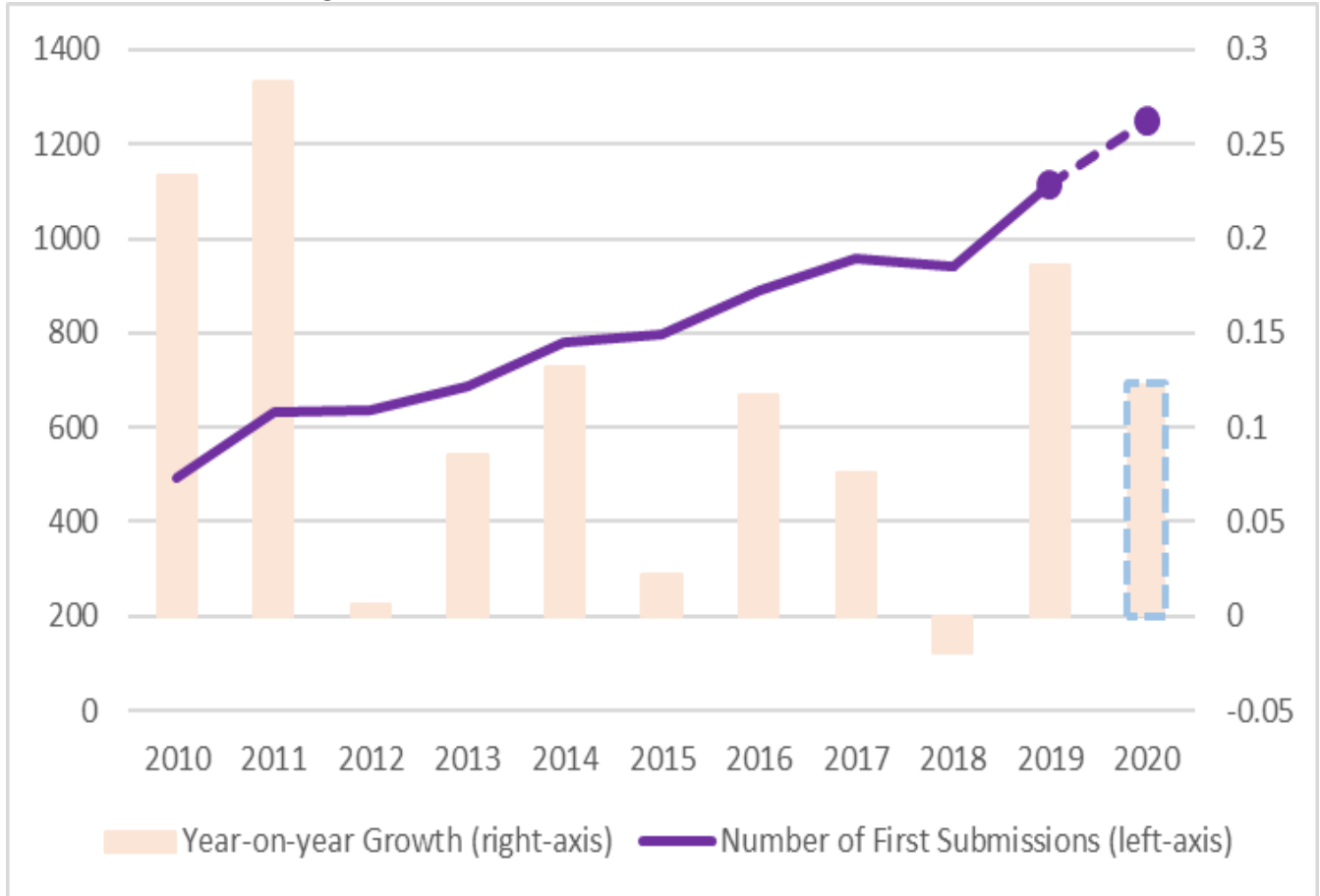
1. Editorial Team

Editor	Start of first term	End of current term
Paola Giuliano	October 2015	September 2021
Bard Harstad	January 2019	December 2022 (R)
Guido Lorenzoni	January 2020	December 2023
Nicola Pavoni	January 2018	December 2021 (R)
Giovanni Peri	January 2018	December 2021 (R)
Imran Rasul	April 2016	December 2022

2. Submissions Numbers and Acceptance Rates, 2019

A total of **1113** first submissions were received in 2019. If the current submission flow remains stable, we expect to receive close to **1250** submissions in 2020, corresponding to a further **12%** increase from 2019 to 2020.

