

Figure 1. Iranian Publications

This section also describes the time course of the total publications from Iran. Analysis of publications from Iran in scientific databases showed marked changes in the number of publications during the period January 1, 1970 to September 15, 1992. Figure 1 shows the pattern of publications in scientific databases Embase and CA Search. It should be noted that this figure gives the total annual Iranian publications in each respective database. Thus, in the major biological database Embase, there were no publications from Iran between 1969 and 1974. Starting in 1975, there was rapid increase in biological and chemical publications which peaked in 1978 at over 250 publications. After the peak, the number of publications