



## Vojnosanitetski preglad in 2024 - 80 years of existence

### Vojnosanitetski preglad u 2024 - 80 godina postojanja

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#### Introduction

The year 2024 marks the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the *Vojnosanitetski preglad* (VSP), an official scientific journal of physicians, dentists, and pharmacists of the Serbian Army. The first issue of the VSP was published in September 1944, continuing the tradition of *Vojnosanitetski glasnik*, which was published between 1930 and 1944. VSP, along with the *Serbian Archive for entire medical staff*, is the oldest professional medical journal in the entire region. For this multidecade continuous existence, the gratitude goes to the editors, reviewers, and authors, as well as to all the members involved in the process of publishing. This year is significant for the Medical Services of the Serbian Army, not only because of the VSP jubilee, but also because we are celebrating 180 years of the establishment of the Central Military Hospital, whose tradition has been continued by the Military Medical Academy, 185 years from the first organized action of the Military Medical Service, and 15 years since the foundation of the Medical Faculty of the Military Medical Academy, University of Defence in Belgrade. For the above-mentioned jubilees, various manifestations will be organized where it will be spoken of these significant health, scientific, and educational institutions that make our country recognizable worldwide. Our journal will also be presenting these events throughout the year. The special focus will be on the development of our journal in the previous 80 years and the possibilities of further improvement of its content.

As usual, in this issue, we will make a brief overview of the Editorial Board and Editorial Office performance in the previous year. Unfortunately, in 2023, we did not manage to complete all that was planned, but the energy and enthusiasm that we invested daily were at the highest level. Therefore, I would like to use this opportunity to express my gratitude to all the members of the Editorial Office for their efforts to publish on time all 12 journal issue numbers planned for 2023.

I would like to express my enormous respect for all the members of the Editorial Board who did not save their time and knowledge to provide their opinion on all the papers received at the Editorial Office during 2023. Special gratitude goes to Professor Silva Dobrić, BPharm PhD, a member of the Editorial Board, for her much-appreciated first-line screening regarding the scientific value of the manuscripts in pre-review manuscript selection as well as the suggestion of the names of those reviewers who guaranteed the quality of the published articles.

It was a great honor to have Academician, Full-Time Professor of Research, and Emeritus Professor of Transfusion Medicine Bela Balint, a member of the Editorial Board, who published in the November issue a review paper from his field of expertise related to basic concepts and “operating design” of cryopreserved cells ([click here](#)).

Furthermore, we were fortunate to have Research Assistant Professor Srdja Janković, MD, PhD, immunologist, and a member of the COVID-19 advisory task force of the Republic of Serbia, who shared with our readers his opinion on RNA vaccines in the author’s paper titled: *RNA vaccines: a milestone toward a new era* ([click here](#)). We are especially grateful that Dr. Janković’s paper was published the same month the Noble Committee awarded The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2023 to Katalin Karikó and Drew Weissman for the discoveries critical for developing effective mRNA vaccines against COVID-19. This paper and all other published in VSP can be found on our website (<https://www.vsp.mod.gov.rs/>).

During the last year, VSP received fewer manuscripts for consideration of publication compared to 2022, 226 vs. 264. As usual, the largest number was from the categories “Original Articles” (147 or 65%) and “Case Reports” (43 or 19%) (Table 1).

**Table 1****Categories and the number of manuscripts submitted to the *Vojnosanitetski Pregled* in 2023**

Category	Manuscripts
	n (%)
Original Articles	147 (65.0)
Case Reports	43 (19.0)
General Review	14 (6.2)
Current Topics	4 (1.8)
Letter to the Editor	4 (1.8)
History of Medicine	4 (1.8)
Book Review	3 (1.3)
Clinical Practice	2 (0.9)
Meta-analysis	2 (0.9)
Editorial	1 (0.4)
In Focus	1 (0.4)
Short Communications	1 (0.4)
<b>Total</b>	<b>226 (100.0)</b>

Analysis of submitted papers by the institutions of their authors showed that 88.6% of papers came from the so-called civilian health and academic institutions, of which about 35.6% were from abroad, and the authors of the remaining 11.4% of the submitted manuscripts were from the University of Defence in Belgrade. As before, we are especially proud of foreign authors for submitting their manuscripts, from 12 countries, not only from our region, but also from all around the world: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, China, Croatia, India, Iran, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Saudi Arabia, and Turkey (in alphabetical order). Thank you for your trust.

In the pre-review phase, we declined 44% of manuscripts, and 56% entered the review stage. Among reviewed manuscripts, until January 1, 2024, we accepted 42.5% for publication (after correction) in electronic form (as online first with an assigned DOI number) and rejected 28.3%. The remaining 29.2% are under the reviewing process. The total number of articles that were in the process of receiving DOI numbers in 2023 (including the ones submitted for consideration before 2023) was 79. They will be published in printing form in future issues of the Journal.

