



## Word from the Editor-in-Chief

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The Polish Annals of Medicine (Pol Ann Med.) is an international journal, owned since 2019 by then University of Warmia and Mazury (UWM) in Olsztyn, and published entirely online since this year. The periodical has been indexed in the prestigious international database of scientific journals Scopus since 2007. Currently, 565 articles from Pol Ann Med are promoted in the Scopus database. According to the SciVal analytical tool, in the years 2014-2023, 288 authors published their works here, and they were cited a total of 760 times in indexed sources. Furthermore, since the beginning of the journal's indexing, i.e. since 2007, authors were cited 1,240 times. The leading countries, apart from Poland, from which the Editorial Office receives manuscripts are: the United States, India, Ukraine, Malaysia, Great Britain, Iran and Thailand.

Publications placed in Pol Ann Med. also contribute to the development of science within such current priority areas as the Sustainable Development Goals, which are a pillar of the European Commission. Currently, our journal has published several hundred articles directly related to these Goals and they include:

Goal	Number of publications in the Polish Annals of Medicine
SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being	162
SDG 2: Zero Hunger	3
SDG 4: Quality Education	3
SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities	2
SDG 13: Climate Action	2
SDG 15: Life on Land	2
SDG 5: Gender Equality	2
SDG 1: Ending Poverty	1
SDG 14: Life Below Water	1
SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth	1

The prestige of Pol Ann Med. is also confirmed by the fact that one of the publications included in it is in the 10% of the best cited articles in the world: Frequency of polymorphic loci of GSTM1 and GSTT1 modifier genes in the genotype of children with pyelonephritis and congenital urinary malformations written by authors from Ukraine and the United Arab Emirates. At the same time, according to bibliometric data, this work has an impact on the scientific community almost 5 times higher than other similar publications (according to the SciVal database, Pol Ann Med's normalized citation index is 5.85 with an average for the world of 1). On the other hand, the most frequently cited publications in our journal are affiliated with Polish institutions.

According to Scopus database data, since 2014, Pol Ann Med. resources have been viewed 8,074 times in this database alone, with an average of almost 20 views for each publication, which has significantly influenced the recognition of both our journal and the authors who publishing in it.

According to the international Dimensions database, Pol Ann Med. publishes articles most frequently in the following fields: biomedical and clinical sciences, health sciences, oncology and rehabilitation, and sciences related to medicine.

This database also shows the social impact of publications expressed in the readership of social media and other promotion channels. A significant portion of articles published in Pol Ann Med. are disseminated through channels other than indexing databases. The article with the greatest social impact, i.e. the one most often shared and transmitted through non-scientific channels, is a publication by scientists in cooperation with the business sector; Effectiveness of KinesioTaping on hypertrophic carcinomas, keloids and scar contractures.

The dissemination of research in Pol Ann Med. translates into results in international databases, including in the global rankings of Times Higher Education or the QS Ranking, because they use only journals indexed in the Scopus database for evaluation.

In response to the publication in Pol Ann Med. Changing views toward mRNA based Covid vaccines in the scientific literature: 2020–2024, the renowned British medical educator Dr. John Campbell, a teacher at the University of Cumbria in the UK, gave a very positive review of this article. His speech on the YouTube channel was viewed by 384,552 people and liked by 32,000 recipients. This article was also analyzed in other countries such as the USA, where the video about it on YouTube had 35,000 likes. The Belgian link on YouTube currently has 28,000 likes. The publication received many positive comments from

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'I. Kowalski', is positioned above the printed name.

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