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As we reach the final issue of the *American Journal of Cardiovascular Drugs* for 2019, we wish to reflect on another successful year's achievements, and to thank all those who have contributed their time and effort to guarantee the high quality of our content.

2019 was a successful year for the *American Journal of Cardiovascular Drugs*. Over 50 articles have been published; the most popular of these, in terms of downloads from SpringerLink, have been:

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Social media sharing of information has become important and is another metric with which to measure the reach of articles. This year the following articles published in the *American Journal of Cardiovascular Drugs* scored highly on the Altmetric system:

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The quality of articles published in the journal is also reflected in its most recent impact factor of 2.578. The *American Journal of Cardiovascular Drugs* is now ranked 62/136 journals in the ‘Cardiac & Cardiovascular Systems’ category [Clarivate Analytics]. The Journal’s 2018 CiteScore is 2.12, with a ranking of 89/322 journals in the ‘Cardiology and Cardiovascular Medicine’ category [Scopus].

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With best wishes,

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