

Table 2. Distribution of NEJM first authors' publications—trends over time.

	Total 16 Years (2002–2017)	Early Period (2002–2007)	Mid-Period (2008–2012)	Late Period (2013–2017)	<i>P</i>-value*
All Publications	2,419	820	744	855	
SP publications	1,816	638 (77.8%)	545 (73.3%)	633(74.0%)	0.204
MP publications	603	182 (22.2%)	199 (26.8%)	222 (26.0%)	0.217
Clinical Trials	2,016	629 (76.7%)	638 (85.8%)	749 (87.6%)	
SP clinical trials	1,451 (80.0%)	465 (72.9%)	451 (82.8%)	535 (84.5%)	0.013
MP clinical trials	565 (93.7%)	164 (90.1%)	187 (94.0%)	241 (96.4%)	< 0.001
CVD-Focused	490	161 (19.6%)	166 (22.3%)	163 (19.1%)	
SP CVD-focused	312 (17.2%)	106 (16.6%)	101 (18.5%)	105 (16.6%)	0.992
MP CVD-focused	178 (29.5%)	55 (30.2%)	65 (32.7%)	58 (26.1%)	0.400

**P*-value was based on log-linear Poisson regression models with correction for over-/under-dispersion. CVD = cardiovascular disease; SP = single first author publication; MP = multiple first author publications.