

A new impact factor of *Kardiologia Polska*

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The most commonly used 2-year impact factor (IF) of a journal is calculated by dividing the number of current year citations to the source items published in that journal during the previous 2 years. This popular measure of the frequency with which the “average article” in a journal has been cited in a particular year or period represents the prestige of the journal and its relative value in the appropriate categories, for instance, cardiology.

We are happy to announce that based on reports issued by Clarivate (formerly Thomson Reuters) in June 2020, the new IF for *Kardiologia Polska* (*Kardiol Pol*, *Polish Heart Journal*) is 1.87 and it has increased by 11% as compared to the 2018 IF. We are proud of this value which indicates that we are improving. Among Polish biomedical journals, the position of *Kardiol Pol* has strengthened within the last year in terms of the current IF (TABLE 1).

A major contribution to the 2019 IF of the *Kardiol Pol* has been made by publishing

several original and review papers that covered diverse topics across cardiovascular medicine. The articles published in *Kardiol Pol* in the years 2017 and 2018 that have been cited most often by our peers over the past year are shown in TABLE 2. We feel it is a good sign that all of the most cited original papers were submitted by Polish researchers and their quality helped us to improve our standing among medical journals.

We also acknowledge the excellent work of our reviewers; their complete list is available on the journal website.

The current estimated IF for 2020 (as of July 31, 2020) is 1.4, which could be a good prognostic factor for exceeding the value of 2.0 next year. We sincerely invite you to submit your high-quality research to our journal. We promise quick and insightful comments within 25 days and the final publication in print, on average, within 3 months from acceptance. I also

TABLE 1 Impact factors of Polish biomedical journals based on 2019 and 2020 Journal Citation Reports, Clarivate

Journal	Impact factor 2018	Impact factor 2019
<i>Archivum Immunologiae et Therapiae Experimentalis</i>	2.878	3.200
<i>Polish Archives of Internal Medicine</i>	2.882	3.007
<i>Archives of Medical Science</i>	2.380	2.807
<i>Pharmacological Reports</i>	2.761	2.754
<i>Journal of Physiology and Pharmacology</i>	2.544	2.644
<i>Advances in Medical Sciences</i>	2.080	2.570
<i>Kardiologia Polska</i>	1.674	1.874
<i>Cardiology Journal</i>	1.743	1.669
<i>Journal of Contemporary Brachytherapy</i>	1.847	1.627
<i>Translational Neuroscience</i>	2.038	1.373
<i>Advances in Dermatology and Allergology / Postępy Dermatologii i Alergologii</i>	1.757	1.361

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TABLE 2 Most cited original articles and reviews in 2019 among those published in 2017–2018

Original articles	Reviews
Cited 12 times Olejnik P, Nosal M, Havran T, et al. Utilisation of three-dimensional printed heart models for operative planning of complex congenital heart defects. <i>Kardiol Pol.</i> 2017; 75: 495–501.	Cited 12 times Pignatelli P, Menichelli D, Pastori D, et al. Oxidative stress and cardiovascular disease: new insights. <i>Kardiol Pol.</i> 2018; 76: 713–722.
Cited 10 times Jablonowska-Lietz B, Wrzosek M, Włodarczyk M, Nowicka G. New indexes of body fat distribution, visceral adiposity index, body adiposity index, waist-to-height ratio, and metabolic disturbances in the obese. <i>Kardiol Pol.</i> 2017; 75: 1185–1191.	Cited 6 times Osmancik P, Louckova A. Biomarkers of apoptosis, inflammation, and cardiac extracellular matrix remodelling in the prognosis of heart failure. <i>Kardiol Pol.</i> 2017; 75: 295–305.
Cited 7 times Li H, Zhou Y, Ma Y, et al. The prognostic value of the platelet-to-lymphocyte ratio in acute coronary syndrome: a systematic review and meta-analysis. <i>Kardiol Pol.</i> 2017; 75: 666–673.	Cited 5 times Tantry US, Navarese EP, Bliden KP, et al. Acetylsalicylic acid and clopidogrel hyporesponsiveness following acute coronary syndromes. <i>Kardiol Pol.</i> 2018; 76: 1312–1319.

encourage all our authors and supporters to cite our articles in their manuscripts to enhance the standing of *Kardiol Pol* in the future.

Last but not least, I would like to express gratitude to the entire team of Editors working harder than ever and the publisher during the current pandemic.

In memoriam On August 15, 2020 Professor Marek Sznajderman, an eminent internist and cardiologist, expert on arterial hypertension, academic leader and scientist, passed away at the age of 91. He served as Editor in Chief of *Kardiol Pol* in the years 1983 to 1990. His work for our journal will be always remembered and appreciated.

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