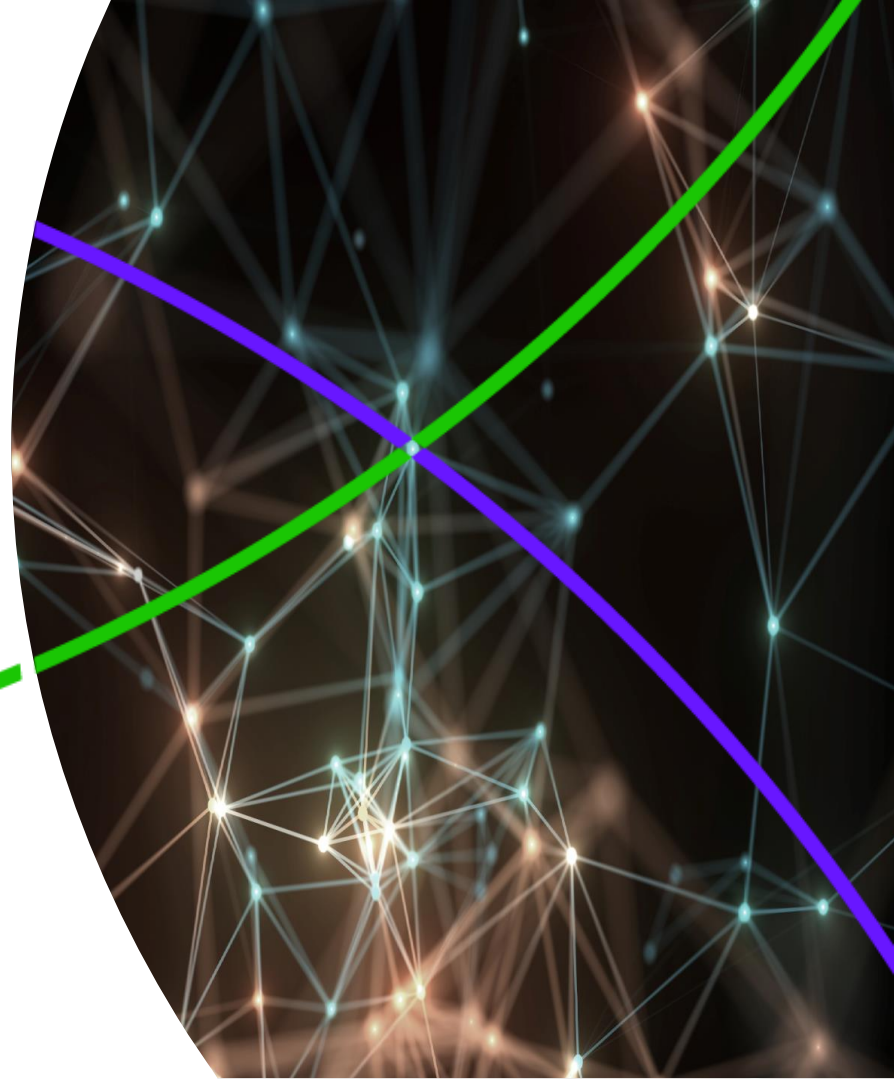


Journal Citation Reports

Your gateway to find the most relevant and impactful journals

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Introduction to Journal Citation Reports (JCR)

What is the JCR?

The JCR is an annual report that distills citation trend data from the Web of Science Core Collection to help you understand journal performance.

- View Journal Impact Factor and other metrics.
- All journals in JCR are sourced from two indexes:
 - *Science Citation Index Expanded*
 - *Social Sciences Citation Index*
 - Data goes back to 1997
- Citations are sourced from all indexes in the Core Collection
- Data represents a snapshot in time-Metrics in 2018 are sourced from data published in 2017



2018 JCR

11,655

journals

234

categories

80

countries

2,206

journal
imprints

276

new journals
added to the
JCR this year

20

journals
suppressed

5

Editorial
Expression of
Concern on 5
additional titles

10%

average increase
in JIF

Journal Intelligence

The JCR is more than just the Impact Factor. New descriptive and contextual information helps you gain a comprehensive picture of a journal's role in the network of scholarly communication.

Transparency

- With new article-level data, you have a clearer understanding of the quality of the articles included in the journal as well as the relationship between the article and the journal.
- You can see *through* the data to a more nuanced consideration of journal value.

