



## ... but where is the 2010 impact factor for *EJOR*?

Finally, the impact factor (IF) that all editors and researchers in the medical field have been longing for has been released. The IF is used as an indicator for the importance of a journal to its field. The journal with the highest IF is the one that published the most commonly cited articles over a 2-year period. However, this is not synonymous with the quality of individual articles. Please remember also that the IF applies only to journals, not to individual articles or scientists.

After months of patient waiting, after hundreds of requests from eager authors enquiring about the IF of *EJOI* and reassuring replies to be patient, the moment has finally arrived. I started to read the list from the top dental journal, hoping to find it and I gradually went down ... but where is the 2010 impact factor for *EJOI*? There must be a mistake, or was I reading too fast? Let's try again but from the bottom to the top this time ... *EJOI* is not there! So the question is, what has happened to the IF of *EJOI*? We actually do not know. Our enquiries to Thomson Reuters have not received clear answers yet, but it appears that *EJOI* has been left out (and another Quintessence journal *Oral Health & Preventive Dentistry*). My understanding is that any mistakes will hopefully be fixed in the short term.

You can just imagine our major disappointment for being left out after more than 3 years of hard work and the written acceptance that we shall have an IF! Then anger subsides and everything goes back

to the normal routine. So, my dear readers, at the moment I am unable to tell you the 2010 impact factor of *EJOI* and when this will be known. I can only reassure you that we shall make every effort to make this journal the evidence-based clinical journal in dental implantology, since our philosophy is to serve the readers and not only to focus on the IF. Please find below the list of the 10 journals in dentistry with the highest impact factor, calculated by dividing the total number of citations in 2010 with the total number of articles published in 2008 and 2009 in a specific journal. In other words, it is the ratio between citations and recent citable items published.

Journal	Impact factor
J Clin Periodontol	3.933
J Dent Res	3.773
J Endodont	3.291
Caries Res	2.926
Dent Mater	2.920
Oral Oncol	2.871
Clin Oral Implant Res	2.812
Clin Implant Dent Related Res	2.803
J Periodontol	2.479
Oral Microbiol Immun	2.479

Yours,  
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