

The JoFL Impact Number Increases Again to 2.610

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I was most pleased to see the *Journal of Fluorescence* impact factor rise again, from 2.038 in 2005 to the highest ever of 2.610 in 2006 (Fig. 1).

This value reflects the many changes that have been made to the Journal over the last 5 years since my tenure in 2001. These changes have included a new look front cover with rotating issue images, new manuscript categories, a new reference style, a rotating editorial board and many-themed special issues to name but just a few changes. These changes have resulted in the JOFL being indexed on Medline, a notable achievement for any journal, which has

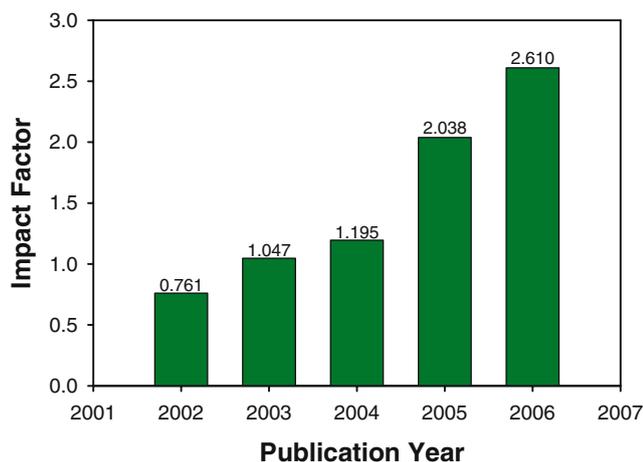


Fig. 1 JoFL impact factor over the last 5 years

further fueled manuscript submission and subsequently the impact factor.

At this time, I sincerely thank all of the Journal's reviewers, authors and editorial board for their commitment of time and continued dedication to the JOFL, thank you.

In addition, many readers are probably unaware of the JOFLs support staff at Springer, which have also helped the journal substantially grow in the last few years. These include Aaron Johnson, my editorial counterpart at Springer; Robert Darnowsky, the JOFL production editor; and Linda Singer, the on-line editorial manager assistant at Springer. On behalf of the JOFL's readership and authors, we thank you.

Finally in closing, we have just introduced a new publication policy, which is likely to be well-received by authors. In 2008, the JoFL aims to publish manuscripts on-line on the JOFL website, within 10 days from editorial acceptance. This deadline is however dependent on authors returning galley proofs within 48 h, and this new policy should help authors get their scientific findings visible sooner. We thank you all in advance for your timely return of proofs and welcome any suggestions you may have.

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