Evolution of JCR

1975
JCR is
launched with
SCI

1978
SSCI edition
added to JCR

1979
A&H *citations*
added

2008
Proceedings
indices
citations added

2016
ESCI *citations*
added

2018
BKCI *citations*
added

The JCR Story

Journal Intelligence

- Journal metrics and indicators (Journal Impact Factor) with descriptive and contextual information.

Transparency

- *See through* the data to a more nuanced consideration of journal value.
- Granular article-level data that explains quality of the articles included in the journal

Exhibits Journal value

- See the reciprocal relationship between the quality of a journal *and* the quality of its content. *Good articles make for a good journal, and a good journal enhances a good article.*

Clarivate Analytics is publisher-neutral- No conflict of Interest

Different User Persona

JCR and its role in Scientific Research



Publishers/Editors

- Compare your journals directly against peers and competitors.
- Understand the citation profile of the documents in your journals.
- Track your publications' performance by building a custom journal list.



Librarians

- Find quantitative data to justify your collection development decisions.
- Evaluate your collections with custom journal lists.
- Track your faculty/institution's contributions to journal performance.



Data Scientists

- Dive deeper into the JCR data with our downloadable cited and citing data tables, as well as the full data and metrics files, to understand how disciplines interconnect in the citation network.



Researchers

- Evaluate journals for your submissions.
- Focus on publishing trends like Open Access
- Determine your articles' contributions to journal performance.


JCR Metadata Structure


Landing Page

Welcome to Journal Citation Reports


Search a journal title or select an option to get started

Enter a journal name






**Browse by
Journal**



**Browse by
Category**



**Custom
Reports**

Journal Profile Page

Journal information

JIF context

Citation impact profile

JIF calculation details

Fully transparent article data

Top-cited items in JIF

Current year information

Journal descriptor (3 years)

Journal Information:
 Name: Cell Host & Microbe
 ISSN: 1931-0185
 e-ISSN: 1931-0185
 CITE: CELL HOST & MICROBE
 DOI PREFIX: 10.1016/j.chom.2019.01.001
 E-ISSN: 1931-0185

JIF Context:
 2023 Journal Impact Factor: 17.872

JIF Calculation Details:
 JIF = $\frac{\text{Number of citations in 2023 (137)}}{\text{Number of citable items in 2023 (8)} + 2019 (137)} = 17.872$

Journal Descriptor (3 years):

Journal source data	Articles	Reviews	Combined	Other	Percentage
Number in JCR Year 2023	106	17	123	17	66%
Number of References	8706	1562	7845	780	66%
Ratio (R/N)	82.14	90.706	63.74	45.88	

Contributions by country/region:

COUNTRY	COUNT
1. USA	451
2. GERMANY	92
3. SWITZERLAND	49

Contributions by organization:

ORGANIZATION	COUNT
1. UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN DIEGO	71
2. HARVARD UNIVERSITY	41
3. HOWARD HEALTH INSTITUTES	42

Journal Evaluation using JCR

Using Journal Impact Factor scores as a measure (or proxy) of performance for individual papers or authors represents **IMPROPER USE of the metric in research evaluation.**

Impact Factor Transparency

See a three-dimensional view of a journal by drilling down into the underlying data behind an Impact Factor.

Energy & Environmental Science

ISSN: 1754-5692
eISSN: 1754-5692
ROYAL SOC CHEMISTRY
THOMAS GRAHAM HOUSE, SCIENCE PARK, MILTON RD,CAMBRIDGE CB4
0WF,ENGLAND,CAMBS
ENGLAND

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TITLES
ISO: Energy Environ. Sci.
JCR Abbrev: ENERG ENVIRON SCI

