

Sharing is still a value?

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Introduction. SBBL (Lombardy Regional Health Library System) is a network including the libraries of public and private biomedical institutions. In the end of 1990s SBBL develops, with the CINECA technical competences, the customized software for the library system management (CVL). The main mission of this project is to create an easy web platform also with a useful article delivery tool customized on the user needs. The article delivery system is changed following network and resources challenges.

Objectives. The aim of this study is to assess the interlibrary article requests, evaluating the changes elapsed during the twenty two years of SBBL work. In this publication is also considered the economic impact of journal archives availability.

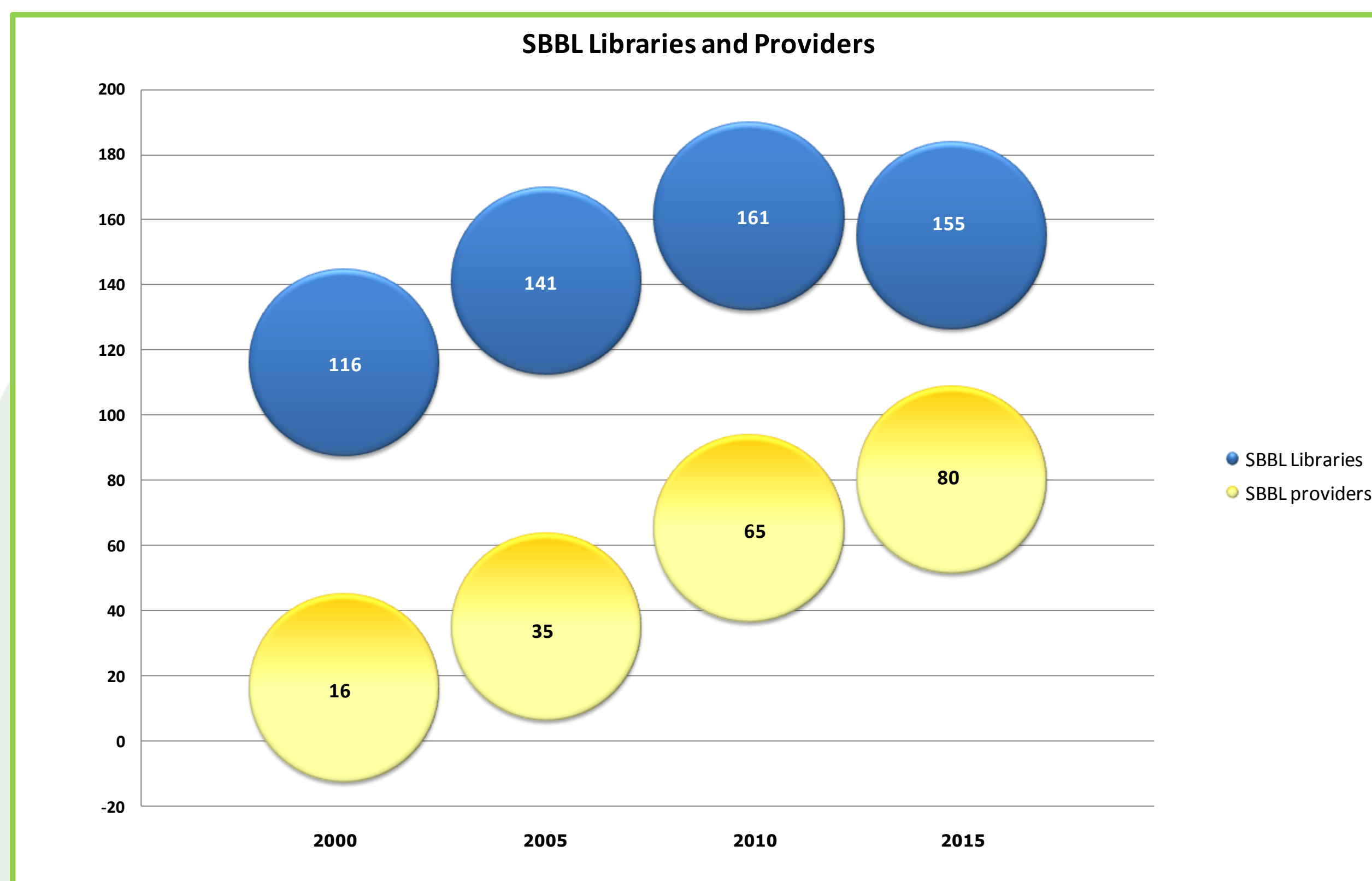


Fig. n.1

Methods. The CVL software allows an in depth data mining, considering the users, institutions, resources, catalogue and delivery evolution. The analysis is on data from 2000 to 2015.

