

## Find the impact factor of a journal

The impact of a journal depends on how often articles in that journal are cited by other academic publications. The more that journal is cited, the greater its impact.

$$\text{impact factor} = \frac{\text{citations in 1997 to articles published in 1995 and 1996}}{\text{articles published in 1995 and 1996}}$$

From the AUB homepage under [Saab Medical Library](#) click on [E-databases](#) then click on: **Journal Citation Reports (JCR)**

- Under 'Analytical Tools' go to 'Journal Citation Reports'

### Analytical Tools

**Journal Citation Reports**   
Journal performance metrics,  
including Impact Factor

### To find the impact factor of a specific journal

- Select a JCR edition and year e.g. 2005
- Select 'Search for a specific journal'
- Click 'Submit'

**Journal Citation Reports®**

<b>Select a JCR edition and year:</b>	<b>Select an option:</b>
<input checked="" type="radio"/> JCR Science Edition <input type="button" value="2005"/>	<input type="radio"/> View a group of journals by <input type="button" value="Subject Category"/>
<input type="radio"/> JCR Social Sciences Edition <input type="button" value="2005"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Search for a specific journal
<input type="radio"/> View all journals	
<input type="button" value="SUBMIT"/>	

- Enter the journal title e.g. Cell and click on 'Search'

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<b>1) Search by:</b>	<b>2) Type search term:</b>
<input type="button" value="Full Journal Title"/>	<i>Enter words from journal title or ISSN (view list of full journal titles)</i> <input type="text" value="Cell"/>
<input type="button" value="SEARCH"/>	

- To view the 'Impact Factor Trend' and other details click on the journal title

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**Journal Summary List** [Journal Title C](#)

Journals from: search Full Journal Title for 'CELL'

Sorted by:

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*Ranking is based on your journal and sort selections.*

Mark	Rank	Abbreviated Journal Title <i>(linked to journal information)</i>	ISSN	Total Cites	Impact Factor	Immediacy Index	Articles	Cited Half-life
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	<a href="#">CELL</a>	0092-8674	132371	29.431	6.238	319	8.4

## To find the impact factor of a list of journals

- Select a JCR edition and year e.g. 2005
- Select ‘View a group of journals by’ e.g. ‘Subject category’
- Click on Submit

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<b>Select a JCR edition and year:</b>	<b>Select an option:</b>
<input checked="" type="radio"/> JCR Science Edition 2005 <input type="button" value="v"/> <input type="radio"/> JCR Social Sciences Edition 2005 <input type="button" value="v"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> View a group of journals by <input type="button" value="v"/> Subject Category <input type="radio"/> Search for a specific journal <input type="radio"/> View all journals
<input type="button" value="SUBMIT"/>	

- Choose one or more categories e.g. ‘Cell biology’
- Select **View Journal Data** and sort by: e.g. ‘Impact factor’
- Click on Submit

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1) Select one or more categories from the list.  
[\(How to select more than one\)](#)

BIOCHEMICAL RESEARCH METHODS  
 BIOCHEMISTRY & MOLECULAR BIOLOGY  
 BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION  
 BIOLOGY  
 BIOPHYSICS  
 BIOTECHNOLOGY & APPLIED MICROBIOLOGY  
 CARDIAC & CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEMS  
**CELL BIOLOGY**  
 CHEMISTRY, ANALYTICAL

2) Select to view Journal data or aggregate Category data.

**View Journal Data** - sort by:  Impact Factor

- To view a journal list ranked by ‘Impact Factor’

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Journals from: **subject categories CELL BIOLOGY**  VIEW CATEGORY SUMMARY LIST

Sorted by:  Impact Factor

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*Ranking is based on your journal and sort selections.*

Mark	Rank	Abbreviated Journal Title <i>(linked to journal information)</i>	ISSN	Total Cites	Impact Factor	Immediacy Index	Articles	Cited Half-life
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	<a href="#">NAT REV MOL CELL BIO</a>	1471-0072	11438	29.852	6.225	80	3.2
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	<a href="#">CELL</a>	0092-8674	132371	29.431	6.238	319	8.4
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	<a href="#">NAT MED</a>	1078-8956	40386	28.878	6.600	155	5.0

For a demonstration of JCR-Online go to: <http://scientific.thomson.com/tutorials/jcr4/>

For an actual search [Click here](#)