LANGUAGES
English

CATEGORIES
CHEMISTRY, MULTIDISCIPLINARY - SCIE

PUBLICATION FREQUENCY
12 issues/year

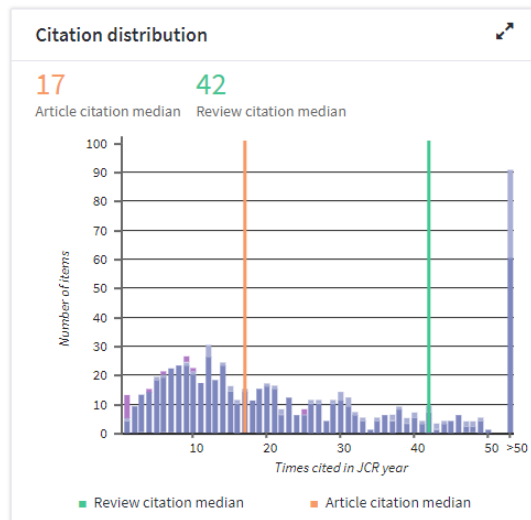
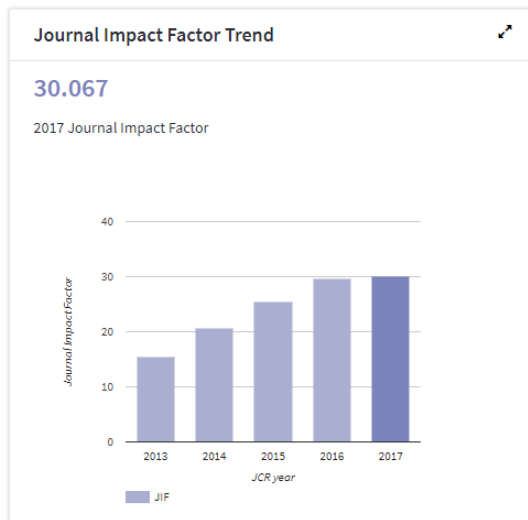
ENERGY & FUELS - SCIE

ENGINEERING, CHEMICAL - SCIE

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES - SCIE

Current year All years

The data in the two graphs below and in the Journal Impact Factor calculation panels represent citation activity in 2017 to items published in the journal in the prior two years. They detail the components of the Journal Impact Factor. Use the "All Years" tab to access key metrics and additional data for the current year and all prior years for this journal.

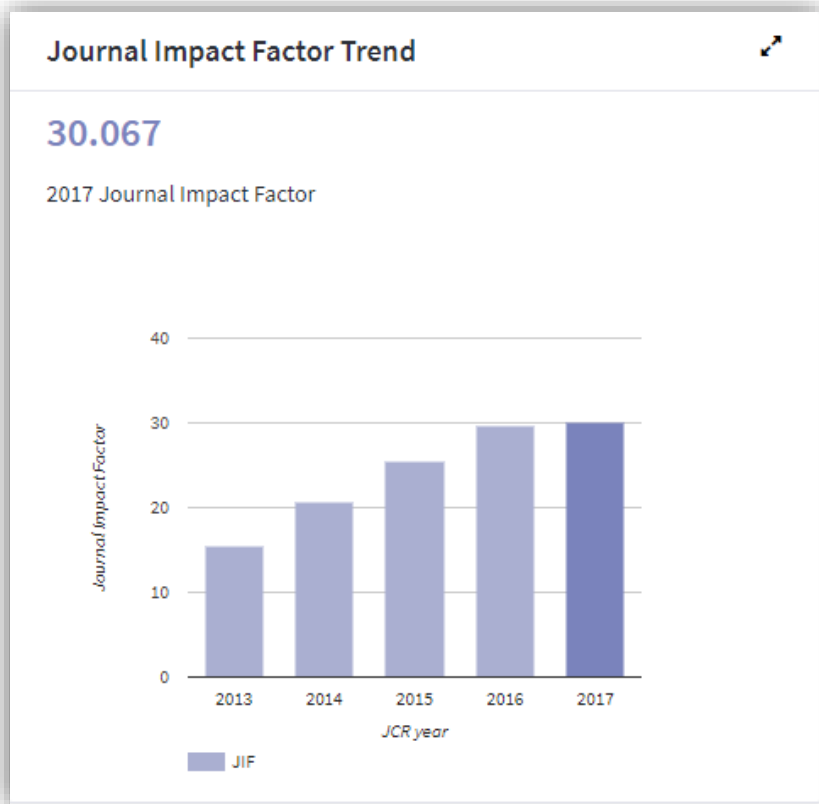


Journal Impact Factor Calculation

Journal Impact Factor contributing items

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Impact Factor Trend Graph



Viewing a journal's Impact Factor for the current year in the context of its performance over time helps you understand whether a journal's influence in the literature is growing or declining.

The example at left, for *Energy & Environmental Science*, shows that this journal has been steadily growing in influence over the past 5 years.



Impact factor vs Rank in Category

- The impact factor is just an absolute number calculated using a simple mathematical formula based on the ratio of the number of citations of the journal's articles on the number of total citable articles published by that journal.
- One particular limitation is that certain fields are very specialized and may not receive that many citations. Thus, an absolute number may not be the best metric to gauge the importance of that journal in a particular field.
- On the other hand, [JCR rankings](#) in a category tell researchers the impact of the journal in that research category.
- Each journal can have [different ranks in different categories](#). Based on the target audience and focus of the paper, researchers can decide in which journal to publish.

