

Editorial

IMPACT FACTOR

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Mark	Rank	Abbreviated Journal Title (linked to full journal information)	ISSN	2003 Total Cites	Impact Factor	Immediacy Index	2003 Articles	Cited Half- life
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	EUR J MED RES	0949- 2321	604	1.100	0.125	80	4.3

As Editor in Chief of the **EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF MEDICAL RESEARCH** I want to take this opportunity to thank all the authors who have contributed to the 1.100 impact factor of our journal citing papers published in the journal and publishing papers in the **EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF MEDICAL RESEARCH**.

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