EDITORIAL

IMPACT AND IMPACT FACTOR

We have consistently suggested that the Journal's broad impact on patient care, knowledge, and research is far more important than the impact factor (IF), but for those who follow the yearly IF, we offer this news.

The journal citation reports, prepared annually by *Clarivate Analytics*, were updated on June 14th 2017 to announce the 2016 IF scores.

The 2016 IF calculation is based on the following:

- Numerator: total number of citations in 2016 to ALL ITEMS published by a journal during 2014 and 2015.
- Denominator: number of SOURCE ITEMS published by a journal during 2014 and 2015.

JNC's 2014 and 2015 publications received 727 citations during 2016. 185 of JNC's publications in 2014 and 2015 were considered to be source items, thus the 2016 IF is 3.930 (an increase from the 2015 IF: 2.929).

JNC's 2016 IF has improved its placement within the category rankings by moving ahead of 10 other journals in the Radiology category and 11 in the Cardiac and Cardiovascular category.

Here is another way looking at these data: the 2016 IF is the highest in the 24-year history of the Journal, and it is the first result that reflects the efforts of the current editorial team which implemented many changes. It is interesting also to note that the other journals ahead of ours in the Radiology category are either multi-modality or multi-system imaging journals or are non-cardiac imaging journals.

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