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DARU Journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences; The 2012 report of Editor-in-Chief

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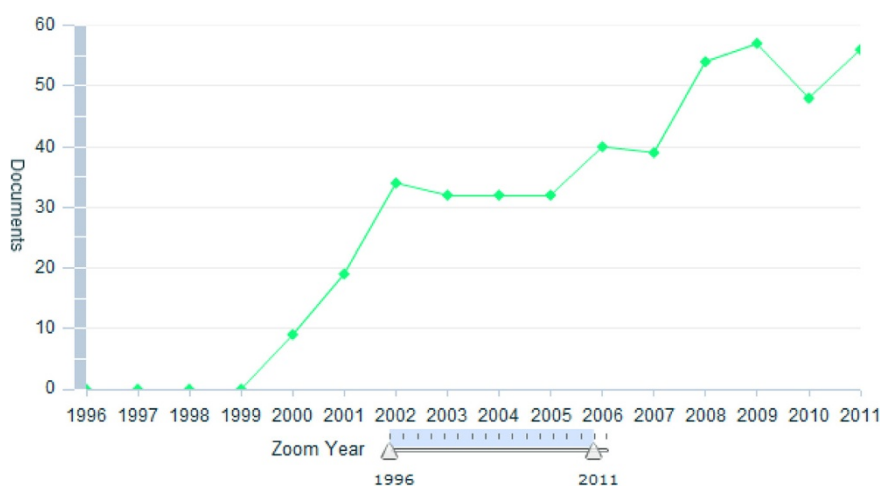


Figure 1 Growth of DARU published papers in Scopus®.

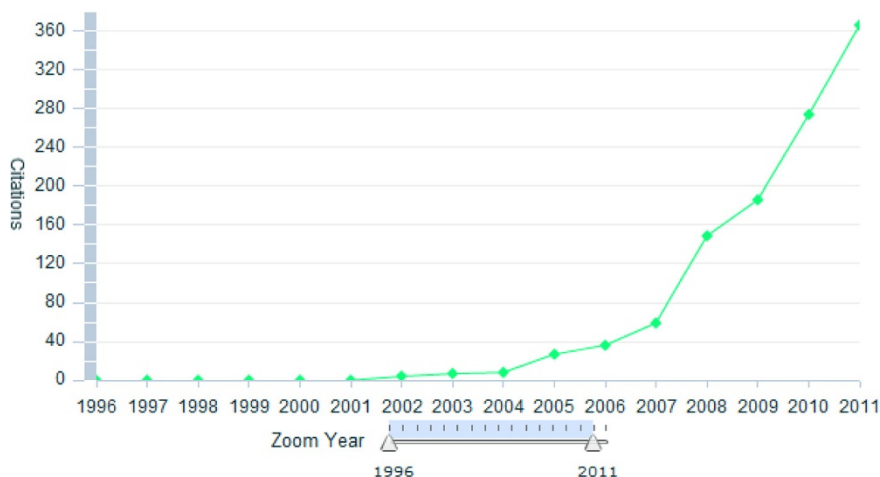


Figure 2 Number of citations to DARU published papers in Scopus®.

Table 1 List of top 10 most cited articles according to Scopus

| Reference | No. of Citation |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Krishna Mohan et al. 2007 [1] | 25 |
| Sajjadi 2006 [2] | 25 |
| Delazar et al. 2006 [3] | 23 |
| Patel et al. 2006 [4] | 21 |
| Abdollahi et al. 2008 [5] | 17 |
| Miri et al. 2008 [6] | 17 |
| Delazar et al. 2004 [7] | 16 |
| Khorram Khorshid et al. 2008 [8] | 15 |
| Masoompour et al. 2008 [9] | 14 |
| Yaghoubi et al. 2007 [10] | 14 |

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standards of editing and publication to meet the needs of academics, researchers and professionals.

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