

## To Which Journal Should I Submit My Paper?



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The *International Journal of Radiation Oncology • Biology • Physics (IJROBP)*, offers authoritative articles linking new research and technologies to clinical applications.

Original contributions by leading scientists and researchers include experimental studies of combined modality treatment and relevant innovations in tumor sensitization, especially at the molecular level, normal tissue protection, including both precision avoidance and biochemical means, brachytherapy, particle irradiation, and tumor imaging.

Technical advances related to dosimetry and conformal radiation treatment planning are also included.

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4) D. Craft, T. Halabi, H.A. Shih and T. Bortfeld, "An approach  
for practical multiobjective IMRT  
treatment planning." Int. J. Radiat. Oncol. Biol. Phys. 69(5):  
1600-7 (2012).

### Submission Categories

- Scientific article            3500 words
- **Scientific Letter**            1000 words
- Critical Review            6000 words
- Editorial            1500 words
- Brief Opinion/report            600 words
- Comments            400 words
- Around the Globe
- Obituaries

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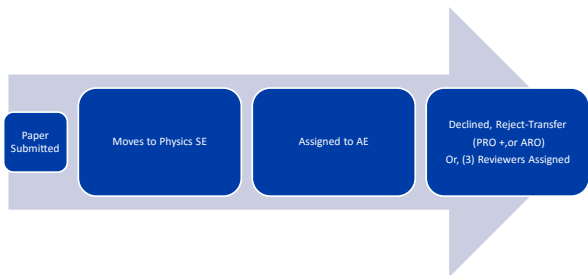
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### Submission to Review Process



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### Decision Process



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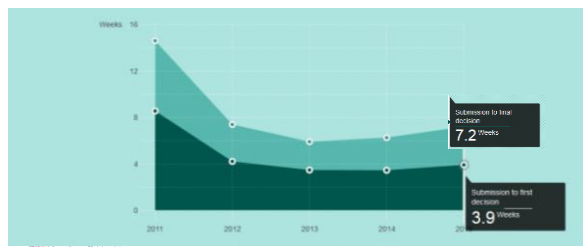
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### Speedy Decision for Authors



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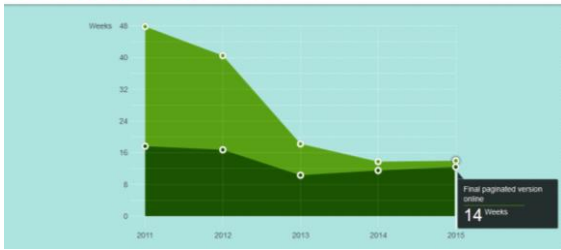
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### Quickly Bringing Science to the Community

#### Online Article Publication Time

Indicates speed of publication at the journal level.




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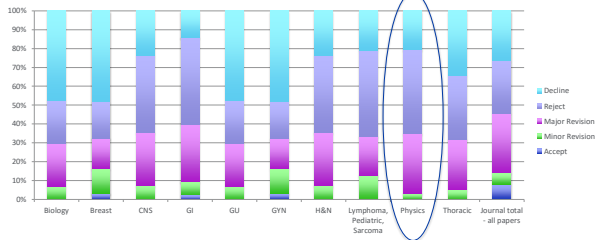
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### Physics Rejects/Declines two-thirds

2014 Q1 Decisions (N=490)




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### Impact Factor

A = the number of times articles published in 2013-2014 were cited in indexed journals during 2015

B = the number of articles, reviews, proceedings or notes published in 2013-2014

Impact factor 2015 =  $A/B$

IJROBP Currently has IF of 4.6

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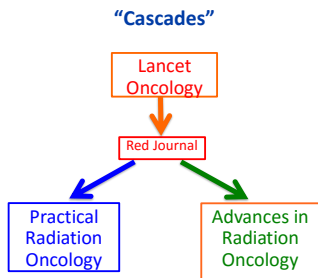
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**PRO: Fast Start**

- Currently Bi-Monthly and *thin*
- Will move to monthly and get 'thicker'
- Acceptance Rate ~35%
- Time to final decision 6.7 weeks



**ARO**

- Quarterly
- Acceptance Rate ~60-65%
- Time to final decision 5 weeks




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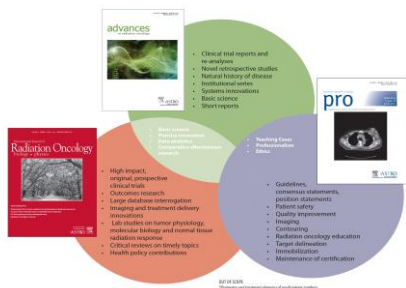
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**Scope of ASTRO's Journals**




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### Other Journals

**Radiotherapy & Oncology IF=4.8**  
 Journal of Radiotherapy  
 Journal of Nuclear Medicine & Radiation Therapy  
 Journal of Radiology and Radiation Therapy  
 The Journal of Radiotherapy in Practice  
 Brachytherapy IF=2.8  
 Journal of Contemporary Brachytherapy IF=1.3  
 Journal of Medical Imaging and Radiation Oncology IF=1.1  
 Journal of Radiation Oncology  
 Physica Medica  
 Medical Engineering & Physics  
 Intern Journal of Medical Physics, Clinical Engineering and Radiation Oncology  
 Radiological Physics and Technology  
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### Papers IJORBP would like to get

- Clinical treatment techniques and strategy
- Physics- and technology-driven clinical trials
- Management of treatment uncertainties
- Accurate dose accumulation
- Image-based assessment of normal tissue changes
- Systems radiobiology
- *Big* data for radiation therapy
- Novel studies in safety/quality in radiation oncology

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### Papers IJORBP would NOT like to get papers with the following issues:

- Weak methods of data collection, absence of statistics
- Conclusions, which mimic findings of a higher quality, published work
- Articles unlikely to be cited
- Manuscript needing English language editing;
- Low quality data, such as single institution experience or treatment planning comparisons
- A single case study with various situations and general conclusions.

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