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## EDITORIAL

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### Primer factor de impacto para *Actas Urológicas Españolas*

2011 will be in our memory forever and it will be part of the history of our specialty as the year of the centenary of the Spanish Association of Urology. Logically, a hundred-year-old association must have an official prestigious journal.

On the afternoon of June 28, 2011, the 2010 Thomson Scientific list of the impact factor (IF) was made public in the U.S.A. *Actas Urológicas Españolas* has an IF of 0.274. This analysis includes the citations made in 2010 in journals indexed with recognized impact of the articles published in *Actas Urológicas Españolas* in 2008 and 2009. We fully owe this achievement to the previous management team of this journal, Dr. José Luis Ruiz Cerdá, as a Director, and his co-directors, the members of the editorial board and the authors who hoped to reach this distinction one day.<sup>1</sup> It took much determination and work to envision bright future expectations and establish the necessary basis to fulfill them.

As any index or ratio, it is composed of a numerator (the number of items that have been quoted) and a denominator (the number of articles published or source articles). It has been calculated on a total of 344 citations obtained, with an average citation life of 4.9 and Eigenfactor score of 0.001. In this first examination, self-citation has not been assessed. All the impact reflected is that of the clean and real citation. We assessed the implications of this examination and we scored a few lines of strategy for its future improvement.<sup>2</sup> The figure obtained is in the range of the expectations; something even better than we expected, since the simulated IF that we expected was 0.262. The next 2011 IF will also reap the fruits of the work by the previous Board of Directors and management of the journal.

More than ever, we must keep working hard and consistently, because the machine never stops. The 2012 IF, which

will be published in two years, will be the one that will make it possible to see in perspective the evolution of our current editorial policy, which, basically, restricts the number of source articles in order to avoid a rise in the denominator (avoiding the publication of articles without capacity of citation as much as possible), promotes manuscripts of high interest (with potential for citation), and favors the citation of our journal improving the quality of the same and the stable cooperation with authors of high potential of publication.

It is a long road that we have to walk, but within a few years, we will hopefully reach the position in the ranking that a live and improved journal deserves to occupy, it being the speaker of two organizations as important as the Spanish Association of Urology and the American Confederation of Urology; despite all the limitations our language and our cultural environment impose. At the moment, we must be aware that we are the only urological journal in Spanish in Thomson. Our potential for growth in quality and IF is still very large, so our goal is clear.

Friends, collaborators, reviewers, and authors, we have reasons to celebrate. *Actas Urológicas Españolas* is, from the year 2011, a journal highly desirable to collect our research and, although with a still limited impact, all the works published already have curricular recognition, and it is quoted internationally. *Actas Urológicas Españolas*, funded by the Spanish Association of Urology, is, therefore, a valuable service for all members of the Spanish Association of Urology and the American Confederation of Urology, as well as for any fellow in the world (urologist or not) that sends us their articles (in English or in Spanish), for our sponsors and, in a very special way, for all our readers. Congratulations to everybody for a fruitful 2011.

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