

# Top 100 cited articles in traumatology: A bibliometric analysis

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## ABSTRACT

**BACKGROUND:** In this bibliometric study, we aimed to conduct multi-dimensional citation analysis of the top 100 cited articles in traumatology.

**METHODS:** We analyzed the top 100 cited articles among 56.980 trauma articles published between 1975 and 2017, which we obtained from databases in Web of Science and PubMed based on their citation rates and publication years, countries of origin, institutions or organizations, the most common subjects, funding status, article types, and levels of evidence.

**RESULTS:** In the top 100 cited articles, the number of total authors was 649 and average authorship was  $6.49 \pm 5.46$  (1–32); group author or study group number was eight, and the number of total collaborators was 1241. USA was the top country in terms of country of origin and institutions or organizations and also the number of proceedings papers in scientific activities. We found that 70 of the top 100 cited articles were supported by funding agencies in developed countries. In the present study, the three most common subjects were central nervous system trauma (21 articles), major trauma–hemorrhage–bleeding control–transfusion–early coagulopathy (18 articles), and trauma care and systems (eight articles), respectively. The average level of evidence of the top 100 cited articles was  $2.45 \pm 1.05$  (range: 1–4). We also found that 66 of the 100 most frequently cited articles in traumatology were published in scientific journals that had an impact factor of  $\geq 2.6$  (range: 2.648–72.406). We found that the most commonly preferred article type by authors is clinical research (92 articles) and sub-type is prospective comparative studies (27 articles). Evidence groups of classical papers in traumatology were B (54 articles), A (26 articles), and C (20 articles), respectively.

**CONCLUSION:** Despite some flaws in determining the scientific values of articles, citation analysis of classical papers in traumatology can provide important scientific contributions.

**Keywords:** Articles; bibliometric; top-cited; traumatology.

## INTRODUCTION

Trauma is the most prominent cause of death in children and young people.<sup>[1]</sup> Approximately 5.8 million people die each year as a result of injuries. This accounts for 10% of the deaths worldwide.<sup>[2]</sup> For this reason, traumatic injuries, which are frequently encountered in emergency services and surgical clinics, are important clinical and surgical problems that require a multidisciplinary approach.<sup>[3,4]</sup> Trauma is generally accepted as preventable mortal and/or morbid problems. However, in a 25-year evaluation, Campbell WB et al.<sup>[5]</sup> reported that the number of all emergency admissions

increased with time, whereas mortality rates and hospitalization time reduced significantly. In this context, traumatology is a subject of study for scientific researches in epidemiological, diagnostic, therapeutic, and prognostic fields.<sup>[6,7]</sup>

Initially, in 1987, Garfield E introduced the concept of “citation classics” for the best-cited articles published in JAMA. In later years, many bibliometric article analyses were conducted in different fields of medicine.<sup>[8]</sup> Citation analysis of classical or top-cited articles regarding traumatology can significantly contribute to this field in terms of exhibiting up-to-date academic information, progress, and tendencies. However, there

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are few bibliometric studies related to traumatology in the current literature.<sup>[9–11]</sup> In the present study, we systematically analyzed the top 100 cited articles “key papers or classic papers” according to data obtained from PubMed and Web of Science (WoS) in the field of traumatology. We determined the number of citations with ranking, citations and publications by years, publishing journals, type and sub-type of articles, institutions and countries of origin, the most common topic of frequently cited articles, and authorship status of classical papers in this bibliometric research.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Study Design

Study type: Retrospective clinical research

Level of evidence: 3 or Group B (Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network; SIGN).<sup>[12]</sup>

### Data Collection and Inclusion Criteria

Data used in this bibliometric citation analysis was obtained from Thomson Reuters’ WoS Core Collection database (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA) and PubMed (US National Library of Medicine-National Institutes of Health). We accessed the WoS database (accessed date: 23.03.2017) using the keyword “trauma” between 1975 and 2017. Consequently, we obtained 56.980 articles and conducted analysis of the top 100 cited articles among these results. We accessed the remaining data pertaining to the analyzed articles via PubMed. Two of the authors (M.D. and E.U.) independently identified the top 100 cited articles with consensus.

