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## Message from the Editor-in-Chief of the European Journal of Trauma and Emergency Surgery

Dear Members of ESTES and Colleagues!

Another COVID-19 year with still relevant infection rates has almost passed. Many people took the option of vaccination, some have not yet had the option, and a relevant population group will not understand biology! During this pandemic, the work load for surgeons and researchers varied greatly, ranging from extremely hard working conditions to loss of their daily practical work. From the view of the editors and publishers, a tremendous increase in the number of submitted manuscripts could be observed in 2020 and still in 2021, clearly induced by altered working conditions during the pandemic. For the *European Journal of Trauma and Emergency Surgery*, this led to an increase in submissions from 600 in 2019 to almost 1000 in 2020, which still remains in this range in 2021. Interestingly, these submissions come from all over the world and address the main scope of the *European Journal of Trauma and Emergency Surgery*. Of course, specific reports about the experience of the COVID-19 impact on the surgical daily work are included. Visibility of the journal has increased as well, with more than 300,000 accesses to the journal's articles in 2020—a more than 60% increase over 2019.

Parallel to this change in publication activity, the calculation of the journal impact factor by Thompson Reuters (Clarivate) has changed and will further change in the next few years. The new change effective for the 2020 impact factor (IF) was published in June 2021; Clarivate has developed a new method of calculating the IF, which is now based on online first publications ("early access" in Clarivate's nomenclature; <https://clarivate.com/blog/whats-next-for-jcr-defining-early-access/>). Thus, 2020 was a "transition year", in which early access articles contributed to the numerator, but not the denominator of the IF.

For the *European Journal of Trauma and Emergency Surgery* with high numbers of online-first publications—almost as much as we can publish in a year—this change was favorable and we again reached a substantially higher impact factor, now at 3.693 rising from 2.139 in 2019! However, it might be that this drops slightly next year, as the calculation procedure changes again by increasing the denominator with all published papers, online and printed.



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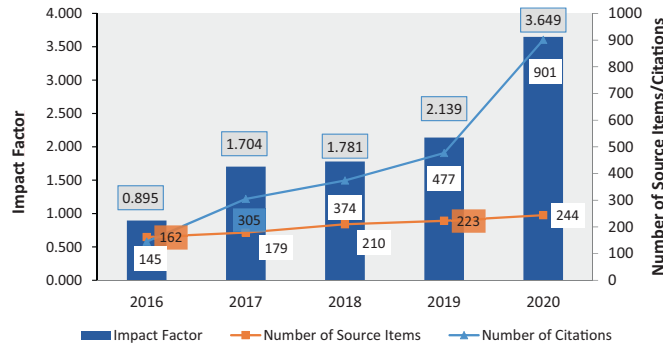


Fig. 1 Development of the source items, citations and impact factor over the last few years.

Category name	2017	2018	2019	2020
Emergency medicine	11/26 (Q2)	13/29 (Q2)	11/31 (Q2)	6/32 (Q1)

Fig. 2 Journal ranking in subject category “Emergency medicine”.

In addition, we jumped up in the ranking in the Q1 quartile and reached rank 6 of 32 in the category of emergency medicine as shown in Fig. 2. This is a tremendous development of the Journal of the European Society for Trauma and Emergency Surgery (ESTES) and reflects its impact and relevance in this field! All of the contributors—authors, reviewers, and all board members—can be proud of this and take it as motivation to continue in this direction.

As the Editorial Board of the Journal has always been dynamic, we welcome Prof. George Velmahos from Harvard Medical School from Boston and Inger Schipper, our current ESTES president, as new Editors of the *European Journal of Trauma and Emergency Surgery*. In addition, a substantial number of colleagues have stepped into the Section Editor Board and Advisory Board to support the handling of all the manuscripts. Furthermore, I would like to thank all members leaving the Board after their term or due to personal changes. This is coupled with an invitation to ESTES members to become actively involved in the Journal and to propose new ideas for our Focus On topics. Please feel free to contact me directly.

Thus, I thank you again for all your support and I wish you Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2022.

Ingo Marzi  
Editor-in-Chief



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## Announcements

### Upcoming related congresses & courses

#### **Pisa Workshop of Acute Care Surgery and Trauma**

Severe acute cholecystitis in high risk patients:

cholecystectomy vs. [gallbladder](#) drainage

December 17, 2021

Virtual Meeting

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More congresses and courses to be found in the **ESTES events calendar** at  
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