

Tables 46.2.1: BACKGROUND DATA

The data in these tables were collected during the second half of January 2021. 2020 volumes of journals will continue to be published in 2021. Percentages are approximates as new data are added in WOS and Scopus every day.

TABLE 46.2.1.A: Changes in selected document types from 2019 to 2020 in WOS and SCOPUS

To evaluate the impact of COVID research, we first look at the overall change in percent of selected document types from 2019 to 2020. WOS includes Science, Social Science, and Arts & Humanities Citation Indexes. When these percentages were calculated, WOS had over 2.5 million documents. By 1 February 2021, both 2019 and 2020 had over 3 million documents and 2020 still has fewer than 2019.

The major change in the data is the increase in Early Access (see Appendix A) and the biggest surprise is the decrease in All Open Access in WOS>

Scopus has over 3.3 million documents with an increase between 2019 and 2020

Table 46.2.1.A: Percent change between 2019 and 2020

WEB OF SCIENCE	Percentage	SCOPUS	Percentage
TOTAL OUTPUT	-3.5%		3.1%
Article	3.3%	Article	13.2%
Review	15.3%	Review	18.7%
All Open Access	-3.5%	All Open Access	5.1%
Early Access (1)	773.4%	Article in Press (2)	514.8%
Editorial	100.9%	Editorial and Notes	95.3%
Letter	-11.17%	Letter	2.6%
Corrections	11.25%	Erratum/Retraction	2.6%
Retractions and Retracted	25.6%	Retracted	-67.3%

SCOPUS

(1) Although labelled a Document Type all types of documents are Early Access, primarily articles and reviews

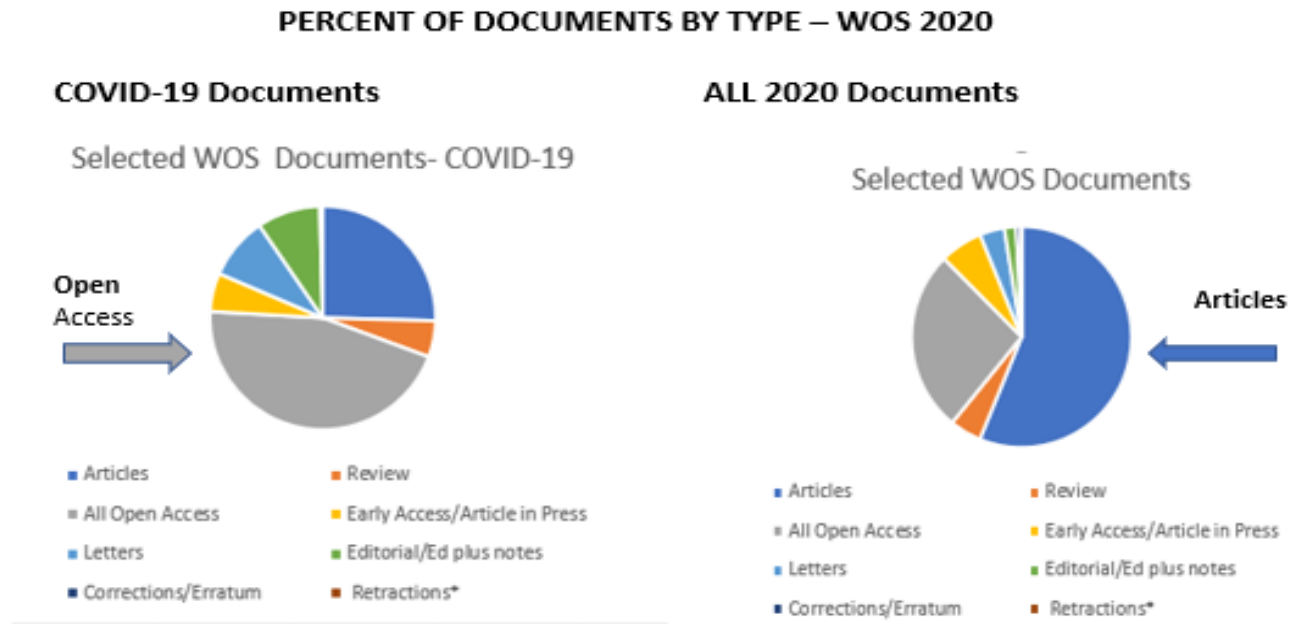
(2) Publication stage, NOT document type

Scopus Definitions of Document Types (pg. 11)

Erratum includes retractions. Combining Erratum and Retracted results in a 20% increase

https://www.elsevier.com/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/69451/Scopus_ContentCoverage_Guide_WEB.pdf

TABLE 46.2.1. B. Percent of Documents by Type – WOS 2020



Articles make-up about 50% of all Covid-19 documents. 75% of the entire 2020 dataset are articles. Over 85% of ALL Covid documents are Open Access. Fewer than 40% of documents in the entire dataset are Open Access. The Covid articles also have more Letters and Editorials.

NOTE: Searches done Mid-January 2021 on [Covid-19 OR Covid19 OR Coronavirus OR “Corona Virus”]