Being a first author or co-author was accepted as the authorship criterion in the present study. To shorten the obtained table, we limited quantitative values to “2 or more and 3 or more.” The level of evidence of the top 100 cited articles was detected in accordance with SIGN criteria.<sup>[12]</sup> Accordingly, Group A evidence (levels 1a and 1b) comprised randomized clinical trials (RCT) or meta-analysis of RCT. Group B evidence (levels 2a, 2b, and 3) comprised cohort studies, case-control studies, and comparison of two or more groups where data were collected retrospectively, as well as semi-experimental studies. Group C evidence (level 4) comprised case series and expert opinions or expert committee reports (excluding levels 1 and 3 evidence). Group D evidence (level 5) comprised case reports.

### Statistical Analysis

Descriptive statistical methods were used in the present study. All data are expressed as a percentage, number, bar chart, or mean±standard deviation in the tables.

### Ethical Statement

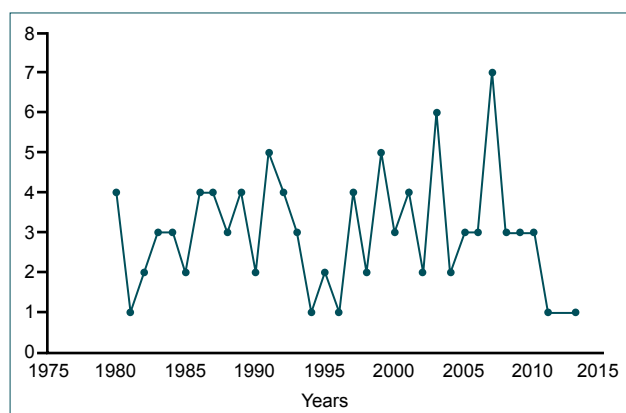
All authors declare that the research was conducted according to the principles of the World Medical Association Declaration

of Helsinki “Ethical Principles for Medical Research Involving Human Subjects.” This study did not need to be approved by an ethics committee because it performed a bibliometric analysis or citation analysis of existing published classical studies.

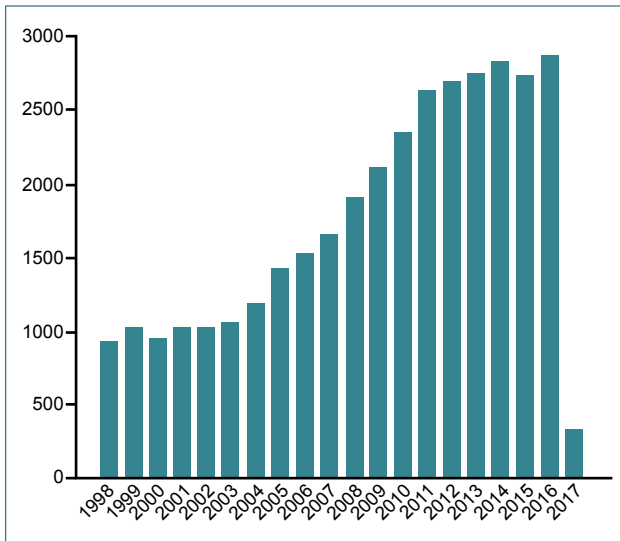
## RESULTS

### Contributions, Attributions, and Research Groups

We detected the citation average of the top 100 cited articles in traumatology as  $430.06 \pm 172.7$  (range: 257–1108), and the sum of self-citation was 139 (according to Thomson Reuters’ WoS Core Collection). The publishing language was English for all articles. We found that the most cited article (times cited: 1108) in traumatology is the review by Boyd CR et al. on trauma scoring systems with the following topic: “Evaluating trauma care: the TRISS method. Trauma Score and the Injury Severity Score. *J Trauma* 1987;27:370–8.” The least cited article (times cited: 257) in traumatology was another review by Leker RR and Shohami E who studied different etiological approaches on cerebral ischemia and trauma with the following title: “Cerebral ischemia and trauma-different etiologies yet similar mechanisms: neuroprotective opportunities. *Brain Res Rev* 2002;39: 55-73” (Appendix 1). Among the 100 most influential manuscripts, the number of group authors or study groups was eight (CRASH-2 Trial Collaborators with two studies, 39 authors, and 1128 collaborators; Pediatric Emergency Care Applied Research Network with one study, 32 authors, and 109 collaborators; Working Group on Polytrauma of the German Trauma Society with one study, nine authors, and four collaborators; RECORD Trial Group with one study and 14 authors; EURODEM Risk Factors Research Group with one study and 10 authors; AG Polytrauma of the German Trauma Society (DGU) with one study and nine authors; Novoseven Trauma Study Group with one study and eight authors; and National Emergency X-Radiography Utilization Study Group with one study and five authors). In addition, the number of total authors and collaborators was 126 and 1241, respectively, in these study groups (according to Thomson Reuters’ WoS Core Collection). Analyses of the publications (between 1980 and 2013) and citation rates in



