

# *Quality of Life Research* journal 2006+

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# Editor-in-Chief History

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- Ron Hays, 3<sup>rd</sup> Editor, 2006\*-dead

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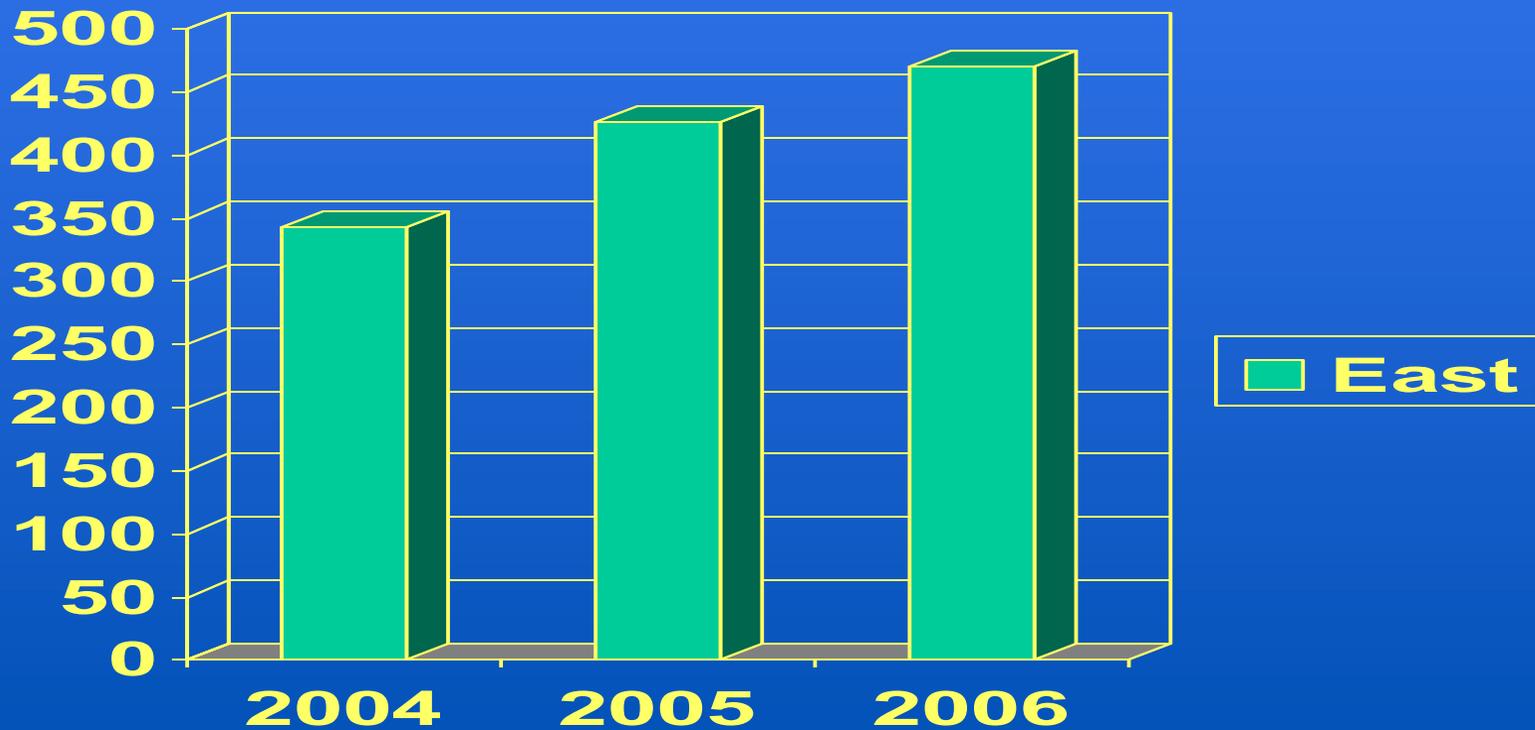
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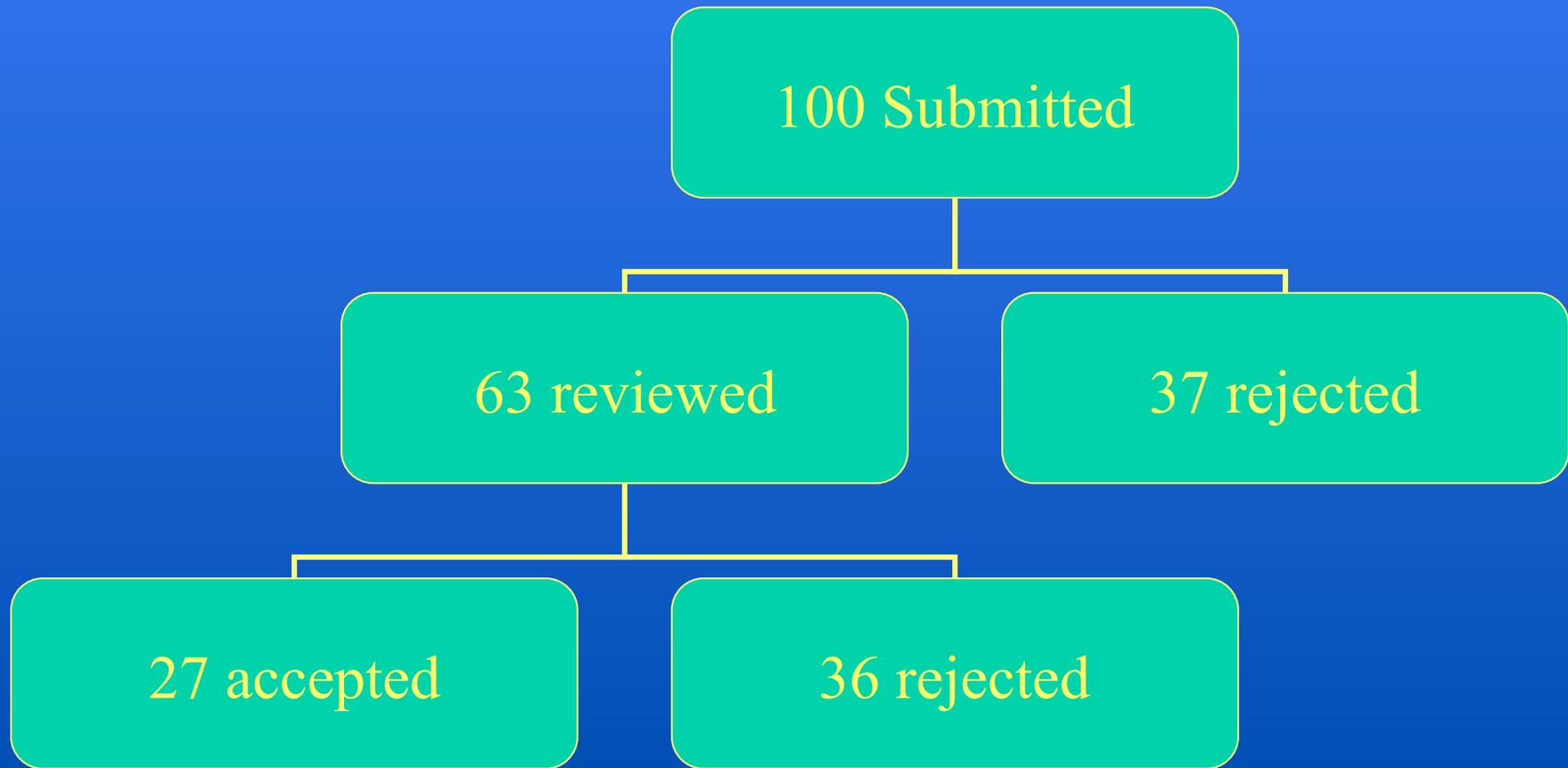
9. Carolyn Schwartz