In 2023, we published 151 articles, including 2 book reviews (Table 2). The articles addressed various topics re-

lated to clinical and experimental studies obtained in the fields of medicine, dentistry, and pharmacy. As before, the majority of the articles were classified as “Original Articles” (87 or 57.6%) and “Case Reports” (43 or 28.5%), which is proportional to the number of manuscripts received from these categories in the previous years. Considering the authors’ affiliations, when analyzing the published articles, the largest number of authors were from the so-called civilian institutions, domestic and foreign (79.6%), of which about 10.4% were from abroad, followed by authors from the University of Defence in Belgrade (20.3%). Once again, I would like to thank most sincerely all the authors who chose VSP to present their results, especially the foreign ones. It is with your great support that we expect to be able to raise the academic rank of VSP.

According to the Center for Evaluation in Education and Science database, in 2023, the average time from submission to first decision was 51 days, and from submission to online ahead-of-print publication was 209 days.

We received our impact factor (IF) ranking in July 2023, and we experienced a decrease from 0.245 to 0.2. A decrease in the IF obliges us to identify areas for improvement and implement changes to ensure the ascending path of VSP in the coming years.

**Table 2****Categories and the number of articles published in the *Vojnosanitetski Pregled* in 2023**

Category	Articles
	n (%)
Original Articles	87 (57.6)
Case Reports	43 (28.5)
General Review	7 (4.6)
Current Topic	3 (2.0)
History of Medicine	3 (2.0)
Book Review	2 (1.3)
Letter to the Editor	2 (1.3)
Editorial	1 (0.7)
In Focus	1 (0.7)
Meta-analysis	1 (0.7)
Short Communications	1 (0.7)
<b>Total</b>	<b>151 (100.0)</b>

**Table 3****The articles downloaded more than 100 times arranged according to their number of downloads (N)**

Article Title	Corresponding author	N
Risk factors for cerebral palsy (DOI: <a href="https://doi.org/10.2298/VSP220209039D">https://doi.org/10.2298/VSP220209039D</a> ).	Čila Demeši Drljan	145
Prevalence and factors associated with depressive symptoms among medical students in their first and final year of study (DOI: <a href="https://doi.org/10.2298/VSP220209046C">https://doi.org/10.2298/VSP220209046C</a> ).	Dušan Čanković	137
Gender differences in suicide in Serbia within the period 2016–2020 (DOI: <a href="https://doi.org/10.2298/VSP210909015D">https://doi.org/10.2298/VSP210909015D</a> ).	Gordana Dedić	126
The occurrence of depressive symptoms in rheumatoid arthritis: a cross-sectional study (DOI: <a href="https://doi.org/10.2298/VSP211125019G">https://doi.org/10.2298/VSP211125019G</a> ).	Sonja Golubović	117
Practical analysis of the impact of social marketing strategies on attitudes of potential reproductive cell donors in the Republic of Serbia (DOI: <a href="https://doi.org/10.2298/VSP221115006D">https://doi.org/10.2298/VSP221115006D</a> ).	Biljana Đorđević	116
Analgesic protocol for procedural pain treatment of second-degree burns in children (DOI: <a href="https://doi.org/10.2298/VSP220305043K">https://doi.org/10.2298/VSP220305043K</a> ).	Aleksandar Komarčević	113

According to the EBSCO database, the number of downloads of the VSP articles published in 2023 was 3,639. In total, 6 articles were downloaded more than 100 times (Table 3), and 53 articles were downloaded more than 20 times. The highest number of downloads of a single article is 145, and the title of that article is *Risk factors for cerebral palsy* ([click here](#)). In total, 2,827 universities, colleges, libraries, and other institutions worldwide accessed the papers published in VSP more than 41,300 times. We hope that we will continue to publish educational and interesting papers for all our readers.

The greatest challenge this year will be to maintain the quality of published papers on the necessary level for the SCI list journal. The crucial part of accomplishing this task will be on the authors and their desire to publish their most valued results in our journal. Regardless of that fact, this year, as was for all the previous ones, achieving our key challenge

will not be possible without the support of our reviewers. Therefore, I would like to express my deepest gratitude and respect to all our reviewers. A list of reviewers who invested their time in 2023 and who, with their expert opinion, made the selection of the highest quality papers possible is presented in Table 4.

This year, as was for the previous ones, huge challenges are awaiting. The enormous enthusiasm of the Editorial Office and Board members, the sincere support we feel from the publisher's advisory board of VSP, and the belief that our reviewers team will grow, give us hope for the bright future of our journal.

We wish each one of you and your families a happy New Year 2024 filled with good health, success, and many mesmerizing moments, and we warmly welcome submissions of excellent new articles in 2024.

