

# JCR Editorial Expression of Concern Print

## Our Suppression Principles

At Clarivate™, we believe in the importance of maintaining the integrity of the scientific record. We apply rigorous selection criteria for the inclusion of content in our databases. As a responsible bibliometrics provider, we also monitor, survey and curate our data to identify anomalies that lead to distorted metrics and rankings. We have no doubt that distortion of citations is harmful as it creates an inaccurate reflection of the connections between articles and their contribution to the scholarly network.

We realize that suppression of a journal from the Web of Science Journal Citation Reports™ (JCR) affects publishers, authors, editors and peer reviewers; we do not take this action lightly. The importance of our data and metrics to the research and publishing communities means we have a particular and extraordinary responsibility to interrogate, curate and edit these data ourselves. We review the citation patterns to ensure that our data is as accurate as it can be, but we do not assume motive on behalf of any party. Read more about our suppression principles.

## 2020 Summary

While researching data relevant to journal self-citations, we detected instances of unusual article citation behavior. The titles below contain journal self-citations that are highly concentrated to the Journal Impact Factor™ numerator. They had one or more published items with an atypically large contribution of journal self-citations. These citations were disproportionately concentrated into the JIF numerator.

The data that raised this concern are fully transparent to all JCR users through the **Journal Impact Factor Contributing Items** in the **Citations in 2019** tab.

The titles listed represent extreme examples. As part of our commitment to data transparency and responsible metrics, we will continue to review content of this type in order to develop additional screening for distortions of the citation network and the JIF.

Journal Title	JIF Numerator	Highest Single-Paper Journal Self-Citations	Total Journal Self-Citations
Annals of Allergy Asthma & Immunology	1605	66	239
Applied Surface Science	38702	111	5280
Arteriosclerosis Thrombosis and Vascular Biology	3368	119	718
Artificial Organs	707	155	243
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Cardiovascular Research	2335	105	322

International Archives of Allergy and Immunology	524	86	139
Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology-In Practice	2772	127	512
Journal of Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance	1024	191	253
Journal of Cleaner Production	47493	102	11314
JACC-Cardiovascular Imaging	2790	126	482
Minerva Anestesiologica	582	86	206
Respirology	1469	53	202
Sociology of Sport Journal	166	67	93
Structural Chemistry	741	72	327

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## 2019 Summary

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## 2018 Summary

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