Results. SBBL institutions are 116 in 2000 and 155 in 2016. The library providers are 16 in 2000, 80 in 2015 (Fig. n.1). The interlibrary article requests are 37.494 in 2000 and 35.019 in 2015, with a steady growth until 2004 with more than 58.000 full-text requests (Fig. n.2-3).

This year marks the quality cut-off of delivery, changed with the availability of journal comprehensive collections and a selection of resources (Fig. n. 4-5).

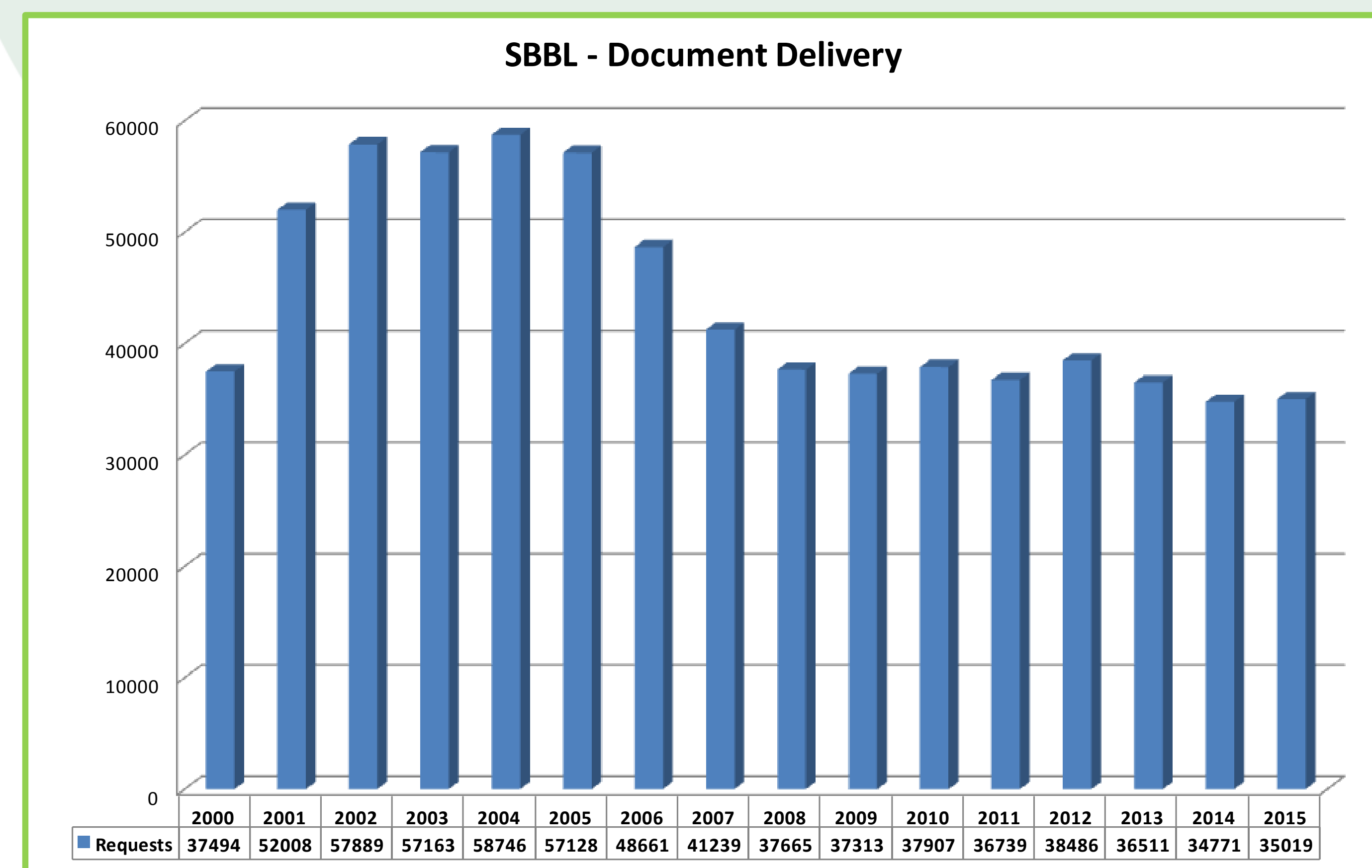


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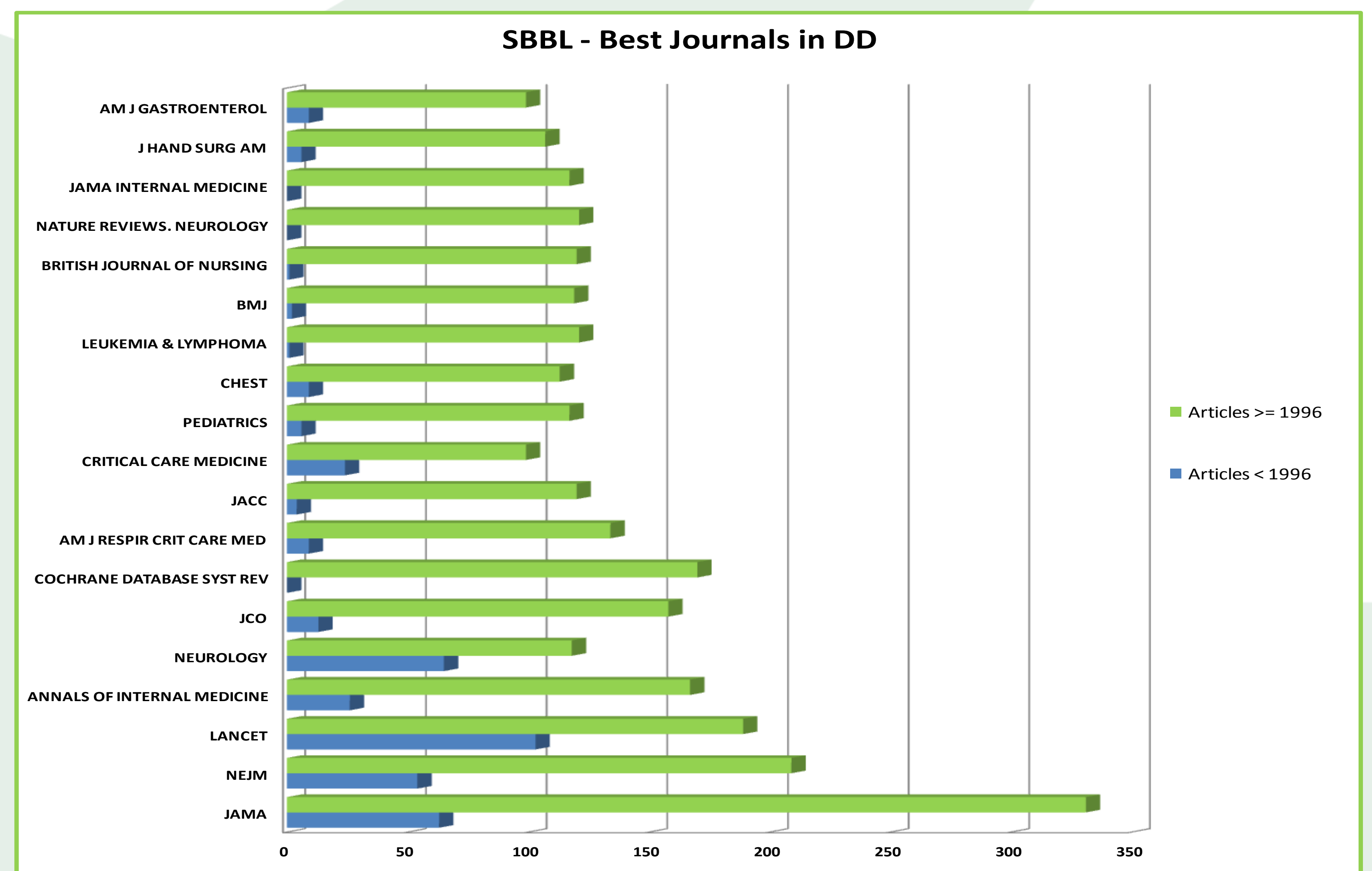


