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Publisher's note

We are proud to present to you Volume 50 of *Journal of Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Analysis*. We would like to take this opportunity to update you on some positive developments of the Journal.

The editors of *Journal of Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Analysis* have made major efforts to increase the quality of the journal. The strict editorial policy allows them to select only the very best articles for publication. Therefore, only about 25% of all submitted papers are accepted for publication.

This improvement in quality is demonstrated by the steep increase in the journal's Impact Factor and total citations as can be

Table 1
Bibliometric data from Journal Citation Reports®, published by Thomson Reuters.

Year	Total cites	Impact factor	Immediacy index	Cited half-life
2004	4741	1.509	0.178	4.8
2005	6225	1.889	0.195	4.8
2006	7391	2.032	0.301	4.8
2007	9765	2.761	0.405	4.9

seen in [Table 1](#). The current Impact Factor is 2.761 (Journal Citation Reports® 2008, published by Thomson Reuters).

We are also very pleased to inform you that we have been able to clear the backlog of papers at production and report on the improved publication times of papers in *Journal of Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Analysis*. Author versions of accepted articles are now published online within a few days after acceptance, allowing readers to cite the article using its unique DOI (Digital Object Identifier) number.

Furthermore, online issues are published on ScienceDirect in just over 14 weeks (Q1 2009 production time from acceptance of a paper until publication in an online issue). Articles appear in a printed issue in around 16 weeks (Q1 2009 production time from acceptance of a paper until publication in a printed issue). We are aiming at improving these production times even further during the course of 2009.

We are proud to illustrate these recent positive developments with a new and modern cover and hope you will enjoy reading the redesigned journal.