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Editorial Board Meeting

Cardiology Update 2013, Davos

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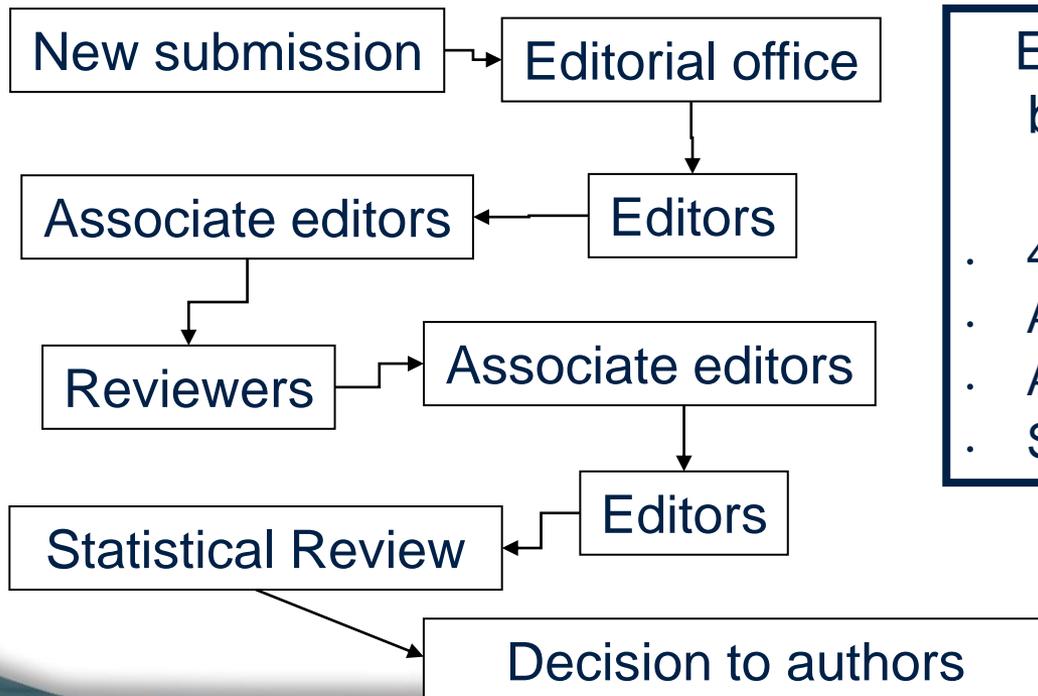
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# EHJ and the ESC

The *European Heart Journal* is one of the major instruments to achieve the goals of the ESC:

- to foster the development of cardiology
- to further scientific exchanges
- to encourage personal contacts
- to establish standards of training for cardiologists and those who work in the field of cardiovascular disease

# EHJ Pre-publication Process



Each published manuscript has been evaluated by at least **6-7 people**

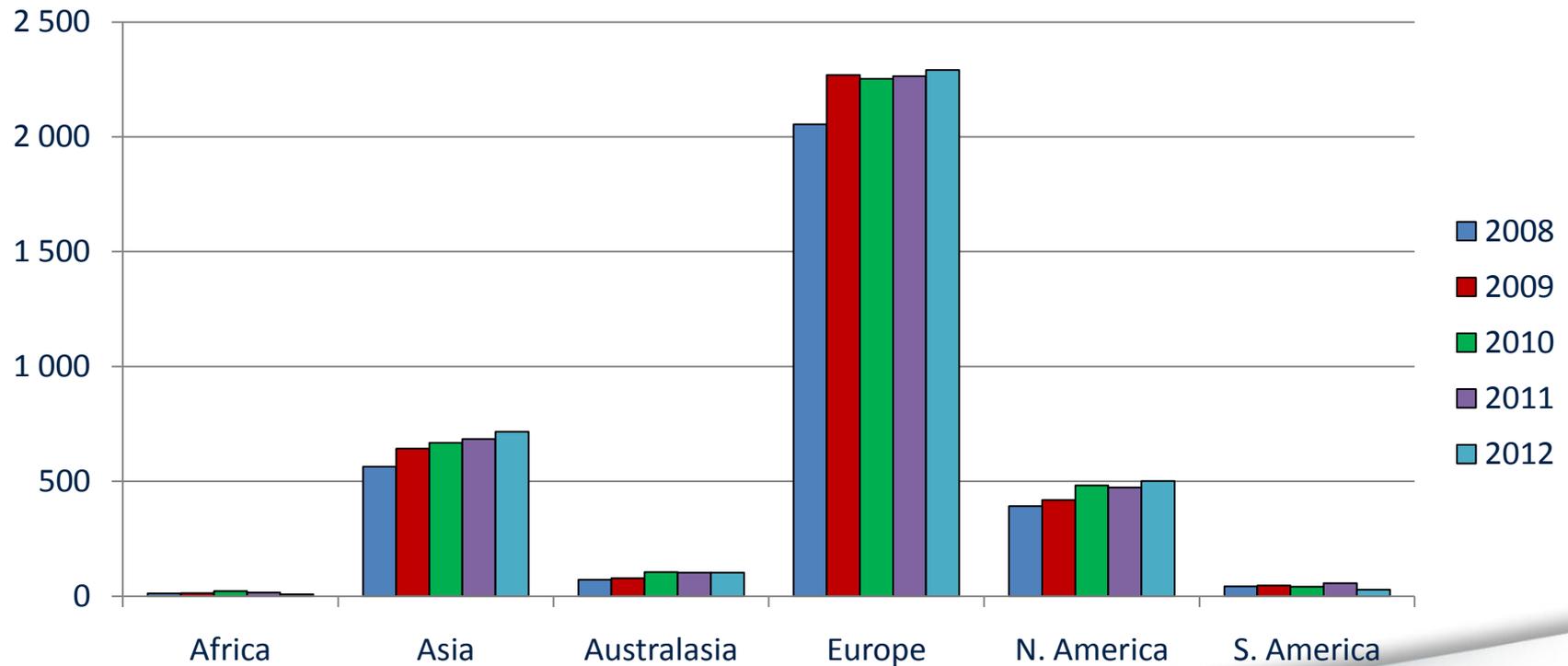
- 4 Editors
- Associate Editor
- At least 2 Reviewers
- Statistical Reviewer