**Figure 1.** The top 100 cited articles published in each year (1980–2013).



**Figure 2.** Citations in each year (last 20 years, source: Web of Science database).

each year (between 1998 and 2017) of “key papers” in traumatology found that the highest number of publications was seen in 2007 (seven publications) and the highest number of citations was seen in 2016 (2875 citations) (Figs. 1 and 2).

### Authorship

The total number of authors of “classic papers” included in

our study was 649, and average authorship in the classics in traumatology was  $6.49 \pm 5.46$  (1–32) (according to Thomson Reuters’ WoS Core Collection and PubMed). We analyzed the distribution of 20 authors who were included in more than three articles among the top 100 cited articles and found that the first three ranks were shared by Hoyt DB, Moore EE, and Moore FA, with five articles each. In addition to this, we observed that the most frequent first author of key papers included in our research was Champion HR with four articles, and Hoyt DB, Moore EE, and Copes WJ were detected to be the most frequent co-authors, with four articles each. In addition, Hoyt DB and Moore EE were included as first authors in one article. In addition, we also found that the number of authors included in two articles was 53 (Table 1).

### Countries and Institutions or Organizations

The three most common listed countries with two or more publications in the top 100 cited articles were USA (69%), England (13%), and Germany (11%), respectively. In total, 20 countries were listed 155 times in the top 100 cited articles (range: 2–69) (Table 2). In the present study, we determined that the most common listed institution or organization was the University of California (USA), and it was listed 34 times in the top 100 cited articles. Moreover, the number of institutions or organizations that published three or more publications was determined to be 21/31 (67.7%) of them were in USA (Table 3).

**Table 1.** The most common authors with two or more in the top 100 cited articles

| Author       | Affiliation                                                             | Number |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Hoyt DB      | University of Maryland Medical Center, Baltimore (USA)                  | 5      |
| Moore EE     | Denver Health Medical Center, Colorado (USA)                            | 5      |
| Moore FA     | USAISR, Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234-6315 (USA)                           | 5      |
| Bouillon B   | RWTH University Hospital Aachen, Aachen (Germany)                       | 4      |
| Brohi K      | University of Maryland Medical Center, Baltimore (USA)                  | 4      |
| Champion HR  | USAISR, Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234-6315 (USA)                           | 4      |
| Jurkovich GJ | Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore (USA)        | 4      |
| Trunkey DD   | University of North Carolina, North Carolina (USA)                      | 4      |
| Copes WS     | Washington Hospital Center, Washington DC (USA)                         | 4      |
| Hunt BJ      | RWTH University Hospital Aachen, Aachen (Germany)                       | 4      |
| Croce MA     | University of Tennessee, Memphis (USA)                                  | 3      |
| Fabian TC    | University of Tennessee, Memphis (USA)                                  | 3      |
| Hall ED      | Parke-Davis Pharmaceutical Research, Michigan (USA)                     | 3      |
| Holcomb JB   | University of Maryland Medical Center, Baltimore (USA)                  | 3      |
| Lefering R   | Ludwig-Maximilians-University, Munich (Germany)                         | 3      |
| Neugebauer E | RWTH University Hospital Aachen, Aachen (Germany)                       | 3      |
| Rivara FP    | Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore (USA)        | 3      |
| Rossaint R   | RWTH Aachen University Hospital, Aachen, (Germany)                      | 3      |
| Sacco WJ     | Washington Hospital Center, Washington, DC (USA)                        | 3      |
| Wade CE      | United States Army Institute of Surgical Research, Ft Sam Houston (USA) | 3      |