TOXICOLOGY LETTERS		
JCR® Category	Rank in Category	Quartile in Category
TOXICOLOGY	14 of 92	Q1

IF= 3.858 (2016)

Data from the 2016 edition of Journal Citation Reports

CURRENT MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY		
JCR® Category	Rank in Category	Quartile in Category
BIOCHEMISTRY & MOLECULAR BIOLOGY	109 of 286	Q2
CHEMISTRY, MEDICINAL	16 of 60	Q2
PHARMACOLOGY & PHARMACY	71 of 256	Q2

IF= 3.249 (2016)

Data from the 2016 edition of Journal Citation Reports

ONCOTARGET		
JCR® Category	Rank in Category	Quartile in Category
CELL BIOLOGY	48 of 189	Q2
ONCOLOGY	44 of 217	Q1

IF= 5.168 (2016)

CURRENT CANCER DRUG TARGETS		
JCR® Category	Rank in Category	Quartile in Category
ONCOLOGY	110 of 217	Q3

IF= 2.992 (2016)

Data from the 2016 edition of Journal Citation Reports

JCR Metrics-Much more than Impact Factor

How quickly articles in a journal are cited???

Measure of “**cutting-edge**”-ness

How influential is the journal?

*More higher impact journals cite its articles, more is the **Eigenfactor***

Key Indicators													
Year ▾	Total Cites Graph	Journal Impact Factor Graph	Impact Factor Without Journal Self Cites Graph	5 Year Impact Factor Graph	Immediacy Index Graph	Citable Items Graph	Cited Half-Life Graph	Citing Half-Life Graph	Eigenfactor Score Graph	Article Influence Score Graph	% Articles in Citable Items Graph	Normalized Eigenfactor Graph	Average JIF Percentile Graph
2016	84,383	7.504	6.753	7.823	1.146	4,057	2.6	4.8	0.21632	1.581	99.53	24.80...	89.482
2015	54,997	7.145	6.377	7.332	1.180	3,350	2.4	4.8	0.14766	1.462	99.37	16.83...	87.347
2014	32,234	6.723	5.867	6.813	0.991	2,762	2.3	4.9	0.09406	1.373	99.64	10.53...	88.486
2013	16,373	5.900	5.180	5.908	0.768	1,781	2.4	4.9	0.05402	1.279	99.38	5.95363	84.304
2012	8,635	5.008	4.539	5.040	0.683	953	2.3	5.2	0.03651	1.321	99.90	Not A...	82.028
2011	4,646	4.525	4.097	4.540	0.713	666	1.9	5.4	0.02145	1.277	100.00	Not A...	81.031
2010	1,482	2.925	2.492	2.925	0.597	516	1.4	5.5	0.00684	0.881	99.81	Not A...	73.307
2009	191	Not A...	Not A...	Not A...	0.455	400	0.5	5.5	0.00001	Not A...	98.25	Not A...	0.774



Insights into JIF Contributions

Citable Items in 2015 and 2016

Journal Impact Factor contributing items

Citable items in 2016 and 2015 (642) Citations in 2017 (19,303)

[Show all](#)

Showing 642 citable items in 2016 and 2015 [View in Web of Science](#) [Export](#)

TITLE	CITATIONS COUNTED TOWARDS JIF
Cesium-containing triple cation perovskite solar cells: improved stability, reproducibility and high efficiency By: Saliba, Michael; Matsui, Taisuke; Seo, Ji-Youn; Domanski, Konrad; Correa-Baena, Juan-Pablo; et al. Volume: 9 Page: 1989-1997 Accession number: WOS:000378244200005 Document Type:Article	471
Supercapacitor electrode materials: nanostructures from 0 to 3 dimensions By: Yu, Zenan; Tetard, Laurene; Zhai, Lei; Thomas, Jayan Volume: 8 Page: 702-730 Accession number: WOS:000352274600002 Document Type:Review	259
Hysteresis-less inverted CH₃NH₃PbI₃ planar perovskite hybrid solar cells with 18.1% power conversion efficiency By: Heo, Jin Hyuck; Han, Hye Ji; Kim, Dasom; Ahn, Tae Kyu; Im, Sang Hyuk Volume: 8 Page: 1602-1608 Accession number: WOS:000354192900024 Document Type:Article	204
Ni₂P as a Janus catalyst for water splitting: the oxygen evolution activity of Ni₂P nanoparticles By: Stern, Lucas-Alexandre; Feng, Ligang; Song, Fang; Hu, Xile Volume: 8 Page: 2347-2351 Accession number: WOS:000358730600009 Document Type:Article	203
Visible-light driven heterojunction photocatalysts for water splitting - a critical review By: Moniz, Savio J. A.; Shevlin, Stephen A.; Martin, David James; Guo, Zheng-Xiao; Tang, Junwang Volume: 8 Page: 731-759 Accession number: WOS:000352274600003 Document Type:Review	188

