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Background: Scientific publications are nowadays streaming towards the open access model aiming at high numbers of citations and more visibility that lead to increased individual recognition and higher institutional rankings. Researchers in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) are also progressively adopting the open access model.

Methods: A Bibliographic analysis of open access publications in the United Arab Emirates for the past five years was conducted in order to identify most popular subject areas, affiliated institutions, yearly progress in open access publications, collaborating countries and other characteristics. Scopus citation and abstract database was used as the tool for analysis.

Results: Study shows that the open access publication model is increasing rapidly in the last five years in all fields of science. There was an overall increase of 190 % in open access research output in the last five years. Proportionally the number of citation for opens access publications also significantly increasing.

Conclusion: Open access publication model is becoming increasing popular among researchers in UAE. Advantages of the model are also realized by researchers in all fields.

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Open access publications, Bibliometric analysis, Open access journals