



## Inclusion of the Vojnosanitetski Pregled into Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE) database – ten years later

Ulazak „Vojnosanitetskog pregleda” u *Science Citation Index Expanded* (SCIE) bazu – deset godina kasnije

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Last month it was exactly 10 years after the *Vojnosanitetski Pregled* (VSP) entered indexing system of the famous citation database Science Citation Index Expanded, originally produced by the Scientific Information Institute from Philadelphia and now maintained by Clarivate Analytics (previously the Intellectual Property and Science Business of Thomson Reuters). This meant an inclusion into the group of the most influential journals in the world in the field of General and internal medicine (in 2008, 153 journals were included in that group, and in 2017, 154), and obtaining the impact factor on the basis of which journals are ranked according to their influence in the field. In accordance with the known methodology of calculating an impact factor, the first impact factor of a journal was obtained only two years after the beginning of indexing in the citation bases of the aforementioned Institute. Just to remind, an impact factor for a given year is a quotient between the total number of citations in that year for articles published in the previous two years and the total number of articles published in those two years). In view of this, the first impact factor of our journal was obtained for 2010 and it was published in the Journal Citation Reports in June 2011. Its value was 0.199. Since then, the value of IF of the VSP has steadily increased, with the exception of value for 2011, when it was somewhat lower than the previous one. The last IF, released on June 26 this year, is 0.405 (Table 1). Since we have been trying for years to keep the number of published articles in one year of the Journal roughly the same, this increase in the value of IF reflects, above all, an increase in the number of citations, which is particular satisfaction.

The entry among the journals covered by the SCIE meant greater visibility of the Journal on the international scene, a greater citation of articles published in it and an increasing influx of new manuscripts not only from Serbia and

the region, but also from many European countries as well as from the USA and Asia. According to the EBSCO database through which articles from the VSP can be downloaded in full text, the number of accesses and downloads of the VSP articles has progressively increased since 2008 (e.g. in 2008 there were 2,340 downloads, a year later, 5 times more – 11,562, and in the last two years, 2016 and 2017, there were 80,664 and 60,887 downloads, respectively, or, on average, about 200 per day).

We hope that the authors' interest to publish their papers in the VSP as well as the readers to use and cite them, would continue to grow in the following period. This obliges us to continue with the practice of publishing only high-quality papers, primarily original research, critical reviews and rare and interesting case reports. In this, so far, we expect a great support, first of all, from the authors as well as members of the Editorial Board and, of course, the reviewers who by their expertise greatly influence the improvement of the quality of manuscripts submitted to our Journal.

I use this opportunity to thank all of them for their contribution in raising the quality and impact of the Journal because the new, increased impact factor is our mutual success!

Table 1

Values of impact factor of the *Vojnosanitetski pregled*

| Year | Impact factor |
|------|---------------|
| 2010 | 0.199         |
| 2011 | 0.179         |
| 2012 | 0.210         |
| 2013 | 0.269         |
| 2014 | 0.292         |
| 2015 | 0.355         |
| 2016 | 0.367         |
| 2017 | 0.405         |