By: Moniz, Savio J. A.; Shevlin, Stephen A.; Martin, David James; Guo, Zheng-Xiao; Tang, Junwang
Volume: 8 Page: 731-759 Accession number: WOS:000352274600003 Document Type:Review

View a complete list of all citable items in the Impact Factor denominator.

Citation counts for citable items reflect the number of times each item was cited by papers published in 2017 at the time of JCR data extraction.

When you click out to view papers in the Web of Science, citation counts will be higher, reflecting current counts of citations from all years.



Citations in 2017

Journal Impact Factor contributing items

Citable items in 2016 and 2015 (642) Citations in 2017 (19,303)

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CITING JOURNAL	CITES
— JOURNAL OF MATERIALS CHEMISTRY A	1,728

CITING ARTICLES

- + Recent advances in perovskite solar cells: efficiency, stability and lead-free perovskite
By: Yang, Shida; Fu, Weifei; Zhang, Zhongqiang; et al.
JOURNAL OF MATERIALS CHEMISTRY A Volume: 5 Issue: 23 Page: 11462-11482 Published: 2017 Document Type: Review 19
- + Updating the road map to metal-halide perovskites for photovoltaics
By: Matthews, Peter D.; Lewis, David J.; O'Brien, Paul
JOURNAL OF MATERIALS CHEMISTRY A Volume: 5 Issue: 33 Page: 17135-17150 Published: 2017 Document Type: Review 13
- Eliminated hysteresis and stabilized power output over 20% in planar heterojunction perovskite solar cells by compositional and surface modifications to the low-temperature-processed TiO2 layer
By: Cai, Feilong; Yang, Liyan; Yan, Yu; et al.
JOURNAL OF MATERIALS CHEMISTRY A Volume: 5 Issue: 19 Page: 9402-9411 Published: 2017 Document Type: Article 7

CITED REFERENCES IN JIF

By: CHUEH C
ENERGY ENV SCI Volume: 0008 Page: 00116 Published: 2015 Document Type: Unknown

Hysteresis-less inverted CH3NH3PbI3 planar perovskite hybrid solar cells with 18.1% power conversion efficiency
By: Heo, Jin Hyuck; Han, Hye Ji; Kim, Dasom; et al.
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE Volume: 8 Issue: 5 Page: 1602-1608 Published: 2015 Document Type: Article

Enhanced UV-light stability of planar heterojunction perovskite solar cells with caesium bromide interface modification
By: Li, Wenzhe; Zhang, Wei; van Reenen, Stephan; et al.
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE Volume: 9 Issue: 2 Page: 490-498 Published: 2016 Document Type: Article

17.6% stabilized efficiency in low-temperature processed planar perovskite solar cells
By: Tao, Chen; Neutzner, Stefanie; Colella, Letizia; et al.
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE Volume: 8 Issue: 8 Page: 2365-2370 Published: 2015 Document Type: Article

View a complete list of all 2017 papers that have cited this journal, contributing to the Impact Factor numerator.

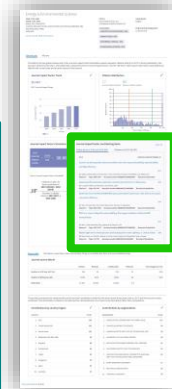
Use the + and – signs to navigate.

For each citing paper, you can examine the cited references. Each cited reference counts as 1 in the JCR numerator.

What is “Document Type: Unknown”?

A small number of citations can be attributed to the journal, but contain incomplete or incorrect bibliographic data—the exact article being cited is ambiguous.

Such citations are designated “unknown”: unlinked to a specific article in the Core Collection.