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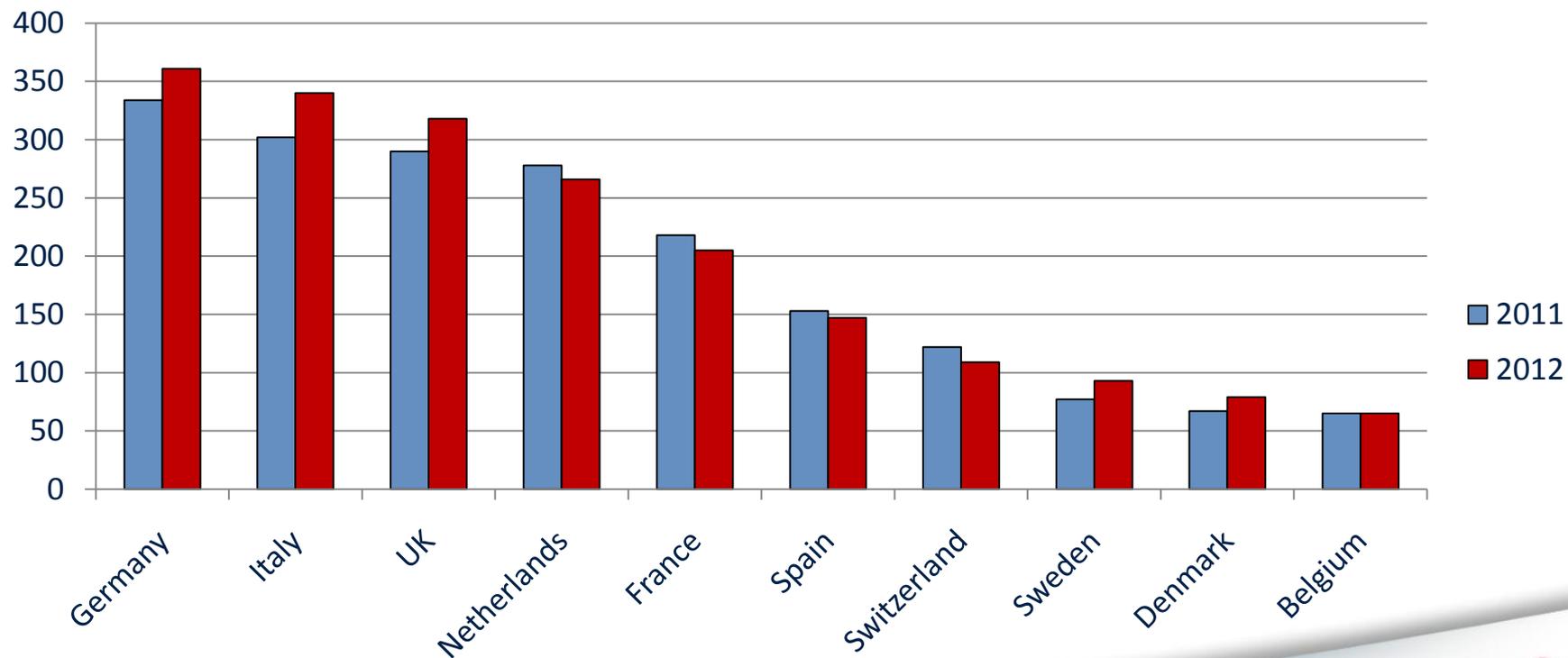


