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As we reach the final issue of the *American Journal of Cardiovascular Drugs* for 2018, 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.

2018 was a successful year for the *American Journal of Cardiovascular Drugs*. Over 45 articles have been published; the most popular of these, in terms of downloads from SpringerLink, have been:

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- Varjabedian L, Bourji M, Pourafkari L, Nader ND. Cardioprotection by Metformin: Beneficial Effects Beyond Glucose Reduction. *Am J Cardiovasc Drugs*. 2018 Jun;18(3):181-193. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40256-018-0266-3>.
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Social media sharing of information is becoming more 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:

- Varjabedian L, Bourji M, Pourafkari L, Nader ND. [Cardioprotection by Metformin: Beneficial Effects Beyond Glucose Reduction.](#)
- Holubarsch CJF, Colucci WS, Eha J. [Benefit-Risk Assessment of Crataegus Extract WS 1442: An Evidence-Based Review.](#)
- Cao YX, Liu HH, Li S, Li JJ. [A Meta-Analysis of the Effect of PCSK9-Monoclonal Antibodies on Circulating Lipoprotein \(a\) Levels.](#)
- Kapelios CJ, Bonou M, Vogiatzi P, Tzani G, Mantzouratou P, Lund LH, Barbetseas J. [Association Between High-Dose Spironolactone and Decongestion in Patients with Acute Heart Failure: An Observational Retrospective Study.](#)
- Gee ME, Watkins AK, Brown JN, Young EJA. [Ivabradine for the Treatment of Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome: A Systematic Review.](#)

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With best wishes,

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