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Letter from the Editor

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Dear Reader

One year has gone from my appointment as the Editor in Chief of *European Annals of Allergy and Clinical Immunology*, and time has come to draw up a balance. The policy of reducing the number of issues and to point to a better quality of published papers is seemingly paying dividends. Many colleagues have expressed their appreciation about the journal at national and international meetings and congresses. We have recently published relevant review articles on topics of general interest such as mite allergens, immunotherapy, cereals pollen sensitization, and systemic nickel hypersensitivity. Further, we have tried to give priority to articles of practical clinical interest.

Table 1 - Scientific influence and impact of an average article published on some allergy journals (2011 data)

Journal	SJR	Cites per Doc (2 yrs)
The Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology	1.045	6.792
Clinical and Experimental Allergy	0.431	2.995
Allergy	0.375	2.756
Annals of Allergy Asthma and Immunology	0.214	1.596
International Archives of Allergy and Immunology	0.200	1.317
Allergy and Asthma Proceedings	0.158	1.389
Journal of Investigational Allergology and Clinical Immunology	0.101	0.812
European Annals of Allergy and Clinical Immunology	0.106	0.745
Asian Pacific Journal of Allergy and Immunology	0.056	0.316
Italian Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology	0.027	0

The SJR indicator measures the scientific influence of the average article in a journal, it expresses how central to the global scientific discussion an average article of the journal is. Cites per Doc. (2y) measures the scientific impact of an average article published in the journal, it is computed using the same formula that journal impact factor™ (Thomson Reuters).

Although our application to get an official impact factor from Thomson Reuters has been unsuccessful so far (a new analysis will be performed in 2012), an important platform based upon the Scopus database (www.scimagojr.com) shows that the scientific influence and scientific impact of our journal has been growing up constantly during the last years. *European Annals of Allergy and Clinical Immunology* ranks now among the most influential allergy journals (see table) thanks to the good quality of the articles it hosts. Of course I have to express my gratitude for these results to all the authors, for their expertise and dedication, and to all the cooperators for their help and the present nice graphic look of the journal. I

also thank the Board of the AAITO for their ongoing support and encouragement.

I heartily invite all of you to go on supporting the journal by reading it with interest, sending me suggestions and criticisms, and (of course) submitting your good clinical research for publication. I'm confident that there is much space for a further improvement of quality and for a grow-up of our journal. I will work for this objective in the next future.

Best regards
Riccardo Asero