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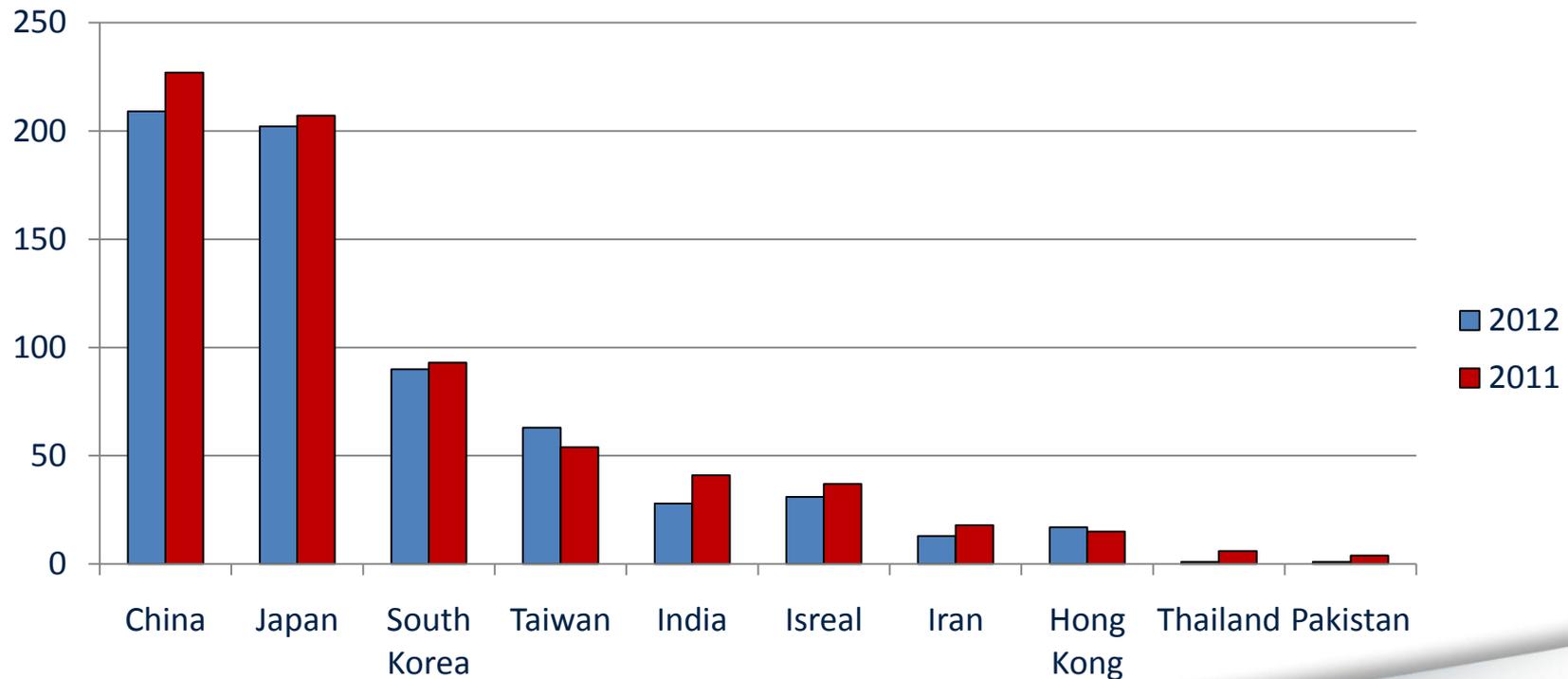
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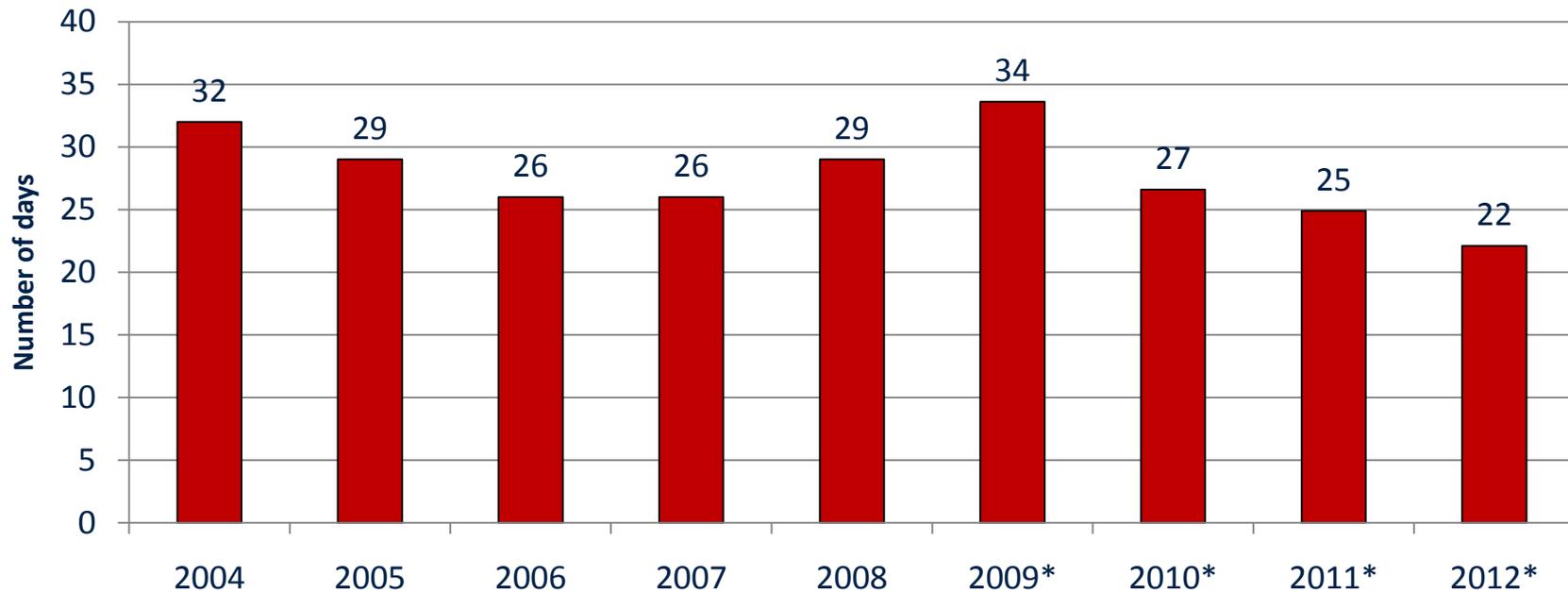
# EJ Submissions: Focus on Europe