**Table 2.** The most common listed countries with two or more in the top 100 cited articles

| Country                      | Number* |
|------------------------------|---------|
| The United States of America | 69      |
| The United Kingdom           | 13      |
| Germany                      | 11      |
| Canada                       | 9       |
| Netherlands                  | 6       |
| France                       | 5       |
| Scotland                     | 5       |
| Switzerland                  | 5       |
| Denmark                      | 4       |
| Israel                       | 4       |
| Australia                    | 3       |
| Austria                      | 3       |
| Spain                        | 3       |
| Sweden                       | 3       |
| Belgium                      | 2       |
| Czech Republic               | 2       |
| Finland                      | 2       |
| Italy                        | 2       |
| Japan                        | 2       |
| Slovenia                     | 2       |

\*Number of times listed of total 20 countries in the top 100 cited articles.

## Funding

In addition to this, we also detected that 70 of the top 100 cited articles in traumatology, which are considered “topic trends,” received funding support from 47 different funding agencies, and it was observed that the funding agencies that supported these scientific studies were NINDS NIH HHS (seven studies), NIGMS NIH HHS (six studies), and PHS HHS (four studies) (according to Thomson Reuters’ WoS Core Collection).

## Journals and Proceedings Papers

In the present study, 66 of the top 100 cited articles were published in journals that had an impact factor (IF) of  $\geq 2.6$  (range: 2.648–72.406, according to Clarivate Analytics, 2017). In addition, we also found that “The Journal of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery” (previously known as “The Journal of Trauma Injury Infection and Critical Care,” which was sponsored from the beginning by the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma; AAST) had the highest number of publications (23 publications; Table 4). Moreover, we observed that the number of proceedings papers among the top 100 articles in 16 national and international scientific activities was 17, and the most presented proceedings paper was at the “56th Annual Meeting of the AAST” (date: September, 19–21,

**Table 3.** Institutions of origin with three or more in the top 100 cited articles

| Rank | Institution                                                      | Number* |
|------|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| 1    | University of California, (USA)                                  | 34      |
| 2    | University of Colorado (USA)                                     | 21      |
| 3    | University of Washington (USA)                                   | 12      |
| 4    | University of Toronto (Canada)                                   | 6       |
| 5    | Witten Herdecke University (Germany)                             | 6       |
| 6    | University of Maryland (USA)                                     | 6       |
| 7    | University of Michigan (USA)                                     | 6       |
| 8    | Harvard University (USA)                                         | 5       |
| 9    | San Fransisco General Hospital Medical Center (USA)              | 5       |
| 10   | Boston University (USA)                                          | 4       |
| 11   | Denver Health Medical Center (USA)                               | 4       |
| 12   | Oregon University (USA)                                          | 4       |
| 13   | Sunnybrook Research Institue (Canada)                            | 4       |
| 14   | University of Pennsylvania (USA)                                 | 4       |
| 15   | Washington Hospital Center (USA)                                 | 4       |
| 16   | Ludwig Boltzmann Institute (Germany)                             | 3       |
| 17   | Mayo Clinic (USA)                                                | 3       |
| 18   | Oregon Health & Science University (USA)                         | 3       |
| 19   | Pennsylvania Commonwealth System of Higher Education-PCSHE (USA) | 3       |
| 20   | Pfizer Co. (USA)                                                 | 3       |
| 21   | Royal London Hospital (England)                                  | 3       |
| 22   | RWTH Aachen University (Germany)                                 | 3       |
| 23   | State University of New York (USA)                               | 3       |
| 24   | United States Army (USA)                                         | 3       |
| 25   | United States Department of Defense (USA)                        | 3       |
| 26   | University of Glasgow (UK)                                       | 3       |
| 27   | University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (USA)         | 3       |
| 28   | University of Pittsburgh (USA)                                   | 3       |
| 29   | University of Southern California (USA)                          | 3       |
| 30   | University of Tennessee (USA)                                    | 3       |
| 31   | University Hospital Zurich (Switzerland)                         | 3       |

\*Number of times listed of total 31 institutions in the top 100 cited articles.

1996; Houston TX, USA) (according to Thomson Reuters’ WoS Core Collection).

