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Dear SSCI Members,

We are happy to announce that the 2018 Impact Factor (IF) for *The American Journal of the Medical Sciences* continues to increase and is now 1.962, a 10% increase from the 2017 IF of 1.773 and the highest IF for the Journal of the past 22 years. This is due to the contributions of the Editorial Board, reviewers, and authors as well as the hard work of the Editorial Team. Our prior editor, Dr. David Ploth, did the hard work of setting us on the path to success and we are thankful. However, I want to highlight that the 2018 IF is the first to reflect the efforts of the current Editorial Team, which developed new concepts for the Journal and accelerated manuscript review. We have a long way to go, but I am optimistic that we will reach our objective in years to come.

In addition, in an effort to further promote the dissemination of information, please know that the AJMS is now on Twitter [@AmJMedSci](https://twitter.com/AmJMedSci). We encourage you to follow our page and tag the Journal when appropriate.

We are proud to serve the Journal and the SSCI and anticipate further gains in visibility. However, in the end, the most important goal is to advance the mission of the SSCI by promoting discovery and the dissemination of information as well as the careers of junior investigators in academia. If we do that, the Impact Factor will follow.

Please keep the AJMS in mind when submitting your manuscripts.

Sincerely,



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On behalf of the AJMS Editorial Team