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# Increasing Number of Submissions



# 100 research papers at Quality of Life Research in 2006



# Impact Factor = 1.915

<b>Cites in 2005 to articles published in:</b>	<b>2004-</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>Published in:</b>	<b>2004-</b>	<b>151</b>
	<b>2003-</b>	<b>271</b>		<b>2003-</b>	<b>95</b>
	<b>Sum:</b>	<b>471</b>		<b>Sum:</b>	<b>246</b>

**2.538 -> Journal of Clinical Epidemiology**

**2.619 -> Social Science and Medicine**

**2.994 -> Medical Care**

**9.052 -> British Medical Journal**

**23.332 -> JAMA**

**30.927 -> Science**

# Most Cited Articles Published in 2000+

1. Aaronson, N., et al. Assessing health status and quality-of-life instruments: Attributes and review criteria (2002 pub.; 82 cites)
2. Revicki, D. A., et al. Recommendations on health-related quality of life research to support labeling and promotional claims in the United States (2000 pub.; 63 cites)

# Primary Goal

If you do not hear back from us about your manuscript within 3 months of submitting it, please send me an email ([drhays@ucla.edu](mailto:drhays@ucla.edu)) so I can check into its status and get back to you with further information.

Note: Average time from initial submission to first decision (excluding manuscripts rejected without review) was 67 days (19-231 range) in first 9 months of 2006.

# Challenge of Getting Reviews

There is a great deal of reluctance to review.