# EHJ Submissions: Focus on Asia

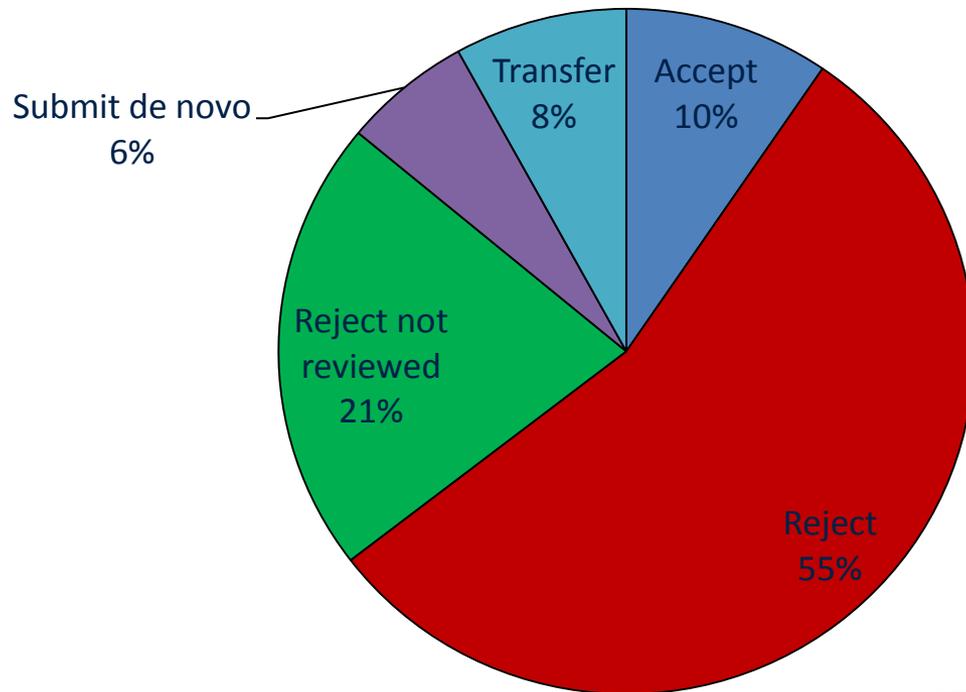


# EHJ Time to First Decision



\* If transfer manuscripts are excluded, these times will be approximately one day less

# EHJ Acceptance Rate 2012



## 2011

Accept: 13%

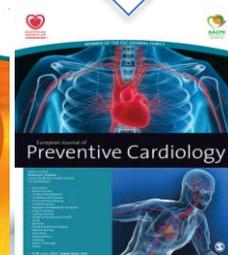
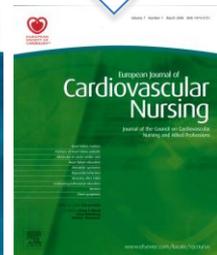
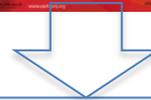
Submit de novo: 8%

Reject: 47%

Reject not reviewed: 26%

Transferred: 6%

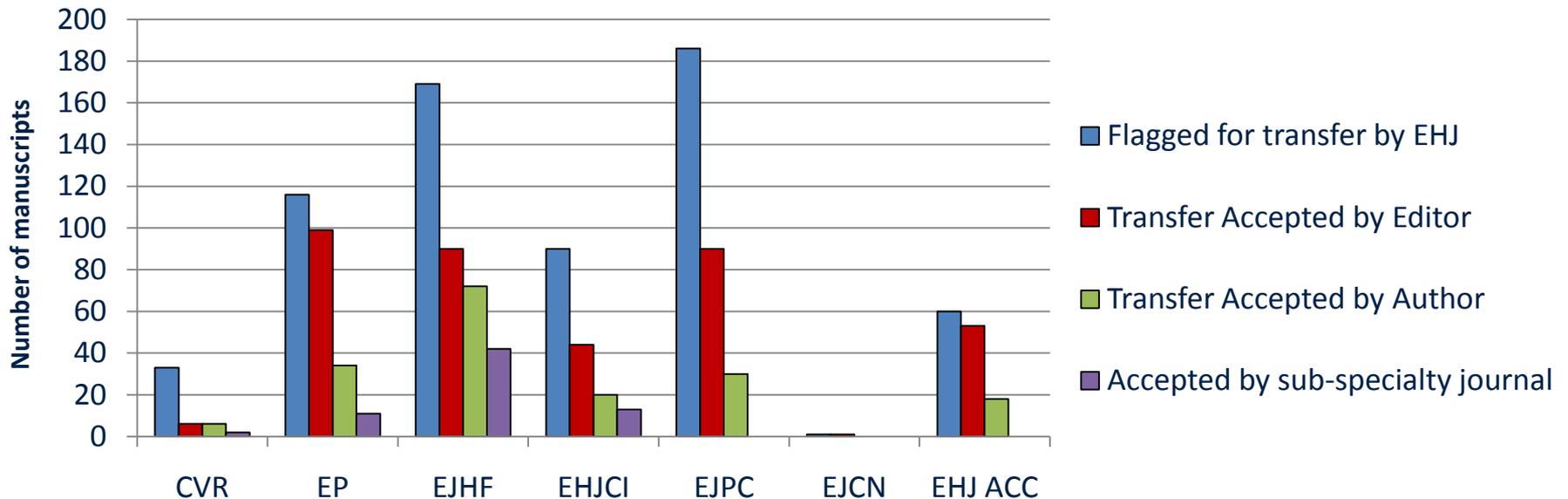
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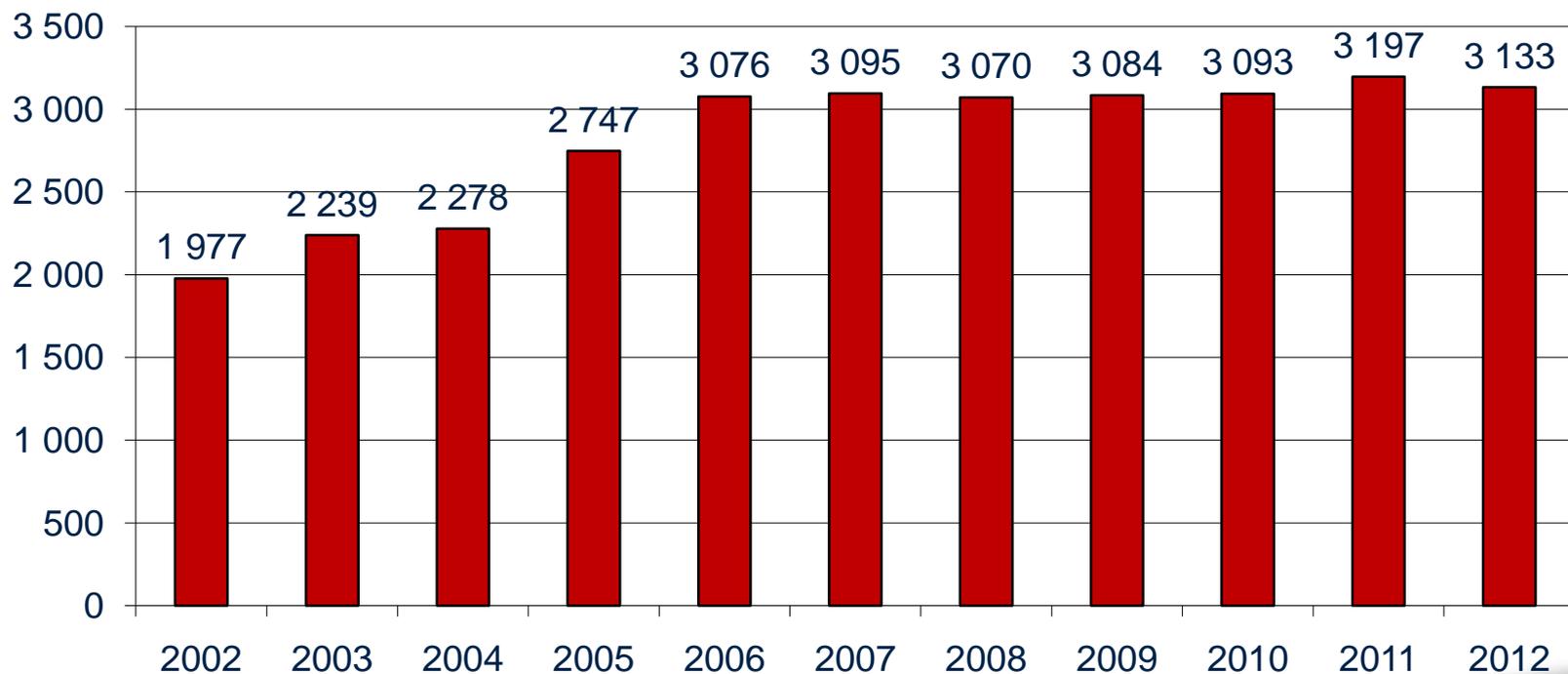


