



CNR: Stability and Growth

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Fig. 1 Impact factor development of *Clinical Neuroradiology*. (Data from: InCites™ Journal Citation Reports®, Clarivate Analytics (www.incites.thomsonreuters.com))



This issue will be published close to this year's annual conference of the German Society of Neuroradiology. The motto of this congress in Frankfurt am Main is "neuroRAD 2018 GOES INTERNATIONAL". Our journal already took this step 12 years ago, when *Klinische Neuroradiologie* became *Clinical Neuroradiology*. We aimed to show that German-speaking neuroradiologists do not need to hide internationally and that we are able to establish an internationally respected journal to show the excellent neuroradiological work done in these countries.

During the last 5–6 years our journal has indeed become accepted internationally, which is also demonstrated by the journal's impact factor (IF) development. In June, the Impact Factor 2017 (IF 2017) was published. Despite an increasing number of published papers, *Clinical Neu-*

roradiology (CNR) improved slightly compared to 2016 (Fig. 1).

Papers published in CNR are mainly cited in high-ranking journals, e.g. *PLoS ONE* (IF 2017: 2.766), *Journal of Neurosurgery* (4.318), *European Radiology* (4.027) and *American Journal of Neuroradiology* (AJNR; 3.653) and also in *The New England Journal of Medicine* (79.258), *Lancet* (53.254), *Brain* (10.840) and *Stroke* (6.239).

The CNR is ranked second in neuroradiological journals, after AJNR (Fig. 2). In the categories where CNR is listed, the journal was able to maintain its rank: in the category "Clinical Neurology" CNR is placed in the top half of journals (rank 88th among 197 journals), in the category "Radiology, Nuclear Medicine & Medical Imaging", the journal is placed in the first third (ranked 39th in a total of 128 journals).

We are pleased that the situation of CNR is stabilizing in international comparison. A stable position as an international journal is neither a given fact nor can it be maintained without effort, which became apparent when journals such as the *International Journal of Neuroradiology*, the *Neuro-*

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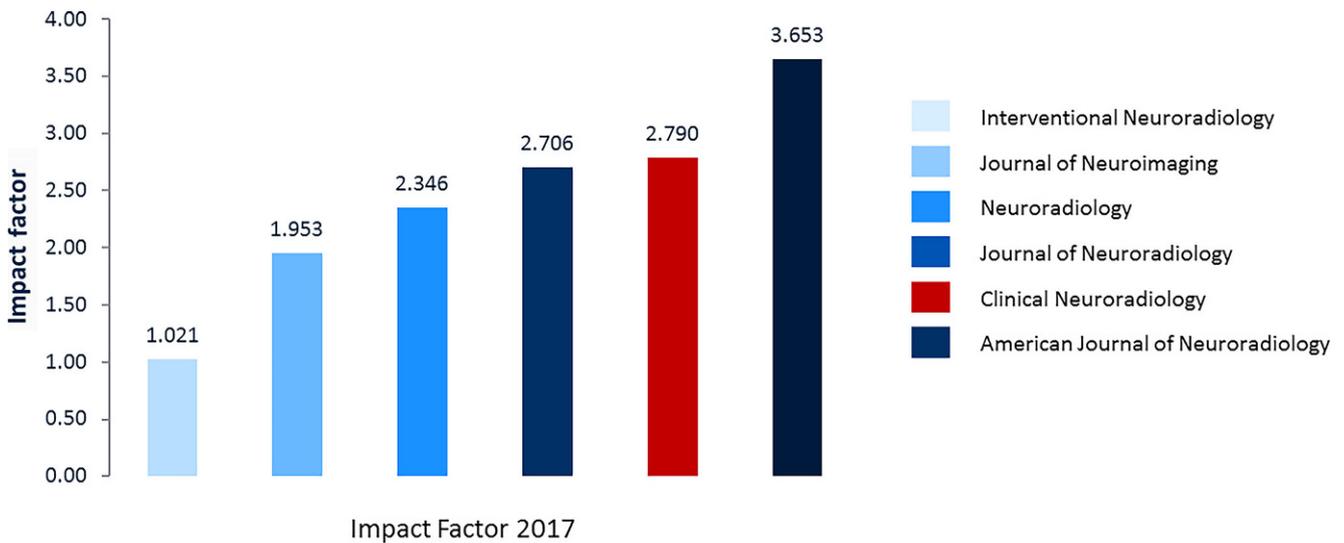


Fig. 2 2017 Impact factors of neuroradiology journals in comparison. (Data from: InCites™ Journal Citation Reports®, Clarivate Analytics)

radiology Journal and others did not receive an IF in 2017 anymore.

The number of full-text downloads and submissions continues to increase, so we assume that we are on the right track. We hope that you will continue to support us by submitting good papers, by participating in the peer review process as a reviewer and by diligently citing works published in CNR.

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