- 2691 invited to get 1051 reviews (39% participation rate)

Mixed quality of reviews.

- Rating reviews
  - > poor, fair, good, very good, or excellent

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# Example Reviewer Excuse

“I have completed several reviews this year and need to get to other things. Offhand I can't think of another qualified QOL reviewer.”

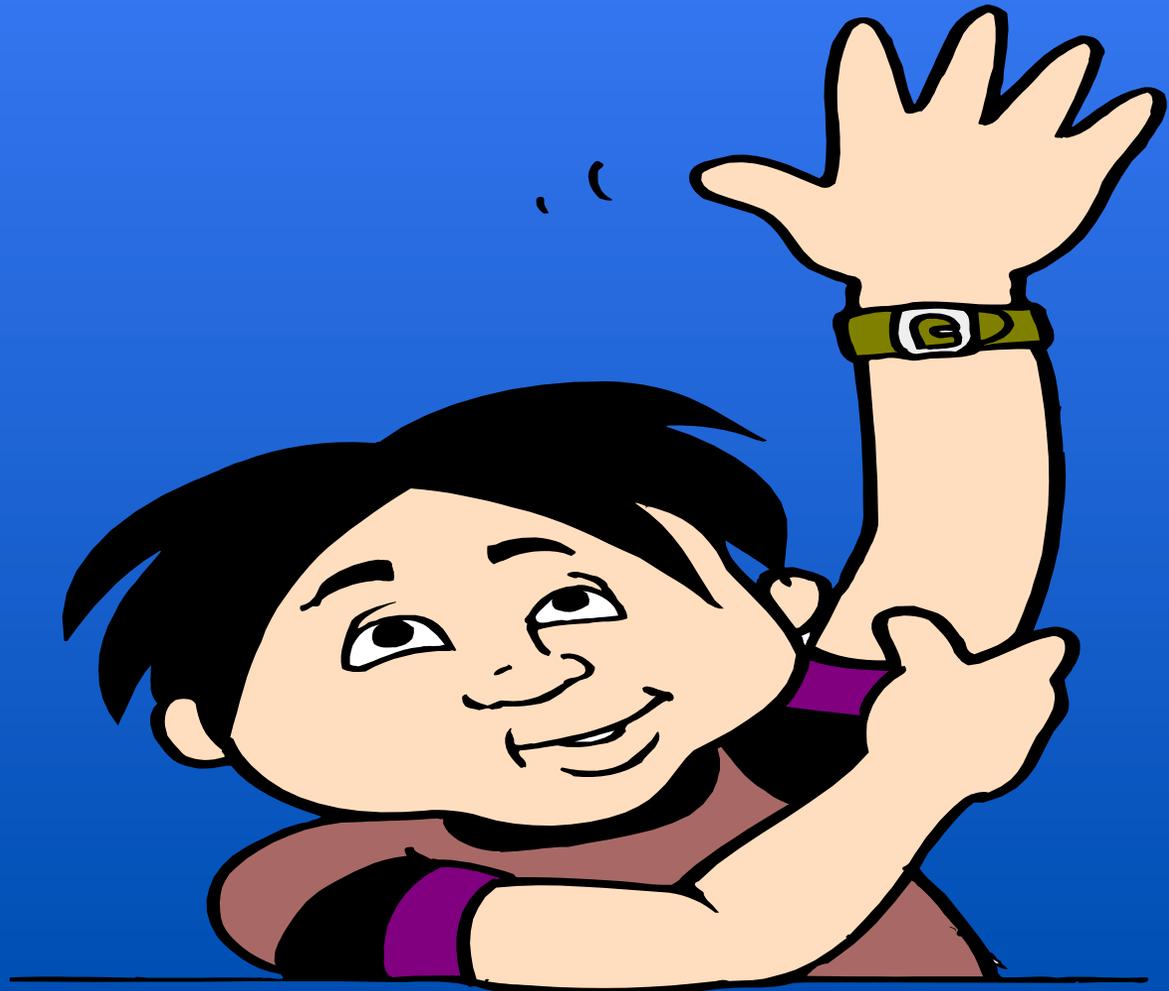
Note: This person was asked to review 6 different times (02-18-04, 04-13-04, 11-29-04, 11-09-05, 12-05-05, 05-20-06) and declined every time.

# Best Reviewer Excuse

I am unable.

I do not even understand the title.

Happy Holidays!



# Appendix: Duties as Editor

- Articles screened and assigned
- Monitor progress of manuscripts and provide feedback to editors
- Decide on self-assigned manuscripts and write decision letters
- Look at proof of articles
- Order articles to be published
- Instrument development and evaluation
- Value and preference assessment
- Clinical and policy applications
- Respond to queries from editors and authors