

Editorial



Our take on 2018 Journal Citation Reports

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Clarivate Analytics is an independent company which, through Journal Citation Reports (JCR), manages citations from journals, books, and proceedings in the Web of Science Core Collection, a highly selectively curated database of the sources that have been considered the most important and useful in their fields. On June 27, Clarivate Analytics officially released 2018 JCR. This announcement of JCR shines the light on the value and contribution of a journal through transparent data, metrics and analysis.

In assessing the usefulness of a journal, Clarivate Analytics clearly states that the Journal Impact Factor alone is not a representative determinant, emphasizing that any inappropriate use of the Journal Impact Factor that may falsely affect citation rates should be avoided. As a matter of fact, Clarivate Analytics has paid careful attention for the possibility of biased citation metrics and has recently issued editorial expression of concern for several journals and initiated investigations to resolve the issue. After a thorough review, appropriate action will be taken, which may result in removal of journals from the JCR, with a possible further action of removal from indexing in the Web of Science.

Journal of Periodontal and Implant Science (JPIS) understands that manipulation of citation metrics is a serious matter and would like to show full support for strict monitoring of Clarivate Analytics. *JPIS* has been determined to dismiss any possible wrongdoings such as problematic pattern of citations or concentration of citation and maintained solid relationships with other renowned journals without seeking for an artificial solution for increase in the Journal Impact Factor. The well-maintained Journal Impact Factor and 5-year Impact Factor of *JPIS* would not have been possible without all the individual authors that have contributed to our journal. Thus, as Editor-in-Chief, I would like to express my immense gratitude towards all those who deserve the credit. Moreover, active participations from our patrons will be greatly appreciated as we continue to make our contributions to keeping scientific publications sound and fair through impartial reviews of submitted manuscripts.