



***Annals of Geriatric Medicine and Research* receives the First Impact Factor of 3.6 by Journal Citation Reports**

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Annals of Geriatric Medicine and Research (AGMR) has grown into an academic platform offering future perspectives on the research needs related to geriatrics and gerontology.¹⁾ The journal's comprehensive aim and scope cover not only clinical research of geriatric medicine, but aging-related basic research, pre-clinical, and translational studies in the field of gerontology. Policy and health system research related to senior health and welfare are also considered for publication. As the official journal of the Korean Geriatrics Society and the Korean Society for Gerontology, the journal provides a non-profit, open-access platform supported by the Korean Geriatrics Society and the Korean Federation of Science and Technology Societies Grant funded by the Korean government. Our journal was listed in the Emerging Sources Citation Index database, one of the Web of Science Core Collections in 2018, and indexed in Scopus, a comprehensive abstract and citation database in 2019. The contents of AGMR published since 2018 are now available in PubMed ensuring greater visibility of the research published in AGMR.²⁾

AGMR has captured the seminal research findings from various researchers worldwide and the readership has expanded widely around the world. Noting the challenge of addressing the tremendous research gaps in Asian countries experiencing the rapid aging of their populations, AGMR sought to become a high-profile journal to first serve and support this region with evidence-based materials and to embrace a dualistic outlook of harnessing the eclectic richness of international and regional perspectives.³⁾ During the pandemic and at the beginning of the post-pandemic era, the journal has contributed to delivering critical information related to coronavirus disease 2019 and highlighting the challenge of geriatric care in the unprecedented global health crisis.^{4,5)}

As a result, AGMR could release innovative research results for the professional geriatric community. As a fast-growing journal in the multidisciplinary aging research field, the visibility of our sci-

entific literature to researchers working in relevant fields continues to improve. From the 2023 release, Clarivate has included all Web of Science Core Collection journals for Journal Impact Factor (JIF). This year, AGMR gained the first JIF of 3.6 by Journal Citation Reports, which is the official source to find a journal's impact factor integrated with the Web of Science platform.⁶⁾ It means that the citable articles published during 2020 or 2021 in AGMR have been cited 3.6 times on average in 2022. This is a splendid achievement given that the impact factor of AGMR was comparable to some prestigious journals of the geriatric field such as *European Geriatric Medicine* (JIF = 3.8) and *Geriatrics Gerontology International* (JIF = 3.3). In addition to JIF, the CiteScore 2022 of AGMR was 4.2 which continues to rise every year (Fig. 1).⁷⁾ The CiteScore is an average of citations per document over the past 3 years and a useful journal evaluation metric released by Scopus to give a comprehensive and transparent view of a journal's impact. SCImago Journal & Country Rank (SJR) published by Scopus ranked AGMR 49 among 113 journals in Geriatric and Gerontology category, which is the second quartile (Q2) of indexed journals.⁸⁾ This achievement would not have been possible without the enthusiastic support and contributions of our editorial board members, reviewers, authors, and readers to develop a rigorous academic platform in the field of geriatric and gerontology.

In recent years, AGMR has been actively participating in the global call to action for the Decade of Healthy Ageing declared by the United Nations.⁴⁾ The Decade of Healthy Ageing is a concerted global action urgently needed to ensure that older adults enjoy dignity, equality, and a healthy environment. In 2022, the World Rehabilitation Alliance has been established in the World Health Organization Rehabilitation program to strengthen networks and partnerships for the integration of rehabilitation into health systems.⁹⁾ AGMR has endorsed the call to action from the research workstream of the World Rehabilitation Alliance to promote the

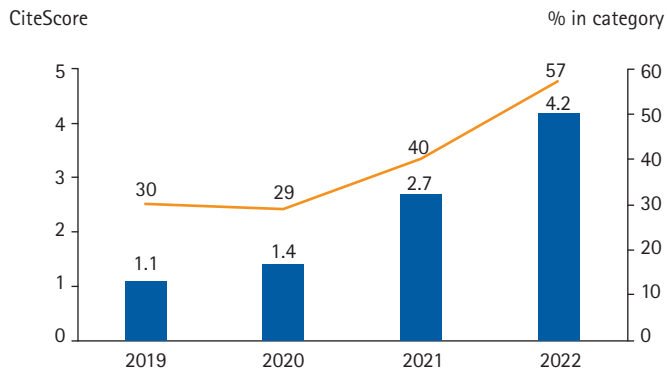


Fig. 1. The trend of CiteScore and percentile in category of Annals of Geriatric Medicine and Research by CiteScore tracker from 2019–2022.

health policy and systems research for strengthening rehabilitation ahead of global aging society. Furthermore, challenges and opportunities for our journal to serve the older population in global aging will be presented at the Research Symposium on publishing high-impact Asian research at the Asian Conference of Frailty and Sarcopenia to be held in Singapore in this October.

In order to increase its global influence beyond emerging countries in Asia, our journal continues to cover the new agenda to improve the health outcomes of older adults in post-pandemic future, and to drive the issues of geriatric care in developing countries heading towards a super-aging society, and to promote the health policy and systems research on geriatric care services in each country. It is our hope that the AGMR continue to serve an arena highlighting the importance of geriatric and gerontological research to address the unique needs of older adults in the globe.

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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