

The 2017 Impact Factor for *Kardiologia Polska*

We are pleased to announce that the 2017 Impact Factor (IF) for *Kardiologia Polska* (Polish Heart Journal) is 1.227. On behalf of the Editorial Board and the publisher, Via Medica, I am indebted to all of you who helped us achieve this outcome.

The IF is the most important measure of a journal's quality. It is calculated by dividing the number of all citations of the articles published in this journal within the particular year by the number of "scholarly (citable) items," defined as all items indexed in the Web of Science database as document type "article" or "review," published in this journal during the two preceding years. It should also be pointed out that the exact IF calculated each year cannot be replicated using publicly available data. In other words, scholarly items from all issues of *Kardiologia Polska* from 2015 and 2016 are counted in the denominator of the 2017 Journal IF calculation (a total of 251 and steadily rising over the last years), while the numerator is calculated by adding all of the citations that *Kardiologia Polska* accumulated in 2017. Of the 251 citable items from 2015 and 2016, more than 30% of the original articles and 60% of the review articles were not cited even once in 2017, which explains the slightly lower IF for 2017 compared with the value for the year 2016 (1.34).

Of key importance for a journal's IF is the decision as to which article should be categorised as a citable item and which should not. It may markedly increase or decrease the denominator and consequently affect the IF. In *Kardiologia Polska* all Polish versions of the European Society of Cardiology guidelines, expert opinions, and position papers also published in supplements are counted in the denominator. Our policy regarding increasing the IF in 2018 is to maintain the balance between various strategies aiming at higher IF in order to ensure a wider platform to publish clinical and basic studies in cardiology, predominantly performed in Poland. To increase the numerator of the IF equation, high-quality original papers and reviews, particularly on trendy topics, should be published, while to reduce the denominator, the number of non-citable articles in 2018, not of enough interest to their authors and readers to cite them, should be minimised.

It has been six months since I took over the role of Editor-in-Chief of *Kardiologia Polska* from Professor Krzysztof J. Filipiak. The new task has proved to be as challenging as expected: we aim to bring our journal to the level of the top quality periodicals in the field of cardiology. We inherited a well-regarded and growing journal from the previous team. The current team has the ambition to build further on this success and make *Kardiologia Polska* one of the top quality forums for publication of new clinical and basic scientific observations at an international level. Only the high quality of the submitted papers and the rigour of the review process can enable us to achieve our goal, which is a 2018 IF above 1.5. We are already in the process of developing new initiatives with the aim of further enhancing the quality and reputation of our journal.

We would like to thank all Authors, Associate Editors, Editorial Board Members, and Reviewers, who are making all of this possible. We also thank the Polish Cardiac Society, of which *Kardiologia Polska* is the official journal, for their continued support.

For all who have already submitted their work to *Kardiologia Polska*, keep up the good work in 2018! For new authors who are interested in submitting their work to our journal, we encourage you to publish with us. This is our journal, and it will be as good as our research work.

We look forward to reading your articles and working with you while reviewing in 2018 and beyond.



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