I want to take this opportunity to update our readers, reviewers, and supporters regarding the growth and stature of the *Western Journal of Emergency Medicine: Integrating Emergency Care with Population Health* (*WestJEM*). We continue to grow and thrive, extending our scope and reach throughout the nation and the world.

One of the measures of a successful journal is its ability to make its published research available to other researchers, policy makers and thought leaders through robust indexing. *WestJEM* is indexed in all the world’s sources, including MEDLINE/Index Medicus, PubMed, PubMed Central, Europe PubMed Central, Embase, EBSCO/CINAHL, SCOPUS, HINARI (World Health Organization journal list) and Clarivate (formerly Thomson-Reuters) Emerging Sources Index. As an open access journal, we are members of the Directory of Open Access Journals, which indexes our abstracts.

The journal’s two-year impact factor from Scimago Journal and Country Rank (SJR) is 1.136 for 2016. This ranks us 21st of 76 journal titles in emergency medicine. This is equivalent to the Clarivate (former Thomson-Reuters) impact factor that is commonly used to gauge a journal’s influence. This ranking can be found at: http://www.scimagojr.com/journalrank.php?category=2711&area=2700&order=cpd&ord=desc&page=1&total_size=76 and lists WestJEM as the 3rd ranked (of 12), fully open-access journal in the specialty.

The trend for impact factor can be found at: http://www.scimagojr.com/journalsearch.php?q=19900193277&tip=sid&clean=0 (Image 1).

Our three-year impact factor from Scopus 2016 CiteScore journal metrics is 0.95 (Image 2). This ranks us 25th of 75 journal titles in emergency medicine, and rising.

Comparison to other journals in the specialty can be found here: https://www.scopus.com/sourceid/19900193277?origin=sbrowse#tabs=1

And specific WestJEM score can be found at: https://www.scopus.com/sourceid/19900193277?origin=sbrowse#tabs=0

Why does this matter? The more robustly indexed a journal, the more likely a researcher interested in your work is to find, and cite, your article. Given that WestJEM is one of a few fully open-access emergency medicine journals in the world, the full published paper is available...
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Publishing in WestJEM is mainstream. The scientific quality of papers continues to increase, as the journal contributes to the greater good of the specialty. With the population health and public policy niche of the journal, this ultimately benefits our community and society.

Thank you for your faith in our efforts.

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