

Polish Heart Journal (Kardiologia Pol) is the best Polish cardiology journal in 2024

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We are thrilled to announce that as predicted and anticipated in last weeks based on our estimations, the *Polish Heart Journal (Kardiologia Pol)* has gained the 2024 two-year Journal Impact Factor (IF) of 3.7 and confirmed our undisputed scientific leadership among Polish cardiology journals. After a slight decrease to 3.3 last year, this year we have returned to a record value of this well-recognized and much-criticized journal's metric from 2022. This result released on June 20, 2024 by Clarivate Analytics like each year to rank scientific journals present in the Web of Science database, is of particular importance since in the post-pandemic era many cardiovascular and general medicine journals have experienced a marked drop in this metric which is still considered the key, though not ideal, parameter in journal evaluation. In this context, the increase of the IF by more than 10% provides visible evidence that the Editorial Team's efforts since 2018 to select interesting, high-quality, well-written articles presenting studies conducted with scientific rigor have brought a desirable outcome. It should be highlighted that for the first time this year *Pol Heart J* has been classified in the top Q1 quartile among the cardiology journals (76. percentile), which is an unexpected additional bibliometric success.

Despite several challenges in everyday editorial work in 2023, as I reflect on the past year, we have made together as a community of Polish cardiologists major advances enhancing the standing of *Polish Heart Journal (Kardiologia Pol)* in the world of an ever-growing number of journals. I am thankful to all our authors, reviewers and readers who made this success possible.

Traditionally, I wish to highlight the contribution of all the authors of the most cited papers which contributed to our latest

IF (Table 1) and the reviewers, who provide timely, incisive insights and lend their valued expertise to help ensure the quality of our journal; the most hard working reviewers who provided the largest number of reviews in 2023 are shown in Table 2. Their long-lasting support is second to none.

I would like to express my immense gratitude to my Associate Editors who are at the frontline of everyday editorial work choosing the best articles. We bid farewell to Professor Maciej Lesiak, who has decided recently to focus on his clinical work. Wishing him further success, we hope for his support and advice in the future. Since September 1, 2024 Dr. Mateusz Tajstra, MD, PhD, from Zabrze will join our team being in charge of interventional cardiology and cardiac surgery in our journal and we are looking forward to working with him.

On behalf of the whole Editorial Team, I declare that we are committed to providing interesting high-quality content from seminal reviews on important and timely topics, original basic, translational, and clinical science to educational case challenges, along with impactful practical recommendations of Polish experts relevant to the everyday cardiovascular care of our patients, which are available also in Polish on our website in the Educational Issues of our journal. While reading each submitted manuscript, we will continue to ask ourselves the following questions: Are the findings valid? Is the methodology rigorous? Is the topic of potential clinical importance from an international perspective? Do the findings fill a gap in our knowledge? Is the manuscript clear for English-speaking readership? We work for the visibility of Polish cardiology since this is a mission of our society. I look forward to continuing to work with a devotion to

Table 1. Ten papers published in our journal in 2021 or 2022, which were most cited in 2023 and most contributed to the 2023 IF of 3.7

