How do I find the impact factor and rank for a journal?

Answer:
Use the Journal Citation Reports (JCR) to locate impact factors. The impact factor is a measure of the frequency with which the average article in a journal has been cited in a particular year. The JCR also lists journals and their impact factors and ranking in the context of their specific field(s).

NEW: if you are affiliated with the UVA School of Medicine, the Library can generate a report with Times Cited, Impact Factor, Journal Category and Journal Rank data for SOM faculty publication lists. This saves a great deal of time on this process. To get help, request a consultation [1] with a librarian, or email hslrdas@virginia.edu [2].

Step by Step:

1. **Stop!**


3. In InCites Journal Citation Reports, use the “Go to Journal Profile” search option to enter your journal title or abbreviation and click on the search button.

4. You will be taken to the Journal Profile for that journal:

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ANNALS OF THORACIC SURGERY
ISSN: 0003-4896
ELSEVIER SCIENCE INC
360 PARK AVE SOUTH, NEW YORK, NY 10010-1710
USA
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5. Scroll down to the Key Indicators table. The Journal Impact Factor will be displayed, with the most recent year available at the top of the column:

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<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Total Citations</th>
<th>Journal Impact Factor</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2014</td>
<td>32,052</td>
<td>3.649</td>
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<tr>
<td>2013</td>
<td>30,355</td>
<td>3.631</td>
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<tr>
<td>2012</td>
<td>28,067</td>
<td>3.654</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2011</td>
<td>28,215</td>
<td>3.741</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2010</td>
<td>27,678</td>
<td>3.792</td>
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6. To get to the journal ranking, scroll down below this table and click on **Rank** from the lower left menu.
7. A table called JCR Impact Factor will appear, with the Rank for each Category the journal is in (see below).
**IMPORTANT:** you may have to **scroll right** to see all the categories.

![JCR Impact Factor Table]

**Help:**
For additional information about searching for Times Cited, see [How Do I Find Out Times Cited for an Article](http://www.hsl.virginia.edu/services/howdoi/hdi-woscite_new.cfm)?

For product details about the new Journal Citation Reports, see [Welcome to the Next Generation Journal Citation Reports](http://ipscience-help.thomsonreuters.com/incitesLiveJCR/welcomeToTheNewJCR.html) which features additional How Do I documents as well as training videos.

For one-on-one assistance, email [hslref@virginia.edu](mailto:hslref@virginia.edu) or [request a consultation](https://www.hsl.virginia.edu/services/education/consultations.cfm).

**Source URL:** https://www.hsl.virginia.edu/services/howdoi/hdi-jcr.cfm

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