

Clarivate Web of Science™

Dear Sir or Madame,

Recently, Polish forensic geneticists were surprised by the information that Clarivate Web of Science™ decided to remove *Forensic Science International – Genetics* from the Web of Science Journal Citation Report and by this decision disqualified the journal from holding the Journal Impact Factor for 2019. This happened when the total number of citations increased by 16.4% and self-citations only by 8.9%, indicating a positive trend in the balance between total citation and self-citation.

Having an impact factor for a scientific journal is of the utmost importance, and for publishing authors not only a matter of prestige, but also an essential element of their publication achievements. *Forensic Science International – Genetics* has for many years been a top target journal for forensic geneticists in Poland. Members of the Polish society of forensic genetics have also put a lot of effort into the process of reviewing manuscripts submitted to the FSIG, contributing to the quality of scientific papers published in the journal.

We are concerned that the lengthy process of creating a journal of the highest prestige and quality, in which we have put a lot of effort, will be wasted due to an unexpected decision of Clarivate™. We believe that this decision may have a serious impact on the world's forensic genetics and further development of this discipline. Therefore, we kindly ask Clarivate™ to revisit their decision on suppression of the journal *Forensic Science International - Genetics*.

The ISFG-PL Executive Committee.


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