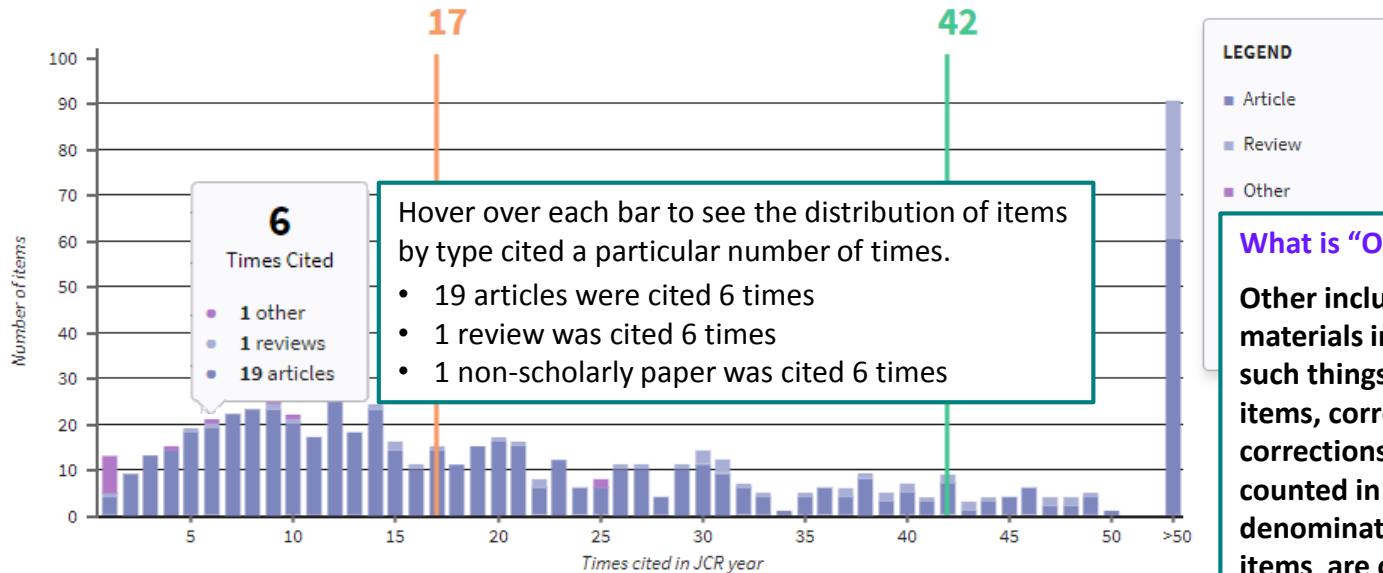


Histogram: Overview

Each bar on the graph represents the number of citable items in the journal that have accrued a particular number of citations in 2017. All graphs display 1-50 citations, plus one bar for papers with more than 50 citations.



Citation distribution of items cited in 2017



Hover over each bar to see the distribution of items by type cited a particular number of times.

- 19 articles were cited 6 times
- 1 review was cited 6 times
- 1 non-scholarly paper was cited 6 times

What is "Other"?

Other includes non-scholarly materials in the journal, including such things as editorials, news items, correspondence, and corrections. The items are not counted in the Impact Factor denominator, but citations to the items are counted in the numerator.

[Why?](#)

Contributions by Country & Region

These data summarize the characteristics of the journal's published content for the most recent three years, that is, 2017 and the two prior years, combined. This information is based on all listed authors and addresses. It is meant to be descriptive rather than comparative.