## Main subjects

The three most common topics among the top 100 cited articles in traumatology were central nervous system (CNS) trauma (21 articles), major trauma–hemorrhage–bleeding control–transfusion–early coagulopathy (18 articles), and

**Table 4.** List of journals in which two or more published articles

| Rank | Journal                                      | Number of articles | Impact Factor (2016)* |
|------|----------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 1    | The Journal of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery | 23                 | 2.802                 |
| 2    | Annals of Surgery                            | 9                  | 8.980                 |
| 3    | The Lancet                                   | 8                  | 47.831                |
| 4    | The New England Journal of Medicine          | 6                  | 72.406                |
| 5    | Journal of The American Medical Association  | 5                  | 44.405                |
| 6    | The Journal of Critical Care                 | 3                  | 2.648                 |
| 7    | Critical Care Medicine                       | 2                  | 7.050                 |
| 8    | Free Radical Biology & Medicine              | 2                  | 5.606                 |
| 9    | Journal of Neuroscience                      | 2                  | 5.988                 |
| 10   | Journal of Neurotrauma                       | 2                  | 5.190                 |
| 11   | Neurology                                    | 2                  | 7.592                 |
| 12   | Science                                      | 2                  | 37.205                |

\*2016 Journal Citation Reports® (Clarivate Analytics, 2017).

trauma care—trauma care systems (eight articles), respectively (Table 5).

### Study Types and Levels of Evidence

In addition, among the top 100 “classic papers” in traumatology, the most preferred study type among researchers was clinical studies (92 articles) and the most preferred sub-type was prospective comparative studies (27 articles). In our study, the mean level of evidence was found to be  $2.45 \pm 1.05$  (1–4). In addition, evidence group of 54 articles were (prospective/retrospective comparative studies, retrospective cohort studies, case–control studies, descriptive studies, cross-sectional studies, and validation studies), and evidence group of 26 articles was A (meta-analysis of RCT, systematic review, RCT, and prospective cohort study). Lastly, the level of evidence of 20 articles were C group (reviews, expert committee reports, and expert opinions) (Table 6).

## DISCUSSION

Trauma or injury with its beforemath and aftermath is a complex series of events that include victims. In recent years, new concepts that prioritize cost-effectiveness, such as damage control resuscitation and damage control surgery, are increasingly becoming widespread.<sup>[13,14]</sup> Trauma has different types of etiologies and pathophysiological mechanisms based on its type.<sup>[15,16]</sup> Moreover, acoustic trauma should not be forgotten. However, very few bibliometric studies have been conducted in the field of traumatology. Thus, we prioritized conducting a study on this subject.

We preferred to conduct such a bibliometric study for the beginning in the field of traumatology. Although frequently criticized, particularly in terms of its statistical results, bibliometric citation analyses provide important clues about

the current best-cited or landmark articles to researchers because it reflects scientific improvements in the respective field and landmark papers and topic trends in a chronological perspective and in a systematic manner.<sup>[8,17,18]</sup> In the last 30 years, many bibliometric article analyses have been conducted in the field of clinical medicine.<sup>[19–21]</sup> Scientometric analyses, which include altmetric scores at different publication levels or values, have also been added to these studies in recent years.<sup>[22]</sup>

We utilized current medical databases, primarily the WoS database and PubMed, in our bibliometric analysis. Despite the fact that many international medical databases (including PubMed, ScienceDirect, Medline, Scopus, Embase, EBSCO Host, etc.) have been used in citation analysis studies, the most frequently used source is Thomson Reuters’ WoS Core Collection. The WoS database includes important information in terms of detecting citations and researching other relevant academic effects.<sup>[23]</sup> Thus, to conduct this bibliometric study on the 100 most influential manuscripts, as in many similar types of researches.

It is also evident that the citation rates of articles are high and the citation range has a narrow distribution in this bibliometric study. This may be because studies conducted on attractive subjects of traumatology, such as evaluating trauma care, which has multiple effects and results, are high in number and also that produced articles are published in journals with high IFs; therefore, there are many citations. A scientific article being cited frequently and being published in journals with high IFs might be a significant indicator of its quality. In addition to this, there are many factors apart from the number of citations.<sup>[24]</sup> Being the first and original article in the respective field, which provides insight to researchers working in that field, is only of these other factors.<sup>[25]</sup> In a research

