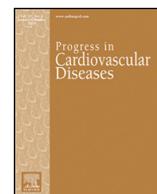




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Special Editor's Page

Five Years as Editor-in-Chief



As I begin my 6th year as Editor-in-Chief (EIC) of Progress in Cardiovascular Diseases (PCVD), which really is my 7th year since I began working on the January 2014 issue a year earlier, I have remained very satisfied with the experience, excellent work of my Guest Editors and authors, as well as with the Elsevier support team and my assistant, Lisa Bienvenu, who have helped me get our Journal to a high level.

With another Elsevier Journal (Journal American College of Cardiology or JACC), I had the privilege of working on two major recent major papers for their JACC Health Promotion on obesity and physical activity (PA).^{1,2} We also have issues of PCVD related to these things with our July/August 2018 Issue on Obesity with many papers that should be highly downloaded and cited^{3–14} and the same for our July/August 2017 PA Exercises and Fitness Issue with also many top papers,^{15–23} which were summarized in an excellent paper in our December, 2018 Issue.²⁴ In addition, we have many other excellent issues the past several years, especially an excellent Dietary Therapy

Issue,^{25–35} and many others that should do extremely well for us over upcoming years.

As I recently discussed,^{36,37} our Impact Factor (IF) had gradually increased from 2.4 up to 8.77 before slightly falling to 6.754 last June, which still has us ranked 14th of 130 cardiovascular (CV) Journals. Our Elsevier Cite Score (ECS) of 6.44 is even better, ranking us 6th of 330 CV-related Journals. I expect both the IF and ECS will be similar or even a bit higher for the next two rounds that come out in June, 2019 and June, 2020, based on the success of our papers, including some of those listed above.

Finally, our line-up for 2019 is also especially striking, including this excellent January/February 2019 Issue. Other ones planned for 2019 include ones on Physical Activity Update, Sudden Cardiac Death, Diabetes and Cardiometabolic Diseases, Interventional Structural Heart Disease, and Update on Lipids. With this upcoming material as well as the success of recent years, PCVD should be in excellent shape for many years to come, and I remain proud and committed as their EIC.

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