# Manuscript Transfer in 2012



During 2012, **655** manuscripts were flagged for transfer by EHJ and **68** transferred manuscripts were accepted for publication

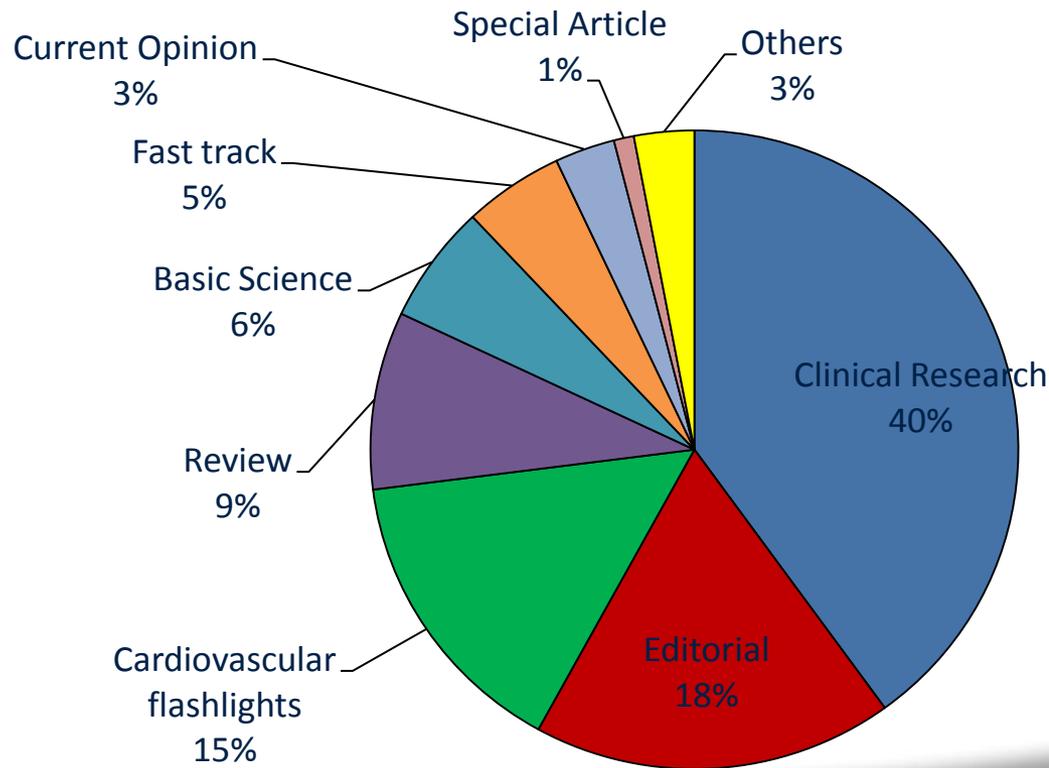
# EHJ Pages Published



In 2013, EHJ will move to **48 issues** per annum with a small increase in pages



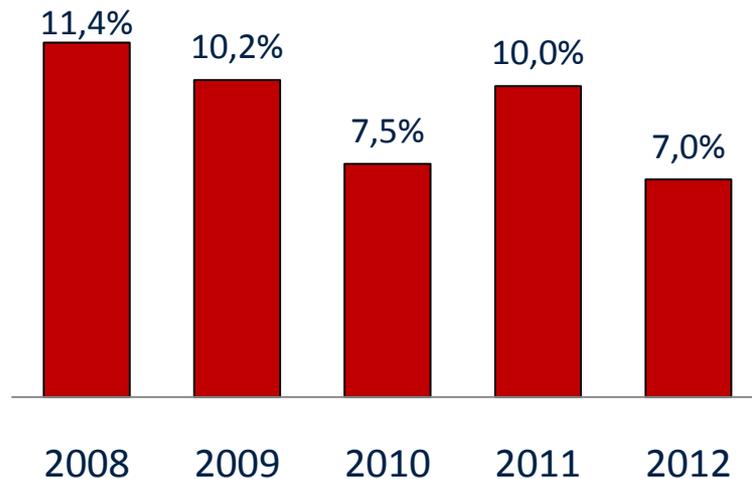
# EHJ Published Article Types



Other article types include:  
Guidelines, ESC Articles,  
Viewpoint, List of Referees &  
Corrigenda

