

Performance Indicator Publications

Publications of departments of the University Medical Center Göttingen (UMG) are evaluated on the basis of un-weighted impact factors (IF), i.e., publications in journals of the *Science Citation Index* (SCI) and *Social Science Citation Index* (SSCI) are entered into the evaluation with their respective IF. Contributions that have passed a peer review process but are not published in an SCI or SSCI journal are evaluated with 0.2 scoring points.¹ Books and book chapters go down with analogous scoring points into the result for the individual departments (see table below).

In order to be considered, publications need to be published under an address of the UMG. A differentiated allocation of points relating to authorship is not performed to date, meaning that publications with at least one member of the department as first, middle, or last author are counted for the department with the full IF value, as recommended by the German Research Foundation (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, DFG)². Starting with the evaluation period 2010-2012, a weighing of authorship will be introduced.

Table: Evaluation of Publications in the Context of internal Research Evaluation (once for each Department).

Publication Type	Evaluation
Journal Contributions³	
Journal listed in SCI or SSCI and their non-listed internet versions	Impact Factor ⁴
Journal with peer review process but not listed in SCI or SSCI	0.2 points
Book Chapters und Monographs⁵	
5 - 20 pages	0.5 points
21 - 50 pages	1.0 points
51 - 200 pages	2.0 points
> 200 pages	4.0 points

Impact factors are determined annually by Thomson Scientific Inc., publisher of SCI and SSCI. Impact factors of journals relate to the ISSN-number of the journal.

¹ See ISI web of knowledge

<http://portal.isiknowledge.com/portal.cgi/portal.cgi?DestApp=WOS&Func=Frame&Init=Yes&SID=N1Kbmogb2623KD2mp@2>

² Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft 2004, page 15

³ As journal contributions are counted: Original papers, case reports, reviews including so-called *Letters* in international scientific journals e.g., *Letter to Nature*, *Letter to Lancet* et al. Not counted are abstracts and correspondences.

⁴ If the impact factor of a listed journal is <0.2, the value is rounded up to 0.2.

⁵ Book chapters and monographs must be published by a scientific publisher (excluding self-published books) and the book must have an ISBN number.

In addition to their **print version**, many journals have an **internet version with a different ISSN-number**, which the journal being mostly identical but often more up to date. Thomson Scientific Inc. determines impact factors only for the print journals, i.e., there are no impact factors for the internet versions of journals. The UMG decided in **2009 to count the impact factors of all JCR-listed print journals also for their corresponding online journals**. Online versions of publications are thus equated with their print versions. To avoid laborious amendments to the evaluation software *FACTscience*, it was decided to retain the assignment of publications to the respective journal (print and online, respectively) that was entered into the system. Exceptions: publications that overlap two years (e.g., online publication in 2009, printed in 2010). In these cases, the department is asked to decide beforehand in which year they would like the article to be evaluated and to please inform Research Controlling so that the publication can be assigned accordingly. The assignment of impact factor to the online version of a journal is done manually by Research Controlling upon notification by the respective department.

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