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Reflections

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Headlines

This issue of Reflections focuses on numbers, with the release of the 2024 Journal Impact Factor and CiteScore, the new '1000 club' and updated KPIs. The Journal Impact Factor for the *Journal of the Institute of Brewing* in 2022/23 is 2.0 with a Scopus CiteScore for 2021-24 of 4.8. The '1000 club' celebrates the five publications since 2023 with greater than a 1000 'reads'. The four 'key performance indicators' (KPIs) segment key steps in the process from submission to publication and are reported for each issue in 2025 compared with consolidated KPIs for 2023/24.

Impact Factors

The Journal Impact Factor (JIF) from Clarivate Analytics is used metric to describe the 'performance' of academic journals. The 2024 JIF is calculated from the number of citations of publications in JIB in 2022/23 (65) divided by the number of publications (32). The JIF for the Journal has dropped from 2.4 to 2.0. Rather than each paper in 2022/23 being cited twice, 19 were cited once, seven twice, three three times all the way up to one cited eight times. Over the two years, seven papers were uncited – two from 2022 and five from 2023 - representing 22% of the 32 publications. This figure has been consistent in previous years (24, 22 and 23%).

Another metric – Scopus CiteScore – is also used to describe the citation impact of Journals. The calculation is like that of the impact factor, but the timescale is four rather than two years. The most recent CiteScore (2021-24) for 84 papers with 404 citations dropped from 6.2 in 2023 to 4.8. Changes in CiteScore and JIF for the *Journal* between 2015-24 are reported at <https://jib.cibd.org.uk/index.php/jib/about>. The downturn in 2023 is likely to reflect changes in the visibility of the Journal, with the switch in publisher from Wiley (<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/20500416>) to the CIBD (<https://jib.cibd.org.uk/index.php/jib>).

The '1000' club

With the switch in 2023 to publication of the *Journal of the Institute of Brewing* by the CIBD, the OJS/PKP platform enables the number of 'reads' of papers (pdfs) to be tracked. As of the 16th October 2025, five have registered > 1000 reads.

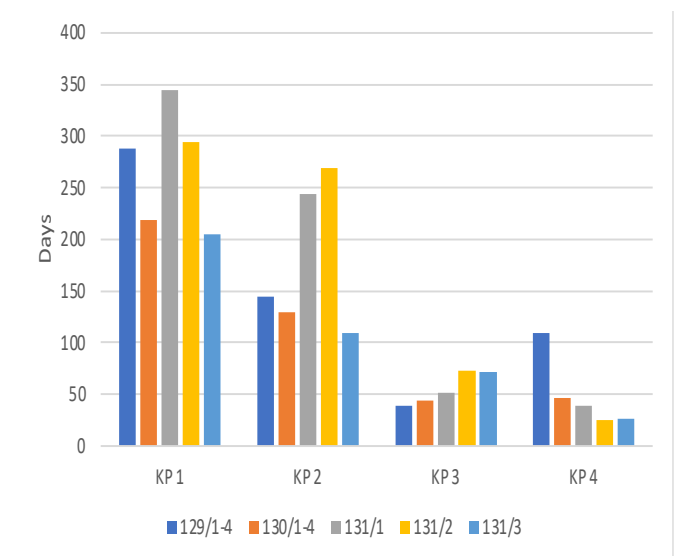
- ▶ **1826** reads - Bamforth - Provocation: prolonged maturation of beer is of unproven benefit. (published in February 2023)
- ▶ **1481** - Michiels et al. Effective strategies to maximise dextrin formation in brewing. (June 2024)
- ▶ **1382** - Picard et al. The role of oak wood in the mint and floral notes of whisky: identification of common terpenoids by aromatic fractionation. (March 2023)
- ▶ **1184** - Rachon et al. Survival of *Escherichia coli* O157, *Salmonella* Enteritidis, *Bacillus cereus* and *Clostridium botulinum* in non-alcoholic beers. (October 2024)
- ▶ **1096** - Gagula et al. The effect of pasteurisation and storage on aroma compounds in lager. (April 2024).

Publication KPIs

For the benefit of readers and authors four 'key performance indicators' (KPIs) are routinely reported in Reflections which capture 'how long' the steps take between submission of the manuscript (MS) to publication of the paper. These are;

1. Total process time from submission of the MS to publication.
2. Time from submission of the MS to 'soft' accept.
3. Time for copy editing of the MS by the EiC. On completion 'hard accept'.
4. Time for creation of the draft pdf, review by authors, final edit and publication by the EiC.

Data for KPIs (see chart) is reported for each issue published in 2025 together with consolidated data from 2023 (131) and 2024 (132).



To conclude

In this issue, there is one (big) review and three research papers on distilling/spirits. The review considers 'absinthe and how history influences scientific inquiry', with papers on 'whisky innovation using Patagonian yeasts to diversify flavour and aroma', 'a user-friendly carbon footprint calculator for single malt Scotch whisky production with a simulated case study' and the 'chemical composition and sensory diversity of colourless cachaças from Paraíba: influence of geographic origin and production practices'. The corresponding authors hail from the USA, Argentina, the UK and Brazil.

Cheers,

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