



The Significance of the First Impact Factor: Propelling Our Journal Forward

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The academic community, including researchers, editors, and scholars, relies on knowledge exchange and the dissemination of innovative research.¹⁻³ For this community, publishing papers in a reputable journal is an indication of the quality and impact of their study. One crucial step in this process is obtaining the first impact factor for a journal. The presence of an impact factor enhances the visibility of journals among researchers, organizations, decision-makers, and policy-makers.⁴⁻⁶

Crescent Journal of Medical and Biological Sciences (CJMB) is an open access journal, which acts as a modern forum for scientific communication, covering all aspects medical sciences and biological sciences—in basic and clinical sciences. It upholds high editorial standards, rigorous peer-review processes, and timely publication schedules. The journal adheres to the Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts Submitted to Biomedical Journals by the International Committee for Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE), as well as the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE) code of conduct for editors.

However, until recently, it did not have an impact factor (IF). The IF is a scientometric index calculated by Clarivate⁷ that measures the average number of citations received per article published in a journal over the past two years. On June 28, 2022, the Journal Citation Report (JCR)⁸ determined CJMB's impact factor to be **0.4**, placing it among other well-known publications in its field. Currently, CJMB is indexed in various databases such as Web of Science Journal Citation Reports (WoS JCR), WoS Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI), CAS, Embase, and Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ). From 2014 to July 2023, CJMB has published 10 volumes and 39 issues; Out of a total of 1362 received submissions, 470 articles were published in CJMB, which accounts for approximately 34% of the total submissions.

CJMB applies the Gold Open Access publishing model for cover the Gold Open Access publishing model is employed by CJMB to cover various expenses such as editorial team, technical issues, language editing, Crossref

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Registration Agency (DOI, Crossmark), and indexing services like XML production. It is important to note that publication fees are waived for editorials and invited letter-to-editors. Additionally, selected peer-reviewed papers on novel subjects deemed most attractive by the editorial board will be published free of charge.

While we celebrate this significant accomplishment, it is crucial to emphasize that an Impact Factor (IF) is not the sole indicator of a journal's success. We remain dedicated to maintaining the highest academic standards and promoting innovation in academic publishing. Our goal is to provide a platform for innovative research addressing critical challenges in medical and biological sciences globally.

The achievement of CJMB is a result of the collective efforts of our editorial team, reviewers, authors, and readers worldwide. This signifies that our journal has gained recognition for its high-quality research, increased visibility within the academic community, and created opportunities for collaboration. As the editor-in-chief of CJMB, I express gratitude to all those who have contributed to this achievement and encourage researchers worldwide to continue submitting their innovative works to our journal. Together, we can leave a lasting impact on the academic community.

Ethical Issues

Not applicable.

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