# Open Access

EJH is part of OxfordOpen, an optional Open Access initiative  
In 2012, 7% of papers were published open access



# ESC Guidelines 2012

- Third Universal Definition of Myocardial Infarction
- Valvular Heart Disease (Management of)
- Atrial Fibrillation (Management of) 2010 and Focused Update (2012)
- Acute Myocardial Infarction in patients presenting with ST-segment elevation (Management of)
- Acute Myocardial Infarction in patients presenting with ST-segment elevation (Management of)
- CVD Prevention in clinical practice (European Guidelines on)

# E- Letters

All letters to the Editor are now published online only in the e-letter functionality, allowing users to comment on individual articles

The screenshot shows the European Heart Journal website interface. At the top, there are navigation links for 'OXFORD JOURNALS', 'CONTACT US', 'MY BASKET', and 'MY ACCOUNT'. The main header features the 'European Heart Journal' logo and the 'EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF CARDIOLOGY' logo. Below the header, there are links for 'ABOUT THIS JOURNAL', 'CONTACT THIS JOURNAL', 'SUBSCRIPTIONS', 'CURRENT ISSUE', 'ARCHIVE', and 'SEARCH'. A yellow banner encourages users to 'Receive electronic tables of contents for this journal'. The main content area is divided into sections: 'Recent letters' (displaying 1-10 letters out of 50 published), 'Current Issue' (March 2010, 31 (5)), and 'Published on behalf of' (The European Society of Cardiology). A search bar is also visible, with a 'Go' button and a 'Search' button. The 'Recent letters' section includes two articles: 'How paradoxical is the "obesity paradox"?' by Timo E Strandberg, and 'Evolution of endothelial progenitor cell capture stents' by Hans P. Wendel.

- Encourages debate
- Quick and easy to use
- Published so far:

2010	85
2011	88
2012	88

# CardioNewsWire

## CARDIO NEWSWIRE

The Cardio NewsWire site hosts highlighted news stories from the field of cardiology.



### Latest stories:

[EHJ Impact Factor >10: together we made it!](#)

[EHJ's new deputy editor Gerhard Hindricks](#)

[Eduardo Marban joins EHJ's editorial team](#)

## EHJ IMPACT FACTOR >10: TOGETHER WE MADE IT!

### **The *European Heart Journal* achieves Impact Factor greater than 10 for the first time**

The *European Heart Journal* is a success story: what started as the Cinderella of Cardiology 31 years ago has – against the odds - become a major voice in clinical and basic research of cardiovascular medicine. After a slow start the *European Heart Journal* received its first impact factor of 1 in the late 80's and steadily remained in there for the next 10 years. Only at the beginning of this century did its impact start to grow – as did the European Society of Cardiology, the parent society of the journal. Indeed, its Annual Congress improved in quality and size to become the largest event in cardiovascular medicine today. The success of the Congress certainly helped increase the visibility and distribution of the *European Heart Journal* and in turn its impact in the scientific community. With an impact factor of over 10, the *European Heart Journal* joins the group of major journals that – through their publications – help to shape the medicine and clinical practice of tomorrow.



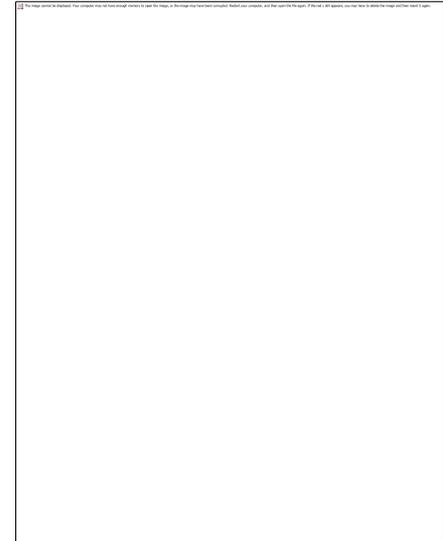
- Breaking news published online immediately
- Promoted across the website with banner adverts

# CardioPulse

- Profiling important new developments in cardiology
- Showcasing key leaders and major trials in international cardiology
- Enhancing relationships in the global cardiology community

## Reporting on:

- ESC news
- cardiology personalities
- political aspects affecting cardiology
- historical vignettes
- national healthcare systems
- funding sources in different countries



# CardioPulse – Reader Testimonial



Roberto Ferrari  
Chair of Cardiology  
Ferrara, Italy

I personally believe that it is an important addition to the European Heart Journal. It is very important to have a personal side to the journal and *CardioPulse* is exactly that. The light reading and sometimes personal content of these articles act as the “heart” of one of the most prestigious scientific journals. I am very much looking forward to reading it weekly from now on.

# CardioPulse – Reader Testimonial

Deepak L. Bhatt  
Professor of Medicine, Harvard  
Medical School

- CardioPulse has become one of my favorite aspects of EHJ
- I really enjoy reading it
- I am very glad that it is now part of EHJ
- Great job!