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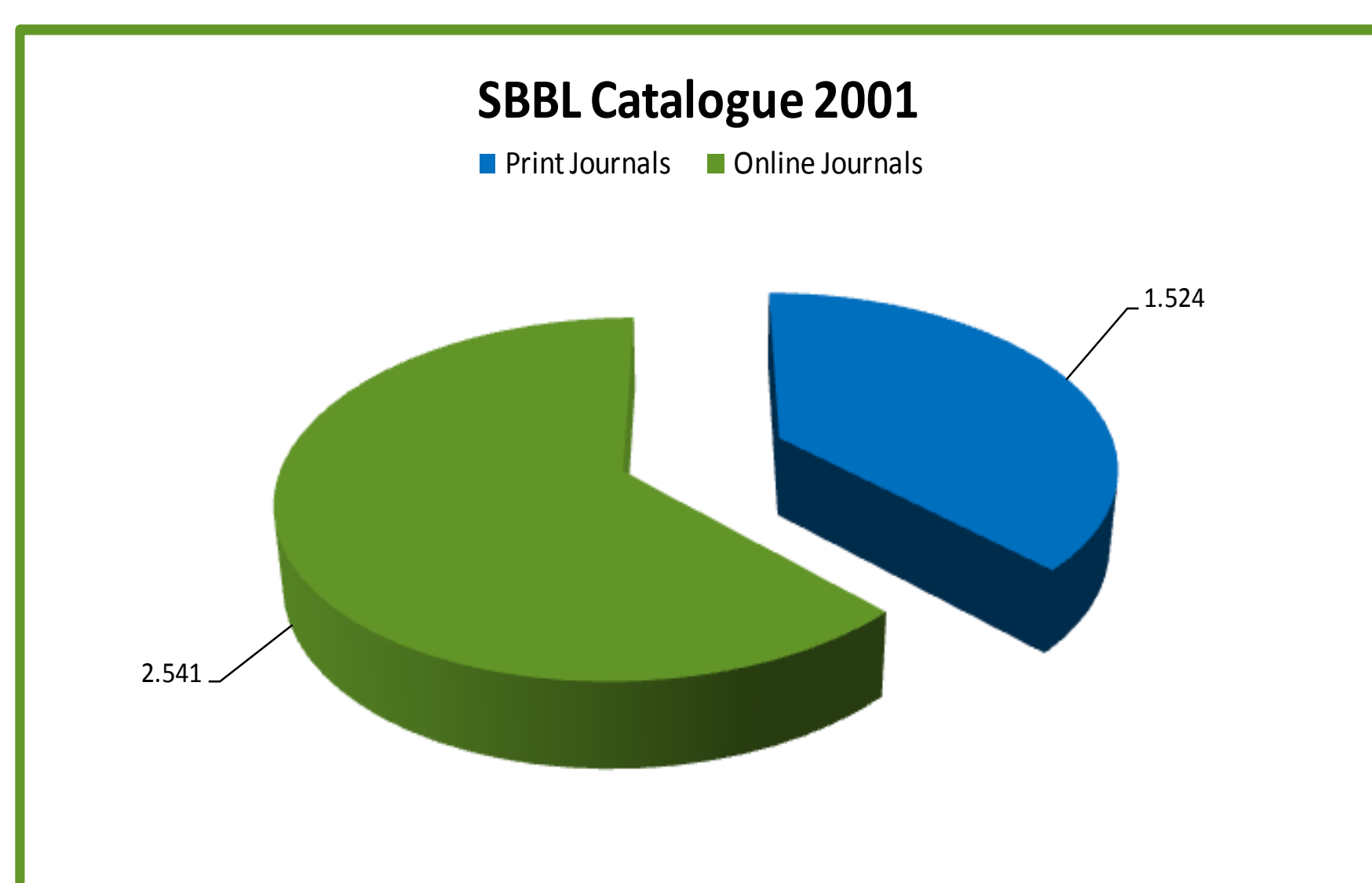