Figure 1: Number of First Submissions and YoY Growth



The current editorial workload is thus around 200 papers per editor per year. This is high relative to many other top journals. Few other top journals observed a similar growth in submission numbers in 2019.

A total of **74** papers were accepted, including the lectures delivered at the EEA Congress and the ASSA meeting. Excluding these four keynotes, JEEA had an **acceptance rate** in 2019 of **6.6%** (defined as the number of acceptances over the number of final decisions).

3. Decision Lags and Editorial Policy

The average decision lag for new submissions is **39 days**. The turnaround was achieved partly by maintaining a high desk rejection rate: **54%**, the highest since at least 2015. The decision time for papers rejected after a regular refereeing process is **75 days**. The lag for first revise-and-resubmit papers is **113 days** in 2019.

Very few first decisions take longer than six months. Those that do are discussed on the editorial conference call, where the editors handing the most delayed papers explain the circumstances (and can use the opportunity to get help/advice from other co-editors).

The editorial policy continues to be characterized by a sharp in-or-out approach. Only 3 out of 450 final rejection decisions were for papers that had been given a revise-and-resubmit decision.

Figure 3.1 Decision Outcomes for First Submissions: % of all Submissions

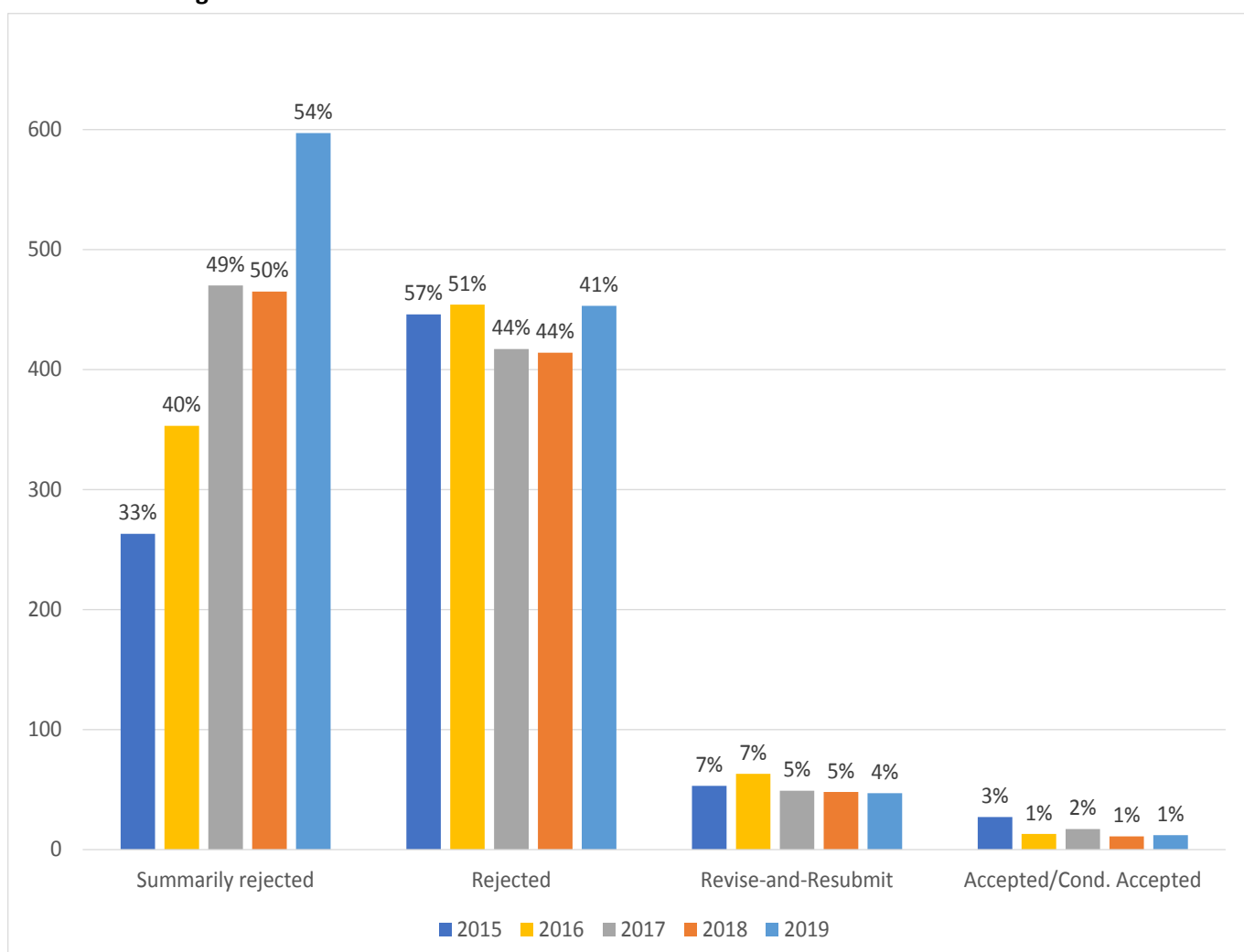
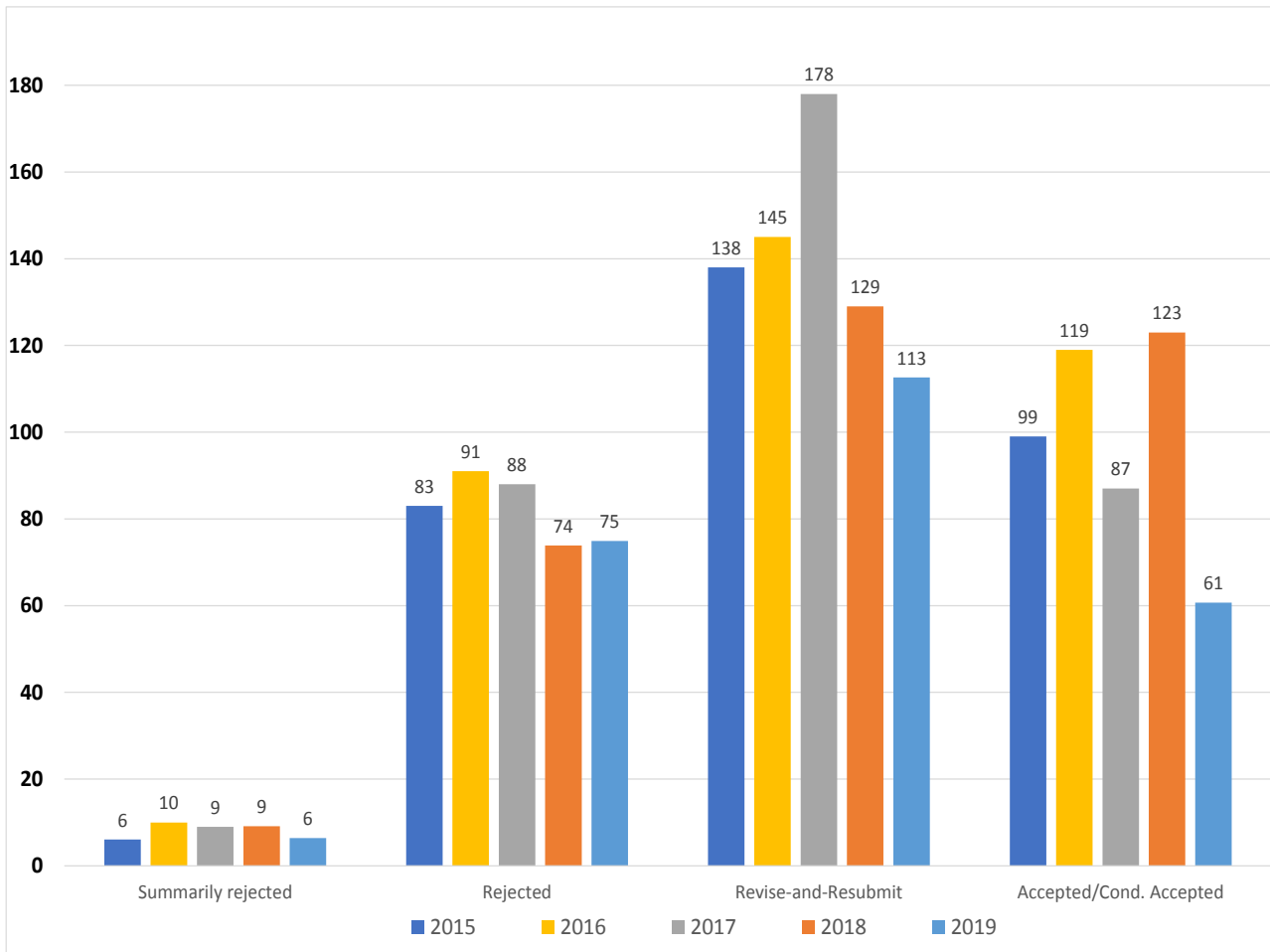


Figure 3.2 Decision Times First Submissions (Days)



4. Impact Factor

The 2019 Impact Factors show a slight rise in JEEA's 2-year impact factor to 3.388.