**Table 5.** The most common topics among the top 100 cited articles

| Topic                                                                                 | Number |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Central nervous system trauma                                                         | 21     |
| Major trauma–hemorrhage–bleeding control–transfusion–early coagulopathy               | 18     |
| Trauma care                                                                           | 8      |
| Major trauma–infection–sepsis                                                         | 6      |
| Abdominal trauma–feeding–septic mortality–gut bacterial translocation–decontamination | 6      |
| Fracture–dislocation–extremity trauma–hand wrist cumulative trauma disorder           | 6      |
| Trauma score                                                                          | 3      |
| Spinal cord trauma                                                                    | 3      |
| Acoustic trauma                                                                       | 3      |
| Trauma–venous thromboembolism                                                         | 3      |
| Traumatic deaths                                                                      | 2      |
| Severe blunt trauma–ARDS–hemorrhagic shock–cytokine patterns                          | 2      |
| Trauma–postoperative fibrinolytic shutdown                                            | 2      |
| Abdominal trauma–abdominal compartment syndrome                                       | 1      |
| Abdominal trauma–staged laparotomy                                                    | 1      |
| Hepatic blunt trauma management                                                       | 1      |
| Major trauma–parachute use                                                            | 1      |
| Torture–trauma–posttraumatic stress disorder                                          | 1      |
| Vascular trauma–endothelial precursors                                                | 1      |
| Major trauma–plasma fibronectin (opsonic glycoprotein) levels                         | 1      |
| Trauma–surgery–the stress response                                                    | 1      |
| Multiple trauma–sedation–mortality                                                    | 1      |
| Trauma–whole body CT–survivre                                                         | 1      |
| Trauma–rheumatoid arthritis–matrix metalloproteinases                                 | 1      |
| Obstetric trauma–vaginal delivery                                                     | 1      |
| Blunt aortic injury                                                                   | 1      |
| Accidental and intentional injuries                                                   | 1      |
| Trauma–orthopedic–spinal implants–PEEK biomaterials                                   | 1      |
| Trauma hypothermia                                                                    | 1      |
| Trauma–inflammation–microbes–thymic stromal lymphopoietin                             | 1      |

on 5-year citation reports of cardiovascular articles, Ranasinghe I et al.<sup>[26]</sup> stated that few citations might be due to many factors, including article and publication period. However, the fact that many have cited an article does not necessarily indicate a high level of evidence, and a positive correlation

between productivity in terms of scientific activity and high citation is also not necessary.<sup>[27]</sup> Some authors have even suggested scientist' IF and metric evaluation scores in addition to the H-index, total IF, and citation number for evaluating a researcher's scientific activity.<sup>[28]</sup>

Factors such as the number of citations being in favor of old journals and publications, scientific articles not cited within 1–2 years after their publication, and post-publication citation peak being between 3 and 10 years and articles losing their importance after that period are the main limitations in determining the value of articles in citation classics studies.<sup>[8,25]</sup> This effect was only partially displayed in our bibliometric research because researches cited in 2016, in which the number of citations peaked, were published 5–15 years ago.

The highest cited article and the second most common type of article being review studies in this bibliometric research is a typical example of that assumption. In his study, Garfield E<sup>[17]</sup> underlined that most of the highly cited articles were review studies.

Articles analyzed in our bibliometric study had a relatively higher average authorship rate [ $6.83 \pm 5.49$  (1–32)] because the level of evidence was predominantly A and B groups (80%). Moreover, there were fewer observational studies, and most of these studies were extensive, while some of them were multi-centered. Furthermore, author groups were conducted with collaborators. A study by Tilak G et al.<sup>[29]</sup> on authorship increments in scientific researches revealed that the number of observational studies decreased in three major international journals between 1960 and 2010, whereas there was a significant increase in single- and multi-center RCTs; however, the rate of author per article increased more than three times for observational studies (2.6 to 10.1). In this context, the results of our study are partially compatible with the results of the research conducted by Tilak G et al. particularly in terms of the increment reported in observational researches.