Contributions by country/region

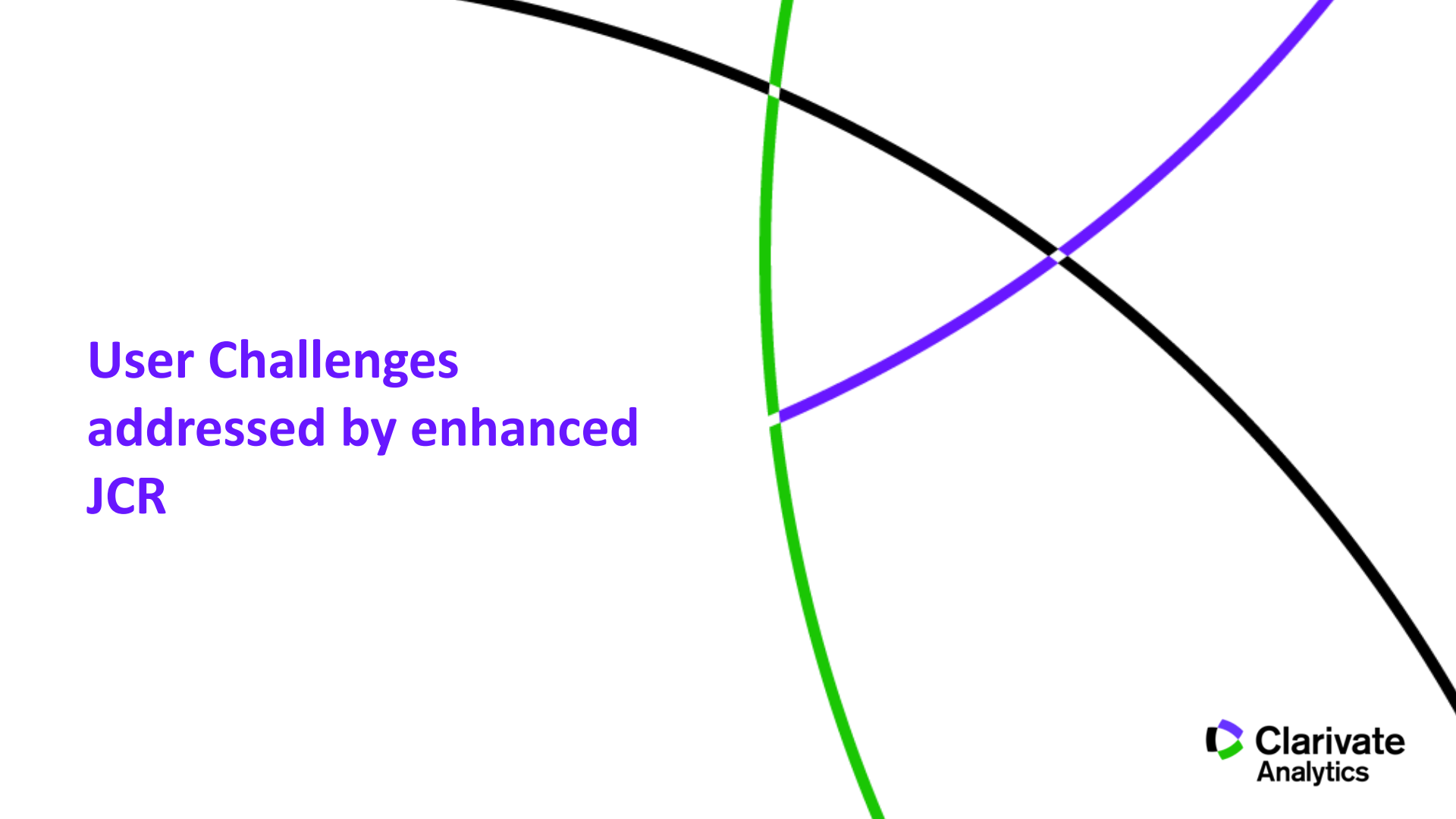
COUNTRY	COUNT
1. USA	366
2. CHINA MAINLAND	292
3. South Korea	101
4. GERMANY (FED REP GER)	99
5. England	88
6. Switzerland	64
7. Japan	49
8. Singapore	45
9. Spain	40
10. Australia	39

Contributions by organizations

ORGANIZATION	COUNT
1. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE)	107
2. CHINESE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES	90
3. MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (MIT)	50
4. UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SYSTEM	45
5. ECOLE POLYTECHNIQUE FEDERALE DE LAUSANNE	41
6. CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	32
7. NANYANG TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY & NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION (NIE) SINGAPORE	28
8. NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY	27
9. HELMHOLTZ ASSOCIATION	26
10. TSINGHUA UNIVERSITY	24

Expand each list to see the top 50 countries or institutions contributing to this journal in the past 3 years.





**User Challenges
addressed by enhanced
JCR**

Informed Library Purchase Decisions



Librarian Challenge: : I need to understand what journals are the most important to our researchers' success.

- See **detailed data on the content, regions, and institutions** that create that impact, including your articles, your authors
- Understand citation half lives to decide number of years of backfiles needed

Librarian Challenge: Select the best collection of relevant journals given budget constraints

- Do an evidence based appraisal of journal titles using JCR metrics to decide **best fit journals for your institution**

Librarian Challenge: I need to help my researchers and my institution highlight their impact in the research community.

- JCR lets you see the impact your researchers had **ON** that journal.



Journal Selection and Increasing Research Visibility

Researcher Challenge: I need to find the best fit journal for my manuscript.