# CardioPulse – Reader Testimonial

Bernard Gersh

Professor of Medicine, Mayo Clinic

- I find CardioPulse interesting, eclectic and also entertaining
- I read every issue and have also enjoyed being a participant and my impression is that this is a much appreciated and enjoyed aspect of the Journal



# CardioPulse – Reader Testimonial

Philippe Gabriel Steg  
Cardiology Professor, Paris

- I , like many if not most readers, start my reading of every EHJ issue with CardioPulse
- It is a somewhat lighter but highly read section, which is important alongside the referenced scientific content and contributes to the building of a European Cardiology Community.
- I strongly advise to keep Cardiopulse in the weekly edition of EHJ. The news of European Cardiology, the portrait features, some controversy articles, news from ESC, interviews, are all important to European Cardiologists.



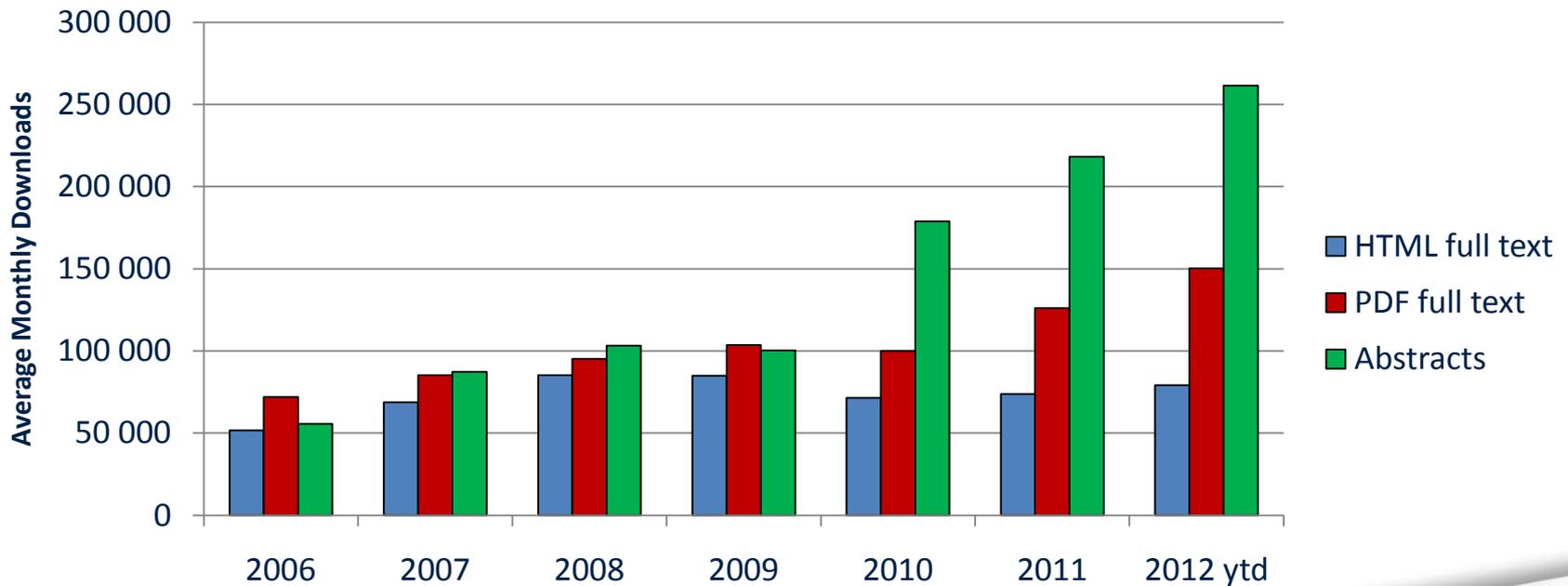
# Press Releases

Seven press releases were sent out in 2012 for the following EHJ papers:

- i. Alcohol in moderation reduces deaths in men who have survived a heart attack
- ii. Scientists turn patients' skin cells into heart muscle cells to repair their damaged hearts: first report
- iii. Global study sheds more light on role played by exercise, cars and televisions on the risk of heart attacks
- iv. Digoxin increases deaths in patients with atrial fibrillation
- v. Results from world's first registry of pregnancy and heart disease reveals important differences between countries and heart conditions.
- vi. "Fitness and fatness": not all obese people have the same prognosis.
- vii. Scientists turn patients' skin cells into heart muscle cells to repair their damaged hearts: first report

# EHJ Online Access

Average monthly downloads



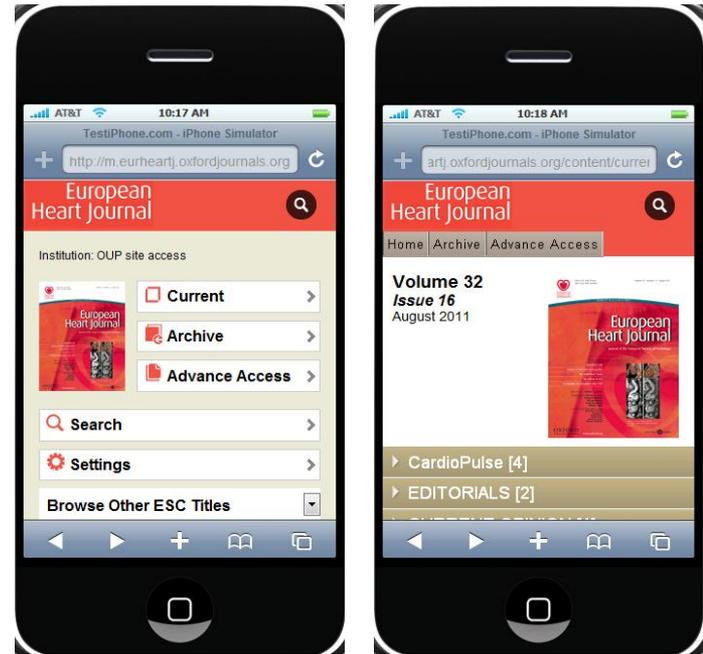
\* Usage statistics available up to November 30<sup>th</sup> 2012

