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Welcome to the start of another year with Seminars in Thrombosis and Hemostasis (STH), this being my 11th year anniversary as Editor-in-Chief. As always, I wish to again sincerely thank all contributors to STH over the years, as well as Guest Editors for past issues, and of course the current and past editorial team. There has been no major overhaul of the editorial team, although some adjustments will occur over the coming years.

I also take this opportunity to once again thank the journal production team at Thieme Medical Publishers for their high production standards and for facilitating both the print and online issues of the journal. In particular, I would like to thank Ananya Das, the Production Editor for STH, and her production team, as well as Wakiko Ishii, an Assistant Acquisitions Editor, for ongoing support.

This is also the time that we reflect on our journal’s Impact Factor, which for 2017 was 3.345, which represents a small decrease from our 2016 Impact Factor of 3.629 (Fig. 1). I also assessed the trends for self-citations, and this reflects

![Fig. 1 The Impact Factor for Seminars in Thrombosis and Hemostasis, from 2003 to 2017.](image-url)
positively for recent data (Fig. 2). Finally, I assessed how STH compared with several “comparable” journals focused on bleeding and/or thrombosis, and it was interesting to see that of 10 such journals, 8 showed a reduction in Impact Factor, and that many journals showed a fall substantially greater than STH (Fig. 3). In any case, the Impact Factor is only one of several markers of journal “quality” that we should consider, and the limitations of any individual marker

Fig. 2 Percentage of self-citations for Seminars in Thrombosis and Hemostasis in recent years—aiming for less.

Fig. 3 Change in Impact Factor from 2016 to 2017 for 10 journals publishing in the area of bleeding and thrombosis.
As I also do annually now, the highest cited (2015/2016 published) contributions from this journal are listed in Table 1 for the potential interest of the readership and contributing authors. These contributions identify those publications most contributing to the 2017 Impact Factor, and each were cited seven or more times in the literature in 2017. For those interested, the current listing can be compared with those of the most recently published top down-loaded article listings from Seminars in Thrombosis and Hemostasis, the basis of the Eberhard F. Mammen “Most Popular” awards. Accordingly, I would like to thank all the contributors, guest editors, and the editorial team for bringing us the content that makes Seminars in Thrombosis and Hemostasis.

Finally, a short note to confirm that, as always, we will continue to develop plans for the future content of this journal, and we are confident that we will be able to continue to bring its readers the high-quality journal that is expected of us. Currently confirmed topics for issues that we plan to publish over the next 12 or so months are listed in Table 2. At the

Table 1 Top 2017-cited papers, as published in 2015/2016


Thus, contributing most to the 2017 Impact Factor.
same time, we recognize the need to retain some flexibility in our plans, and to potentially add additional material of current interest and controversy as the need arises. We look forward to another interesting year of reading in 2019.

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