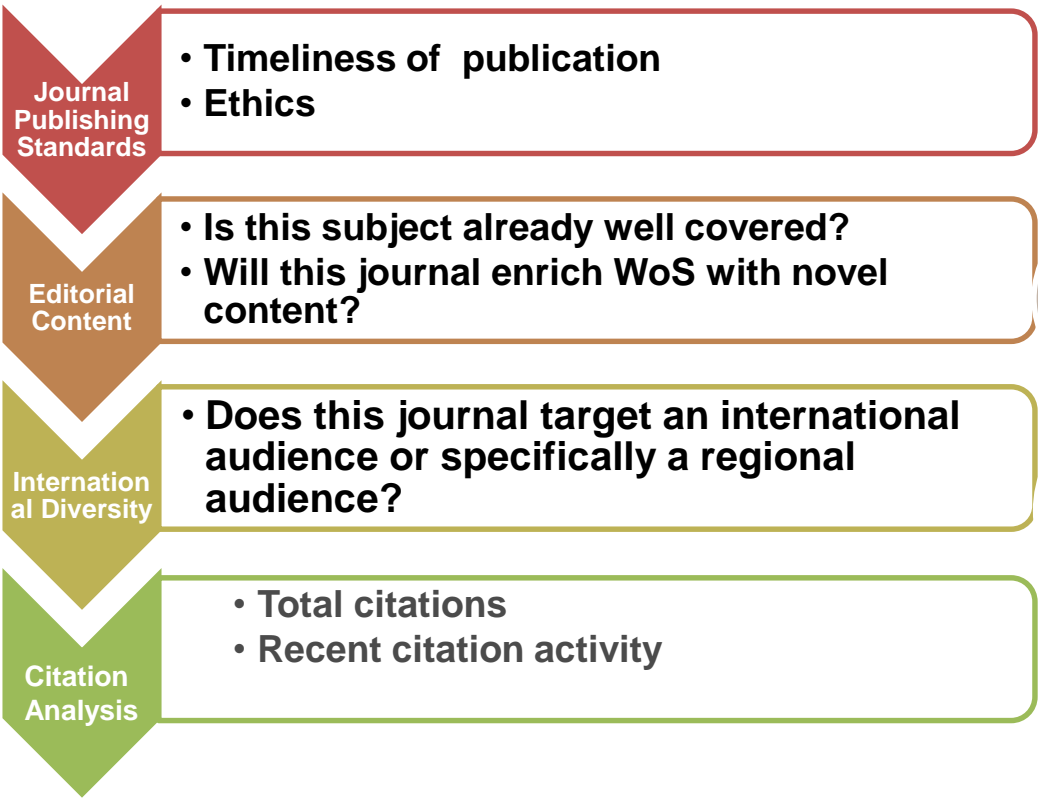
- See if your article's content aligns with the content and audience of the journal
- **See most-cited articles**
- Understand **community of researchers** that build the impact of each journal
- ***Contributions by country/region*** gives you a view of the national or international range of the authors.

Researcher Challenge: I need to show my contributions to my research field.

- **See Top-cited articles in the JIF** (JIF denominator)
- Understand contribution of **Top-cited articles** through the **citation distribution graph**.
- Individual articles can be compared **to the median** to see if you are well-placed in the journal.

The JCR Journal Selection Process

Journal Selection Process and Editorial Board



- Around 150 years of experience in their roles
- 12 master's degrees
- Full time positions



No conflicts of interest

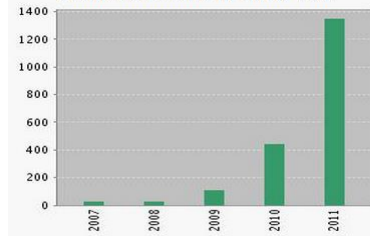
Web of Science: Quality Checks Galore

Web of Science Core Collection:

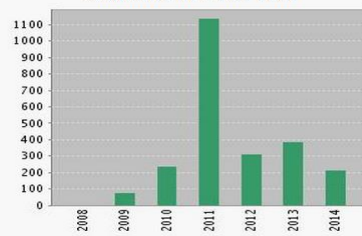
- **Biweekly** meetings (They discuss their findings and opinions about the journals they assessed)
- 10-12% Acceptance Rate

We pay particular attention to existing content and constantly monitor our indexed journals. This actually gets bigger and bigger. It is not uncommon that journals that were once promising and strong lose quality and timeliness, or even morph into predatory practices.

Published Items in Each Year



Citations in Each Year



Example:

“African Journal Of Business Management”
Added in 2007, monitored, then removed in
2011

Conclusion

- Streamline your library purchase and inventory by making evidence based decisions using JCR metrics
- Understand citation relationships between journals
- Educate researchers on appropriate journals for publishing
- Highlight research impact of your organization
- Avoid reputational risk of publishing in predatory journals
- Increase research visibility



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