



# Celebrating the First Impact Factor: A Turning Point for Our Journal

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The academic community, such as researchers, editors, and scholars relies on knowledge exchange and the spreading of innovative research.<sup>1-3</sup> For this community, the publication of their papers in a reputable journal is evidence of the quality and influence of their study. One vital step in this journey is receiving the first impact factor for a journal. The presence of an impact factor improves the visibility of journals among researchers, organizations, decision-makers, and policy-makers.<sup>4-6</sup>

*International Journal of Women's Health and Reproduction Sciences* (IJWHR) is an open access peer-reviewed journal providing publication of articles in all fields of women's health and reproduction science, upholding high editorial standards, rigorous peer-review processes, and timely publication schedules. The journal follows the Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts Submitted to Biomedical Journals, issued 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 possess an impact factor (IF). Calculated by Clarivate,<sup>7</sup> IF is a scientometric index of the average number of citations received per article published in that journal during the past two years. In this measure, the total number of citations was divided by the total number of articles published during the past two years. On June 28, 2022, the Journal Citation Report (JCR)<sup>8</sup> determined IJWHR's impact factor to be **0.7**, placing the journal among other well-known publications within its field. IJWHR is currently indexed in the Web of Science Journal Citation Reports (WoS JCR), WoS Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI), Scopus, and Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ).

From 2013 to July 2023, IJWHR published 11 volumes and 43 issues; Out of a total of 1496 received submissions, 566 articles were published in IJWHR, indicating ~37% of the total submissions.

IJWHR applies the Gold Open Access publishing model for covering the expenses related to the editorial team, technical issues, language editing, Crossref Registration

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Agency (DOI, Crossmark) and indexing services such as the production of XML. It should be noted that all editorials and invited letter-to-editors are exempt from publication fees. Moreover, peer-reviewed papers around novel subjects—selected by the editorial board as the most attractive papers—will be published free of charge.

While celebrating this noteworthy accomplishment, we should also highlight that an IF is not the only index of a journal's achievement. We remain committed to upholding the highest standards of academic integrity and fostering innovation in academic publishing. Our intention is to offer a platform for innovative research addressing critical challenges in women's health worldwide.

The achievement of IJWHR is a result of the collective efforts of our editorial team, reviewers, authors, and readers from around the world. It implies that our journal has gained recognition for its quality research, improved visibility within the academic community, and opened doors for teamwork opportunities. As the editor-in-chief of IJWHR, I would like to thank all those who have contributed to this achievement and invite researchers around the world to continue submitting their innovative works to the journal. Together, we can make a long-term impression on the academic community.

## Ethical Issues

Not applicable.

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