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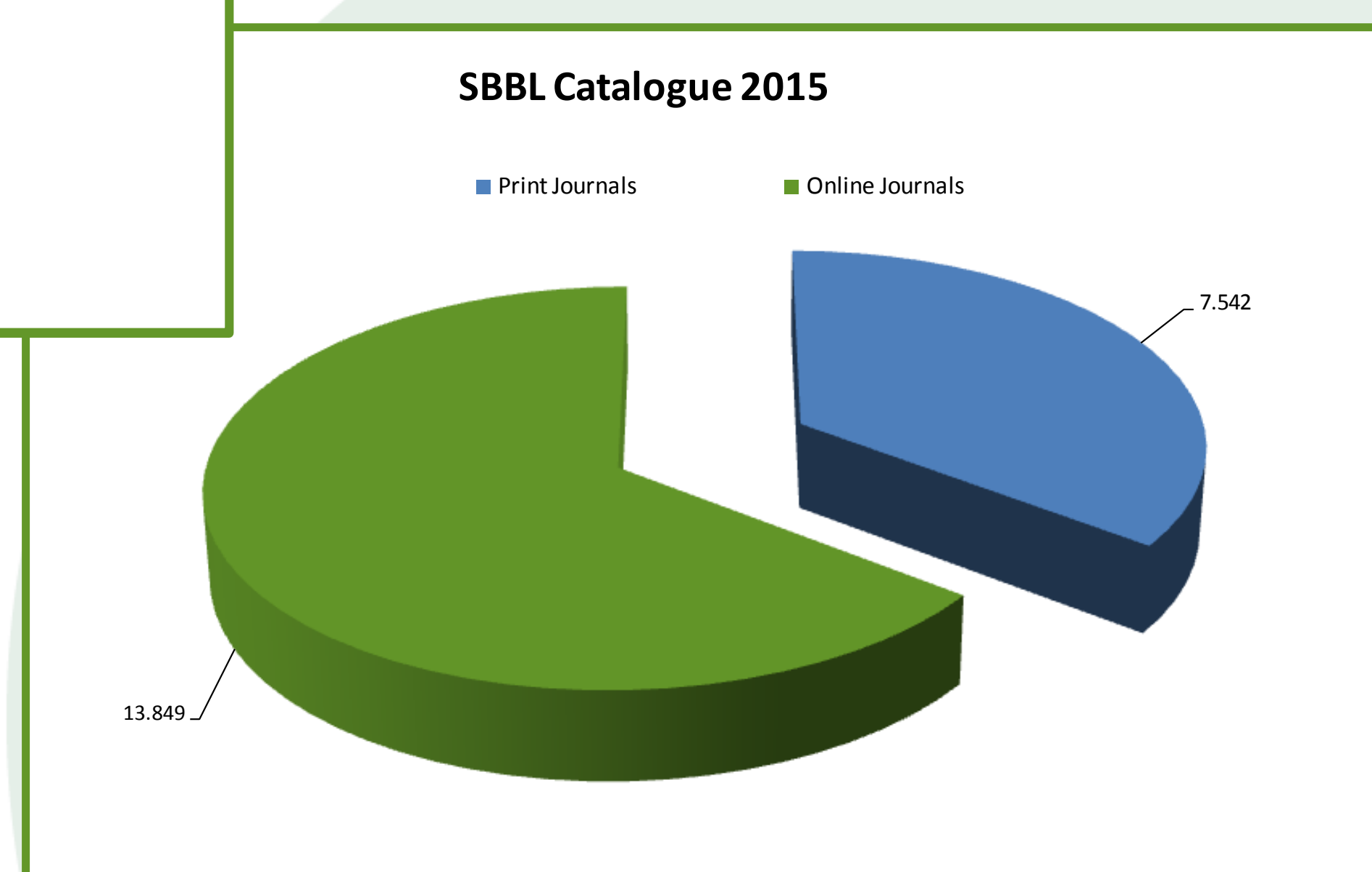