According to our research data, among the 100 most influential manuscripts in traumatology both in terms of the number of authors who were included in more than one article and the number of presented proceedings papers and scientific activities, USA is at the forefront.<sup>[23,30]</sup>

The publication language of all classics papers included in our citation analysis research was English. The official language of the country of origin of publications is an important factor for the selection of language for articles. Although different languages were used, most of the articles in the recent medicine literature were in English.<sup>[31]</sup>

We have underlined in our bibliometric study that institutions or organizations located in USA are more prominent both in terms of the number of institutions producing publications and in terms of the number of publications per institution. USA has

**Table 6.** Study design and levels of evidence by SIGN of the top 100 cited articles

| Study type and sub-type                      | Level of evidence | Group | Number |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------|--------|
| Clinical research                            |                   |       |        |
| Meta-analysis of RCT                         | 1                 | A     | 2      |
| Systematic review                            | 1                 | A     | 4      |
| Randomized controlled trial                  | 1                 | A     | 14     |
| Prospective cohort study                     | 1                 | A     | 6      |
| Prospective comparative study (clinical)     | 2                 | B     | 18     |
| Retrospective comparative study (clinical)   | 3                 | B     | 3      |
| Retrospective cohort study                   | 3                 | B     | 11     |
| Case-control study                           | 3                 | B     | 6      |
| Observational-descriptive study              | 3                 | B     | 2      |
| Cross-sectional-correlation study            | 3                 | B     | 4      |
| Validation study                             | 3                 | B     | 1      |
| Review                                       | 4                 | C     | 15     |
| Expert committee report                      | 4                 | C     | 2      |
| Expert opinion (editorial, letter, and note) | 4                 | C     | 3      |
| Experimental animal study                    |                   |       |        |
| Prospective comparative study                | 2                 | B     | 9      |

SIGN: Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network; RCT: Randomized control trial.

the highest production of scientific publications, including in medicine and other health science fields. USA has the highest number of scientific publications in many fields.<sup>[23,30,31]</sup>

The result of our bibliometric study, which displays that most of the 70% of the 100 most influential manuscripts are being supported by funding agencies in USA and the EU, is a solid indicator of this hypothesis. Although the amount of allowance has reduced in recent years, educational and scientific studies are generally supported with funding at a greater extent in developed countries relative to developing countries.<sup>[32,33]</sup>

A high IF is an important scientometric criterion that demonstrates the quality of a journal.<sup>[34]</sup> As in our research, most of the top 100 cited articles in traumatology were included in journals with an IF of  $\geq 2.6$ , which is an important indicator that displays that key papers pertaining to trauma are preferred by journals with higher IFs.

The most common topic in our study was CNS trauma. Traumatic brain injury (TBI) is a particularly important problem with socioeconomical and medical consequences among the young population in terms of its result.<sup>[35]</sup> Abusive head trauma is a typical example of this.<sup>[36]</sup> According to geographical regions, various incidences have been reported on the epidemiology of TBI.<sup>[37,38]</sup> Nguyen R et al.<sup>[39]</sup> conducted a systematic review and meta-analysis regarding this phenomenon; according to this, the international cumulative incidence rate of the TBI among all age groups is reported to be 295

of 100.000 people. The pooled annual incidence proportion for all ages was 295 per 100,000 (95% confidence interval: 274–317), and the international cumulative annual incidence speed is reported to be 349 of 100.000 people among all age groups. In light of this important information obtained from these studies, we conclude that CNS trauma is important among the fields of traumatology.

These were the second and third most common topics of our bibliometric study, and both of these trauma research subjects are based on the cost effectivity increasing concerns on traumatology. During the last few years, the correlation between trauma and bleeding and control of the bleeding earned an importance in the field of trauma research. Therefore, Damage Control Resuscitation and Damage Control Surgery concepts, which are related to trauma resuscitation can be seen as a typical reflection of this.<sup>[8,9]</sup> Again, in the last few years, trauma care and trauma care systems can be stated as other important trending traumatology subjects.<sup>[40]</sup>

## Strengths

The strength of this study is the provision of a quick and direct reach to determine topic trends and up-to-date information regarding traumatology with no requirements of any advanced analysis or statistical methods.

## Limitations

Only the total number of citations (excluding self-citations)

and the total number of self-citations are presented in this study, and no article-based self-citation analyses was performed, which is a limitation of this study. In addition, conducting bibliometric analyses based on citations is a subjective constraint to prove the quality of research and to determine the number of publications by year as well as to evaluate authors' scientific efficiency.

## Future Directions

Occasional bibliometric analyses for different medical disciplines and sub-specialties demonstrate the improvements in that field from a nominative perspective, in contrast with advanced research methods. The data of current studies may provide cost effectivity in planning and funding of future research projects. Bibliometric studies are relatively subjective initial and basic researches in terms of scientific value. In the last decade, altmetric studies including multiple evaluations of classical articles were preferred as they are scientifically more objective.

