

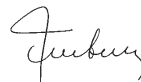
JAD in the Context of Current Bibliometric Data

2.379 (Journal Impact Factor) – 2.665 (5-year Journal Impact Factor) – 3.6 (CiteScore) – 1.231 (SNIP / Source Normalized Impact per paper) – 1.046 (SJR / SCImago Journal Rank) – these are the fundamental specific numbers of our journal related to bibliometric assessment in the present year. As we have mentioned regularly in the past,^{1,4} the development of these numbers has been positive during the last years, and in 2020, we achieved another Journal Impact Factor (JIF) all-time high of 2.379 for the year 2019. The Journal Impact Factor is defined as a scientometric index that reflects the average annual number of citations that articles published in a given journal received in the last two years – so only when an author is cited early does it really have an impact here. Although a certain amount of criticism exists,³ the JIF is nevertheless frequently used as proxy for the relative importance of a journal within its field as well as interdisciplinarily, mainly due to the fact that it is easily and quickly retrievable. It is remarkable that JAD just missed the first quartile of top journals in dentistry in general, which is nonetheless a great success. The same positive trend is true for the 5-year impact factor which is now at 2.665.

The Scopus database also publishes a kind of impact factor, the so-called CiteScore,⁶ which is now 3.6 for JAD. It is similar to the assessment of the traditional impact factor, except it is calculated as the number of citations received in the present year, regarding articles published in that journal during the three preceding years (ie, for this year being 2016-2019), divided by the total number of “citable items” published in that journal during the three preceding years. The Scopus database also contains more interesting numbers: the SNIP (1.231) and the SJR (1.046). SNIP means Source Normalized Impact per

Paper and measures actual citations received relative to citations expected for the serial’s subject field. It is computed to correct differences in citation practice between scientific fields. SJR stands for SCImago Journal Rank and measures weighted citations received by the serial with citation weighting being dependent on subject field and prestige of the citing serial. For both indices, a score >1 means to be ranked above the overall average of course.

To sum it up: All bibliometric numbers clearly show a positive trend for JAD during the last years, and we hope to be able to continue this trend in the future, including innovative sections and ideas such as “hot papers”² and “clinical concept papers”.⁵



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