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With the New Year already close to being four months’ old, the Editor and the Editorial Management Board wish to express their gratitude to all subscribers, authors, reviewers and members of the nutrition industry, who support the continued publication of the SAJCN with your advertisements, and which are peer-reviewed before being accepted for publication. The New Year starts with the good news that the SAJCN is ranked seventh in a list of accredited medical South African journals, with an impact factor of 0.166 (with an upward trend). The top journal is the Sahara Journal, with an impact factor of 0.414. The second on the list is the South African Medical Journal, with an impact factor of 0.355. Last year, the SAJCN received 64 manuscripts, of which 20 (31%) were declined at screening, 44 (69%) were peer-reviewed, and 32 (50%) accepted, giving a total acceptance rate of 50%. Also of interest is the more established trend of receiving an increasing number of manuscripts from other countries in Africa, the Middle East and the Indian subcontinent.

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