## Conclusion

Traumatology is an important surgical medicine discipline that is the subject of many topic trend researches. Despite its flaws, bibliometric citation analyses in traumatology, as in many scientific fields, enables the systematic identification of true landmark publications and the distribution of citations of these publications by years, main topics, institutions of influential papers, published scientific journals, research types and subtypes, and level of evidence, thus resulting in great academic contribution to traumatology.

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## ORJİNAL ÇALIŞMA - ÖZET

### Travmatolojide en sık alıntılanan 100 makale: Bibliyometrik bir analiz

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**AMAÇ:** Bu bibliyometrik çalışmada, travmatoloji alanındaki en sık alıntılanan 100 makalenin çok yönlü analizini yapmayı amaçladık.

**GEREÇ VE YÖNTEM:** Biz bu çalışmada, Web of Science ve PubMed'teki veri tabanlarından elde ettiğimiz, 1975 ile 2017 yılları arasında yayınlanmış 56.980 travma makalesi içinden en çok alıntılanan ilk 100'ünü alıntılanma sayılarına ve yayın yıllarına, köken aldığı ülkelere ve kurum veya organizasyonlarına, en sık tercih edilen konularına, fonlanma durumlarına, makale tiplerine ve kanıt düzeylerine göre analiz ettik.

**BULGULAR:** Travmatoloji alanında en sık alıntılanan 100 makaledeki toplam yazar sayısını 649 ve yazar sayısı ortalamasını  $6.49 \pm 5.46$  (dağılım: 1–32), toplam çalışma grubu sayısını 8 ve eşlik eden çalışmacı sayısını ise 1241 olarak saptadık. Amerika Birleşik Devletleri, yayınlarda en sık yer alan ülke ve kurum ya da organizasyon olma ve bilimsel aktivitede sunulan makale sayısı bakımından ilk sırada idi. En çok alıntılanan 100 makalenin 70'inin, gelişmiş ülkelerdeki fon desteği veren kuruluşlar tarafından desteklendiğini belirledik. Travmatoloji ile ilgili en çok alıntılanan 100 makalede en sık tercih edilen ilk üç konu başlığını santral sinir sistemi travması (21 makale), majör travma-kanama-kanama kontrolü-transfüzyon-erken koagülopati (18 makale) ve travma bakımı ve sistemleri (8 makale) olarak saptadık. En sık alıntılanan 100 travmatoloji makalesinin kanıt ortalaması  $2.45 \pm 1.05$  (dağılım: 1–4) idi. Ayrıca biz en çok alıntılanan 100 makalenin 66'sının etki faktörü 2.6 daha yüksek olan bilimsel dergilerde (dağılım: 2.648–72.406) yayımlandığını belirledik. Araştırmacılar tarafından en sık tercih edilen çalışma tipinin klinik araştırma (92 makale) ve çalışma alt tipinin ise karşılaştırmalı ileriye yönelik çalışmalar (27 makale) olduğunu saptadık. Travmatolojideki klasik makalelerin kanıt gruplarının dağılımlarını ise sırasıyla B (54 makale), A (26 makale) ve C (20 makale) olarak belirledik.

**TARTIŞMA:** Makalelerin bilimsel değerini saptamadaki bazı eksikliklerine rağmen travmatoloji alanındaki klasik makalelerin alıntılanma analizleri, önemli akademik katkılar sağlayabilir.

**Anahtar sözcükler:** Bibliyometrik; makaleler; travmatoloji; yüksek sayıda alıntılanma.

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| <b>Appendix I. The top 100 cited articles in traumatology</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                    |
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| <b>Rank</b>                                                   | <b>Article</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Times cited</b> |
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**Appendix I.** The top 100 cited articles in traumatology (continuation)

| Rank | Article                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Times cited |
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| <b>Rank</b>                                                                  | <b>Article</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Times cited</b> |
| 40.                                                                          | Stiell IG, Wells GA, Vandemheen KL, Clement CM, Lesiuk H, De Maio VJ, et al. The Canadian C-spine rule for radiography in alert and stable trauma patients. <i>JAMA</i> 2001;286:1841-8.                                                                                                                     | 429                |
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