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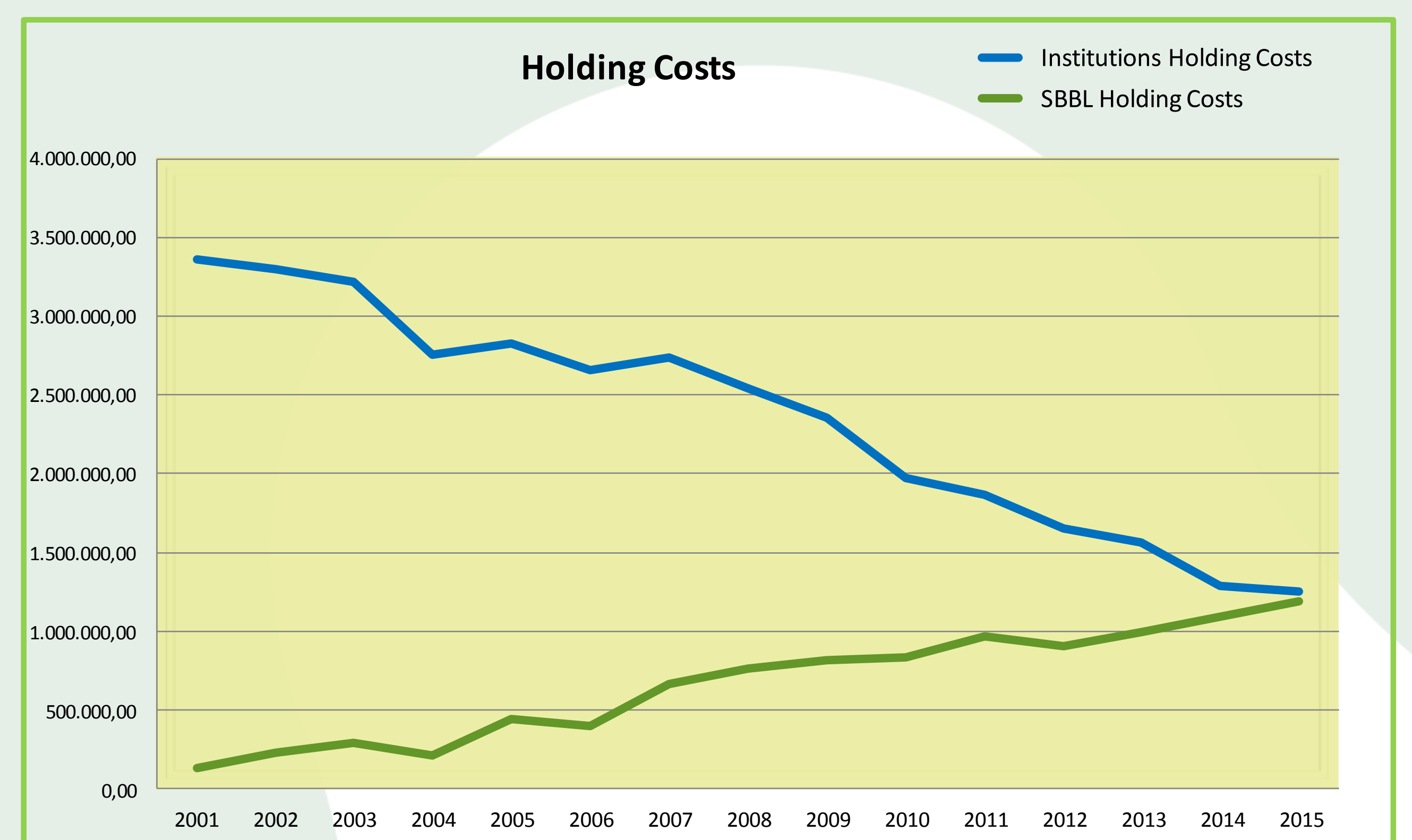


Fig. n. 5

Conclusion. SBBL delivery analysis has more than one aim: the assessment of user needs and a related proper journal selection; the increase of the institution subscriptions in the SBBL catalogue; an in depth evaluation of journal back-file collections.

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