



Determining the rank of a journal in the Journal Citation Reports

In order for a paper to be used for a cumulative dissertation, it must be published in a journal that is among the top 80% in its field. Here we explain how to determine the ranking of a journal.

1. Log into Journal Citation Reports via the university library. Use your campus ID. The site that opens should look like this:











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3. Select the most recent year available (\rightarrow) .

Example: The most recent year for which the impact factor is available is 2020.

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4. Scroll down to search for the impact factor of the journal.

Example: The journal "Lancet" had an impact factor of 79.321 in 2020.

Journal's performance Journal Impact Factor The Journal Impact Factor (JIF) is a journal-level metric calculated from data indexed in the Web of Science Core Collection. It should be used with careful attention to the many factors that influence citation rates, such as the volume of publication and citations characteristics of the subject area and type of journal. The Journal Impact Factor can complement expert opinion and informed peer review. In the case of academic evaluation for tenure, it is inappropriate to use a journal-level metric as a proxy measure for individual researchers, institutions, or articles. Learn more 2020 JOURNAL IMPACT FACTOR JOURNAL IMPACT FACTOR WITHOUT SELF Journal Impact Factor contributing items ± Export 79.321 78.109 Citable items (539) Citing Sources (5,232) View calculation View calculation TITLE CITATION COUNT Journal Impact Factor Trend 2020 ▲ Export Global, regional, and national incidence, prevalence, 1199 and years lived with disability for 354 diseases and Global, regional, and national age-sex-specific 763 🔓 80.000 100% mortality for 282 causes of death in 195 countries F 735 6 Alcohol use and burden for 195 countries and 60.000 75% tor territories, 1990-2016: a systematic analysis for the Impact ntilei Food in the Anthropocene: the EAT-Lancet 718 50% 40.000 Commission on healthy diets from sustainable food regor Jour 20.000 25% Hepatocellular carcinoma 648 0.000 Global, regional, and national comparative risk 614 6 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 assessment of 84 behavioural, environmental and JCR Years Lenvatinib versus sorafenib in first-line treatment of 545 Journal Impact Factor patients with unresectable hepatocellular MEDICINE, GENERAL & INTERNAL - SCIE

5. Look for the "category" of the journal.

Example: The journal "Lancet" belongs to the category "Medicine, General & Internal – Scie".







- 6. Go back to the initial Journal Citation Reports website.
- 7. Enter the category into the search field to determine how many journals are part of the same category as the one you are interested in. Click on the category (\rightarrow) .

Example: The journal "Lancet" belongs to the category "Medicine, General & Internal – Scie", so please enter "Medicine, General & Internal" into the search field. By clicking on the category, you will be forwarded to the website with all journals of the same category. The category "Medicine, General & Internal" has 318 journals.

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8. Multiply the total number of journals in your category by 0.8 (\triangleq 80%) to determine the rank of the journal at the bottom of the top 80%.

Example: 318 journals multiplied by 0.8 = 254.4 -> All journals including the one on rank 254 are within the top 80% of the category "Medicine, General & Internal – Scie".

9. Sort all journals in the category by their impact factor from big to small (\rightarrow). Determine if the journal you are interested in is among the top 80% in its field.

Example: The journal of your interest is among the top 80% if it is among the first 254 journals listed. The journal "Lancet" is on rank 2, meaning that if you publish a paper in Lancet it fulfills the requirements for a cumulative thesis.

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10. <u>Tip</u>: If you do not want to count the rank of all journals to see on which rank the journal of your interest is, scroll down to the bottom of the page and use the "items per page" function.

Example: Select "200 items per page" and search for the journal of interest by using the STRG + F function. If you find your journal of interest on page 1, it means it is still among the top 80%.





