



## Report of the editors

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In order to improve the quality of the Annals of the Institute of Statistical Mathematics (AISM), the Editors have recruited Masaaki Imaizumi (University of Tokyo) and Kengo Kamatani (The Institute of Statistical Mathematics) as new Associate Editors. We anticipate that they will renew AISM. Currently, we have 50 Associate Editors who support a broad range of statistical methodologies.

We are deeply grateful to the Associate Editors and reviewers for their assistant with editorial work. Thanks to their help, AISM can provide many significant papers that help to advance the community of statistics. Their names are listed in our published issues.

From July 2019 to June 2020, we received 224 papers. The current status is as follows: 22 papers (9.8% of submissions) were accepted; 177 (79.0%) were rejected, including “rejected with resubmission allowed” and “returned (e.g., if the focus of the paper is far from statistical methodology)”; and 25 (11.2%) have not reached a final decision. Recently, the number of returned papers has increased, so the actual acceptance ratio could be larger.

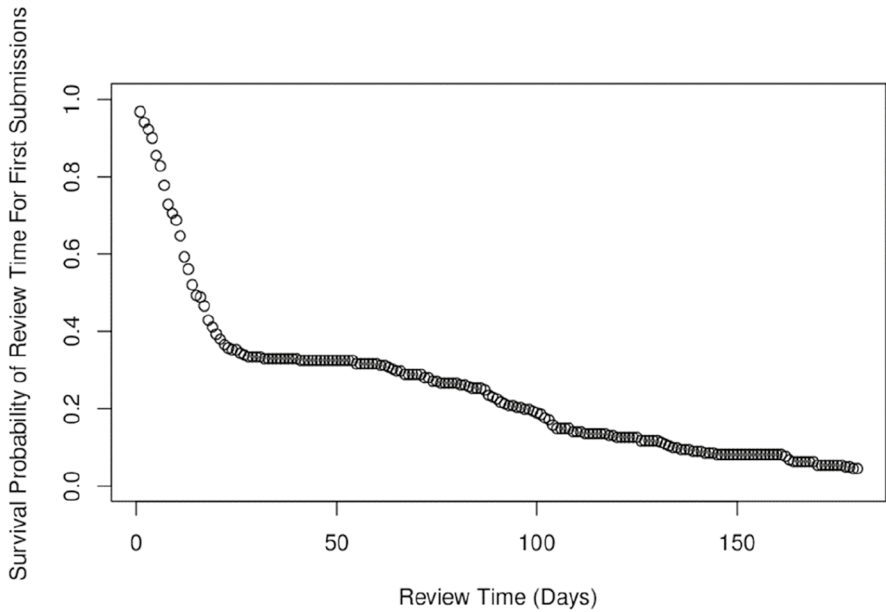
The review times from reception to first decision are depicted in Figure 1. Around 60, 80, and 90% of the submissions were judged within 1, 3, and 5 months, respectively. AISM is trying to make faster decisions after the reception. However, longer papers tend to require longer review time.

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**Fig. 1** Review time

AIMS will continue to provide high-quality papers that shed new light on the theoretical, computational, and methodological aspects of statistical science. We look forward to your contributions.

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