	Title	Authors	Reference	Citation count
1	The burden of cardiovascular disease risk factors: A current problem	Andrzej Pająk, Piotr Jankowski, Tomasz Zdrojewski	Kardiologia 2022; 80(1): 5–15	15
2	Acute myocardial infarction in young patients	Wojciech Zasada, Beata Bobrowska, Krzysztof Plens, Artur Dziewierz, Zbigniew Siudak, Andrzej Surdacki, Dariusz Dudek, Stanisław Bartuś	Kardiologia 2021; 79(10): 1093–1098	12
3	Management and predictors of clinical events in 75 686 patients with acute myocardial infarction	Piotr Jankowski, Roman Topór-Mądry, Mariusz Gąsior, Urszula Ceglowska, Marek Gierlotka, Jacek Kubica, Zbigniew Kalarus, Maciej Lesiak, Wojciech Wojakowski, Jacek Legutko, Radosław Sierpiński, Tomasz Zdrojewski, Jarosław Pinkas, Jarosław Kaźmierczak, Przemysław Mitkowski, Adam Witkowski	Kardiologia 2022; 80(4): 468–475	12
4	Pulmonary embolism response team: A multidisciplinary approach to pulmonary embolism treatment. Polish PERT Initiative Report	Aleksander Araszkievicz, Marcin Kurzyzna, Grzegorz Kopeć, Sylwia Sławek-Szmyt, Katarzyna Wrona, Jakub Stępniewski, Stanisław Jankiewicz, Arkadiusz Pietrasik, Michał Machowski, Szymon Darocha, Tatiana Mularek-Kubzdela, Adam Torbicki, Piotr Pruszczyk, Marek Roik	Kardiologia 2021; 79(12): 1311–1319	12
5	Comparison of long-term outcomes and risk factors of aortic stenosis treatment in patients undergoing transcatheter aortic valve implantation and surgical aortic valve replacement	Karolina Marzec, Maria Jaworska-Wilczyńska, Ilona Kowalik, Małgorzata Nieznańska, Adam Witkowski, Maciej Dąbrowski, Krzysztof Kuśmierski, Tomasz Hryniewiecki	Kardiologia 2022; 80(7–8): 792–798	10
6	An expert opinion of the Heart Failure Association of the Polish Cardiac Society on the 2021 European Society of Cardiology guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic heart failure: Heart failure guidelines from a national perspective	Małgorzata Lelonek, Marcin Grabowski, Jarosław D Kasprzak, Przemysław Leszek, Jadwiga Nessler, Agnieszka Pawlak, Piotr Rozentryt, Ewa Straburzynska-Migaj, Paweł Rubiś	Kardiologia 2022; 80(2): 239–246	10
7	Short-term heart rate variability in resting conditions: methodological considerations	Abel Plaza-Florida, Jerzy Sacha, Juan MA Alcantara	Kardiologia 2021; 79(7–8): 745–755	9
8	Telemedicine solutions in cardiology	Ryszard Piotrowicz, Paweł Krześciński, Paweł Balsam, Ewa Piotrowicz, Maciej Kempa, Ewa Lewicka, Renata Głównyńska, Marcin Grabowski, Łukasz Kołtowski, Michał Peller, Bartosz Szafran, Justyna Zajdel-Calkowska, Jan Pachocki, Jakub Podolec, Adam Stańczyk, Grzegorz Opolski	Kardiologia 2021; 79(2): 227–241	9
9	Fibromuscular dysplasia: its various phenotypes in everyday practice in 2021	Patricia Van der Niepen, Tom Robberechts, Hannes Devos, Frank van Tussenbroek, Andrzej Januszewicz, Alexandre Persu	Kardiologia 2021; 79(7–8): 733–744	8
10	Recording an isoelectric interval as an endpoint of left bundle branch pacing with continuous paced intracardiac electrogram monitoring	Hao Wu, Longfu Jiang, Jiabo Shen	Kardiologia 2022; 80(6): 664–671	8

Table 2. Top reviewers of 2023

	Reviewer	Number of completed reviews
1	Artur Dziewierz	24
2	Sylwia Iwańczyk	13
3	Zbigniew Siudak	13
4	Ludmiła Daniłowicz-Szymanowicz	8
5	Małgorzata Lelonek	8
6	Tomasz Rakowski	8
7	Ewa Świerzyńska	8
8	Stanisław Bartuś	7
9	Jacek Kusa	7
10	Tomasz Stompór	7

“never feeling satisfied”. At the end of my second term as Editor-in-Chief our ambitious aim is to achieve the two-year IF of 4.0, building a solid foundation for further growth in years to come. Since the next IF of our journal will be calculated based on the number of citations received in 2024 by all articles (including clinical vignettes or editorials) from

Kardiologia in 2022 or 2023, divided by the total number of the so-called citable items published in these 2 years, I encourage all our authors and supporters to add an article from the 2 previous years to their reference list in articles which now are prepared for submission to other journals with any IF. Each citation counts and helps to enhance our position in rankings. I truly believe in a huge scientific potential of Polish cardiologists and a growing prestige of *Pol Heart J* is a kind of „proof-of-concept”. We can be better and we may achieve it together.

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