

**Additional File 1. Number of articles published in journals included in the field of Parasitology category of “Journal Citation Report” database and indexed by PubMed, from different world regions, for the period 1995-2003.**

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	1995-2003		
<b>WORLD AREAS</b>	<b>Number of articles (% percentage within a calendar year)</b>										<b>Mean impact factor</b>	
											<i>(1995 - 2003)</i>	
<b>Western Europe</b>	599 (35.7)	626 (35.3)	689 (36.2)	660 (34.2)	704 (35.1)	806 (36.7)	776 (35.0)	681 (31.4)	761 (33.9)	6302 (34.8)	1.80	
<b>USA</b>	397 (23.6)	418 (23.6)	393 (20.7)	372 (19.3)	388 (19.4)	417 (19.0)	451 (20.4)	371 (17.1)	392 (17.5)	3599 (19.9)	1.88	
<b>Latin America &amp; the Caribbean</b>	213 (12.7)	233 (13.2)	258 (13.6)	353 (18.3)	384 (19.2)	361 (16.4)	407 (18.4)	475 (21.9)	427 (19.0)	3111 (17.2)	1.07	
<b>Asia (excluding Japan)</b>	96 (5.7)	104 (5.9)	137 (7.2)	112 (5.8)	135 (6.7)	170 (7.7)	161 (7.3)	198 (9.1)	202 (9.0)	1315 (7.3)	1.37	
<b>Oceania</b>	145 (8.6)	142 (8.0)	143 (7.5)	137 (7.1)	157 (7.8)	137 (6.2)	104 (4.7)	106 (4.9)	108 (4.8)	1179 (6.5)	1.86	
<b>Africa</b>	103 (6.1)	99 (5.6)	119 (6.3)	125 (6.5)	95 (4.7)	111 (5.1)	84 (3.8)	121 (5.6)	107 (4.8)	964 (5.3)	1.27	
<b>Japan</b>	57 (3.4)	62 (3.5)	63 (3.3)	57 (3.0)	51 (2.5)	72 (3.3)	81 (3.7)	86 (4.0)	113 (5.0)	642 (3.6)	1.49	
<b>Eastern Europe</b>	32 (1.9)	39 (2.2)	43 (2.3)	63 (3.3)	56 (2.8)	83 (3.8)	109 (4.9)	91 (4.2)	96 (4.3)	612 (3.4)	1.11	
<b>Canada</b>	37 (2.2)	48 (2.7)	58 (3.0)	50 (2.6)	33 (1.6)	39 (1.8)	42 (1.9)	42 (1.9)	37 (1.7)	386 (2.1)	1.69	
<b>Total</b>	1679	1771	1903	1929	2003	2196	2215	2171	2243	18110		