Dear Reader,

Biomedical Papers has a long history, dating back to its founding in 1956 as Acta Universitatis Palackianae Olomucensis Facultatis Medicae by Professor František Šantavý, a biochemist of Palacky University Faculty of Medicine. In June 2011, it achieved one of its goals, an impact factor of 0.716 for 2010 (Journal Citation Reports, Thomson Reuters). The screening for the impact factor lasted 3 years but prior to this, the editorial board of the journal spent nearly a decade giving the journal its current image and scientific content (http://biomed.papers.upol.cz). Key issues in this process included indexation in leading bibliographic databases, including MEDLINE/PubMed, and free access to full text content. The journal publishes reviews and original papers from all medical specialties and this requires sensitive work with manuscripts submitted for publication. For a journal with this focus, Impact Factor is difficult to obtain and easy to lose.

The aim of the Editorial Board is thus to sustain or better, increase its impact factor. This will require strict peer-review and responsible selection of the highest quality biomedical research papers that will both contribute to the high standard of the journal and attract a wide readership.

For information, we are including a list of the 3 most-cited papers published in 2008 (Vol. 152) and 2009 (Vol. 153) which contributed to our 2010 Impact Factor.


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