

to a low of under 20 within 5 years. After this time, there was an increase to a new peak in 1989 when 48 papers were published. After 1989, there was a 50% decrease in publications to 1991. It should be noted that since this study is inclusive up to 15 September 1992, the total Iranian publications for 1992 was estimated on the basis of publication output in the first eight months.

These large changes in Iranian biological research raise many questions about the nature of the research. However, in order to provide more detailed analysis, the research contained in the 672 selected publications was further broken down to describe the major

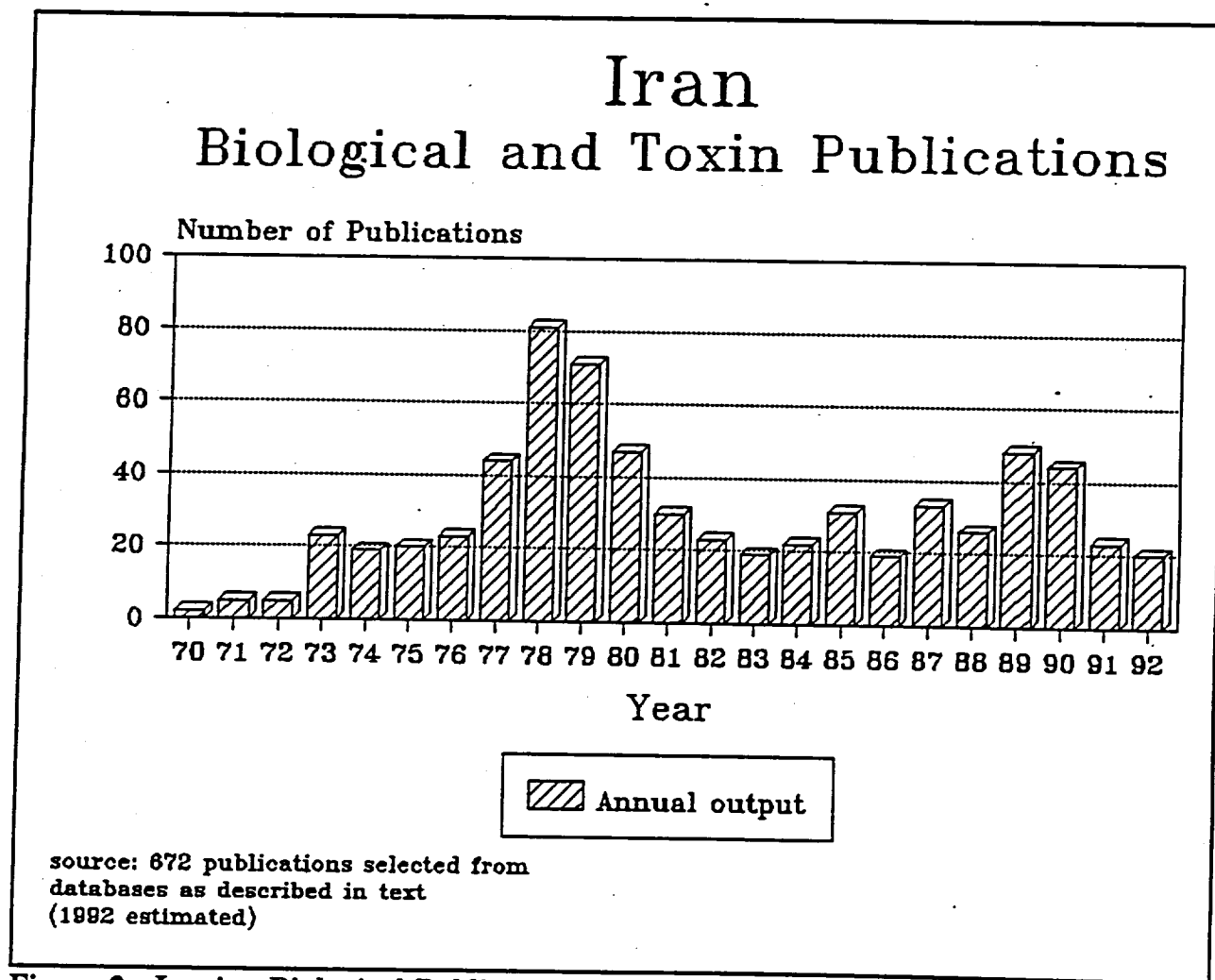


Figure 2. Iranian Biological Publications