
Publishers Note

The *International Endodontic Journal* – the most cited journal in endodontics

According to the 2003 Journal Citation Report published by ISI, the *International Endodontic Journal* is the most cited journal in endodontics. The journal is ranked as no. 13 in Dentistry, Oral Surgery and Medicine and listed with an Impact Factor of 1.312. The ranking and the impact factor is recognition of the high quality content published in the journal and establishes that researchers are currently using the *International Endodontic Journal* as a main reference point for articles in endodontics.

The *International Endodontic Journal* is published online as well as in print. The high quality articles published in the Journal are made accessible for users via the online version in Blackwell Synergy, which facilitates searches across the field of dentistry as well as other medical research areas.

It is increasingly easy for potential readers to find articles in online editions of the *International Endodontic Journal*. This can be done by using links from PubMed or ISI Web of Science, and even from within Synergy, either from articles in the *International Endodontic Journal* or other journals that cite the *International Endodontic Journal*. Reference lists in each article include links to cited and citing articles:

- Forward links to other articles that cite this article take readers forward in time through the literature.
- CrossRef links take readers to cited articles in other journals.
- Reference, keyword and author links take readers to abstracts in relevant databases, such as PubMed (MEDLINE) and ISI Web of Science.

- Synergy links take readers to cited articles in other issues of the Journal.

Synergy has become easier for researchers and authors to work with through a number of improvements:

- Reference Manager – users can now download the citations for online articles directly into their own reference management software, such as EndNote. This includes the addition of DOIs, article abstracts and the reordering of author names.
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A new initiative has been launched that enables users to search the full text of high-quality, peer-reviewed journal articles, conference proceedings and other resources using the power of Google. Called CrossRef Search (or XRS), this new pilot programme utilizes the collaborative environment of CrossRef, the reference-linking service for scholarly publishing, and Google search technologies. All articles on Blackwell Synergy are included in the service.

Keep watching <http://www.blackwell-synergy.com> for future improvements to the online version of the *International Endodontic Journal*. The interaction between quality research and accessibility will be a focal point for the Journal for the benefit of researchers and practitioners in endodontics.

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