**Table 4****Reviewers of the *Vojnosanitetski pregled* in 2023**

Alster Piotr Amornyotin Somchai Andrić Miroslav Aničin Aleksandar Arbanas Juraj	Brdareski Zorica Budić Ivana Budinčević Hrvoje Burić Nikola	Dostanić Jelena Dotlić Jelena Dragojević Simić Viktorija Dragović Tamara	Ivanović Mirjana Ivetić Dražen
Babić Nikola Bajkin Branislav Baletić Nenad Baljošević Ivan Barichello Tatiana Basarić Dragan Baščarević Zoran Begović Vesna Ben Saad Helmi Biočanin Vladimir Bogdanović Aleksandar Bojić Suzana Bojović Ksenija Božić Marija Brajušković Goran	Colak Edis  Čolić Jelena Čolić Miodrag Čolić Snježana Čolović Hristina Čukić Ognjen	Folić Miljan  Gajić Veljić Mirjana Georgievski Brkić Biljana Glamočlija Sofija Glišović Jovanović Ivana Gomez-Lira Macarena Grubović Rastvorčeva Rada	Jakšić Vesna Janković Jelena Janković Slobodan Jeremić Knežević Milica Ješić Miloš Jovandarić Miljana Jovanović Milan Jovanović Simić Jelena Jovanović Vesna Jović Rajko Jović Zoran Jovičić Jelena
	Dacić Sanja Dedić Gordana Delić Dragan Dimitrijević Milovan Dinčić Dragan Djenić Nemanja Djukanović Ljubica Djukić Svetlana	Hasanbegović Ilvana Hladiš Andjelko Hočevan-Boltežar Irena Huppertz-Thyssen Markus	Kalezić Nevena Kandolf Lidija Karamarković Aleksandar Klisić Aleksandra Knežević Aleksandra
		Ilić Tihomir Iqbal Mohammed	

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Knežević Predrag Kocić Gordana Končar Igor Kopacheva Barsova Gabriela Kosanović Maja Kosanović Rade Kostić Dejan Kostić Milena Kostić Smiljana Kovačević Gordana Kovačević Mila Kozomara Ružica Krejović Sanja Krivošev Vladimir	Mijušković Mirjana Mijušković Željko Mikić Dragan Milašinović Danko Milenković Branislava Milenković Saša Milenković Zoran Milić Lemić Aleksandra Milić Rade Milinković-Srećković Mirjana Milivojević Saša Miloradović Vladimir Milosavljević Marko Mirošević Nikica Mitković Milan Mitrović Katarina Mladenović Katarina Mladenović Raša	Rabrenović Violeta Radenković Sandra Radjen Slavica Radoičić Dragan Radosavljević Aleksandra Radosavljević Davorin Rakočević Jelena Rančić Nemanja Rasulić Lukas Ristanović Elizabeta Ristić Aleksandar Ristić Anđjelka Ristić Arsen Ristić Dragana Ristić Ljubiša Ristić Medić Danijela Riwanto Ignatius Rodić Predrag Roganović Branka Roš Tatjana	Šarenac Tatjana Šćepan Ivana Škrlec Ivana Šuljagić Vesna Šurbatović Maja  Tepšić Ostojić Vesna Todorović Danica Todorović Ljubomir Todorović Zoran Tomanić Milena Tomić Aleksandar Trifunović Zoran  Unić Dragana Urošević Ivana  Vasović Miroslav Vezmar Kovačević Sandra Vlahović Zoran Vrzić-Petronijević Svetlana Vučić Miodrag Vujčić Isidora Vukomanović Aleksandra Vuković Natalija Vulović Maja  Wang Liang Witkowska-Zimny Malgorzata  Zamurović Milena Zdravka Nikolina Zeba Snježana Zuccatosta Lina Zvezdin Biljana  Živadinović Radomir Živaljević Vladan Živanović Dragoljub Živanović Željko Živković Igor Živković Slavoljub Žuljević Dragan
Labudović Borović Milica Lazić Vojkan Lazić Zoran Leković Danijela Lepić Milan Lepić Toplica Ležaić Višnja  Maglić Rastko Maksimović Miloš Mandraš Ana Manojlović Nebojša Marić Nadja Marin Saša Marković Aleksa Marković Evgenija Marković Ljiljana Marković Srdjan Marković Vasiljković Biljana Martinez Antonio Mašulović Dragan Mathis Gebhard Meera Sahib Mohammed Abdul Kader Mesaroš Šarlota Meštrović Senka Mihajlović Goran	Nedeljković Predrag Nejković Lazar Nešković Vojislava Nikolić Branka Nikolić Jelena Nikolić Ljubiša  Obradović Rada Obradović Slobodan Ostaneč Barbara  Palibrk Ivan Panjković Milana Pavlović Jasna Pažin Vladimir Pekmezović Tatjana Perrault Louis Petrović Pajić Sanja Plavšić Aleksandra Popadić Svetlana Popović Milica Puranik Chaitanya	Safiye Teodora Sarač-Hadžihalilović Aida Sentruk Mert Simić Sanja Simović Aleksandra Sotirović Jelena Srećković Miodrag Srzentić Snežana Stamenković Bojana Stamenković Dragoslav Stanković Nebojša Stanojević Ivan Starčević Srđan Stevanović Ivana Stevanović Momir Stijak Lazar Stojanović Dušica Stojanović Jasmina Stojković Mirjana Stojković Siniša Svetel Marina	