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Editorial

And the history goes on



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In the editorial of August 2013, RBR celebrated the publication of the first impact factor (IF) of 0.864, measured by the Journal of Citation Reports (JCR), ranking RBR among the 12 national indexed journals. At the time, we defined as our main goal to reach an IF figure of 1.0. In 2014 we almost got there, with the mark of 0.993, and this outcome corroborated the feasibility of our goal and signaled that we were right on track. Our focus was maintained, and this year we can proudly announce that our dedication over the years of existence of RBR has overcome another historical level – in the last issue of the JCR our IF was 1,087. We are now among the 10 national magazines of greater impact, ranking among 24 international publications in the area and we are the first in the rheumatology subject in Latin America.

‘Are we pleased? Of course not! Despite all this success, we know that there is a lot to be done yet. Therefore, we are fostering a series of changes involving the professionalization of our work, with a reclassification of submitted manuscripts, a greater number of reviewers, and a greater control of the review flow – measures already resulting in a significant reduction in our review deadlines and in the final decision on submitted manuscripts. We have also established even

stronger requirements for the acceptance of manuscripts; with this strategy, we aim to increase the scientific level of our journal, according to its profile and new level of excellence. We intend not only to achieve a higher IF, but in the near future, we intend also to consolidate internationally RBR among the main rheumatologic publications. We also planned other changes with the help of several collaborators linked to the editorial staff. Such changes will take place gradually, with the goal of improving the quality and dissemination of RBR, and also aiming to expand the experience of authors and readers. We rely on everyone’s help.

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