# Top Downloaded Papers in 2012

Title	Ref	Total Full-text
Guidelines on the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of infective endocarditis (new version 2009)	(2009), Vol 30, Iss 19, 2369-2413	26,333
Guidelines on the Diagnosis and Management of Pericardial Diseases Executive Summary	(2004), Vol 25, Iss 7, 587-610	21,763
Universal definition of myocardial infarction	(2007), Vol 28, Iss 20, 2525-2538	19,361
Guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of pulmonary hypertension	(2009), Vol 30, Iss 20, 2493-2537	14,977
Guidelines for the pre-operative cardiac risk assessment and perioperative cardiac management in non-cardiac surgery	(2009), Vol 30, Iss 22, 2769-2812	14,814

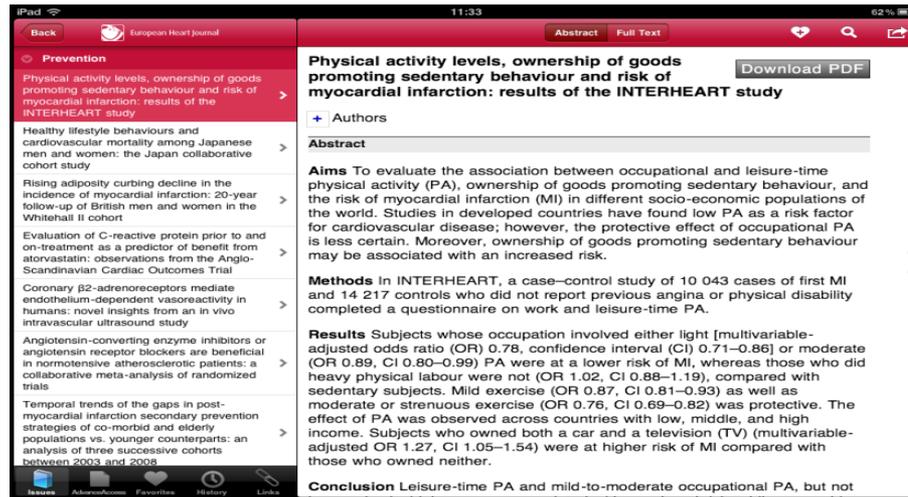
# Mobile Optimized Site

- Launched March 2011
- Automatically directed to mobile optimized site if accessing from mobile device
- QR code now included on issue table of contents
- During 2012, the site received over **105,000** visits
- 25% users access the site directly and not through a search engine, 63% of users via iPad/iPhone
- Users come from over 160 countries – the top five are USA (44%), UK (10%), Canada (3%), Australia (4%) and India (3.4%)



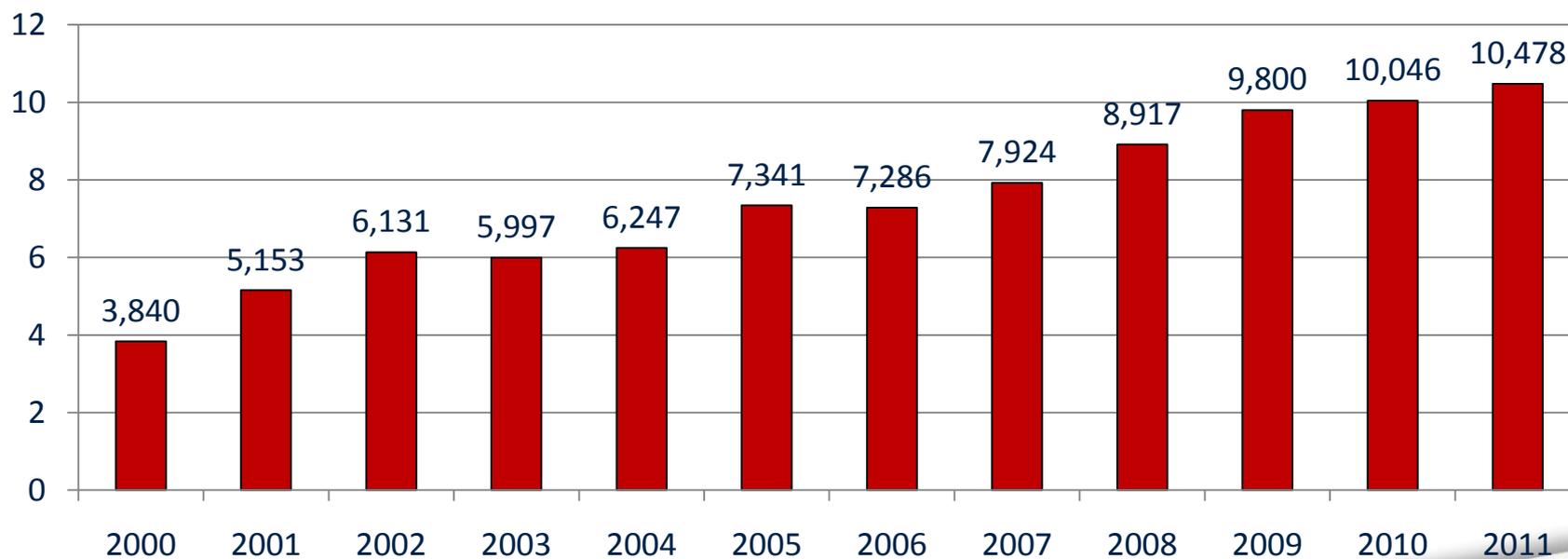
# ESC Journals App

- Launched April 2012
- For users accessing journal via an iPad or iPhone
- Over **7,200** downloads between 13<sup>th</sup> April and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012



# EHI Impact Factor

EHI's 2011 impact factor is **10.478**

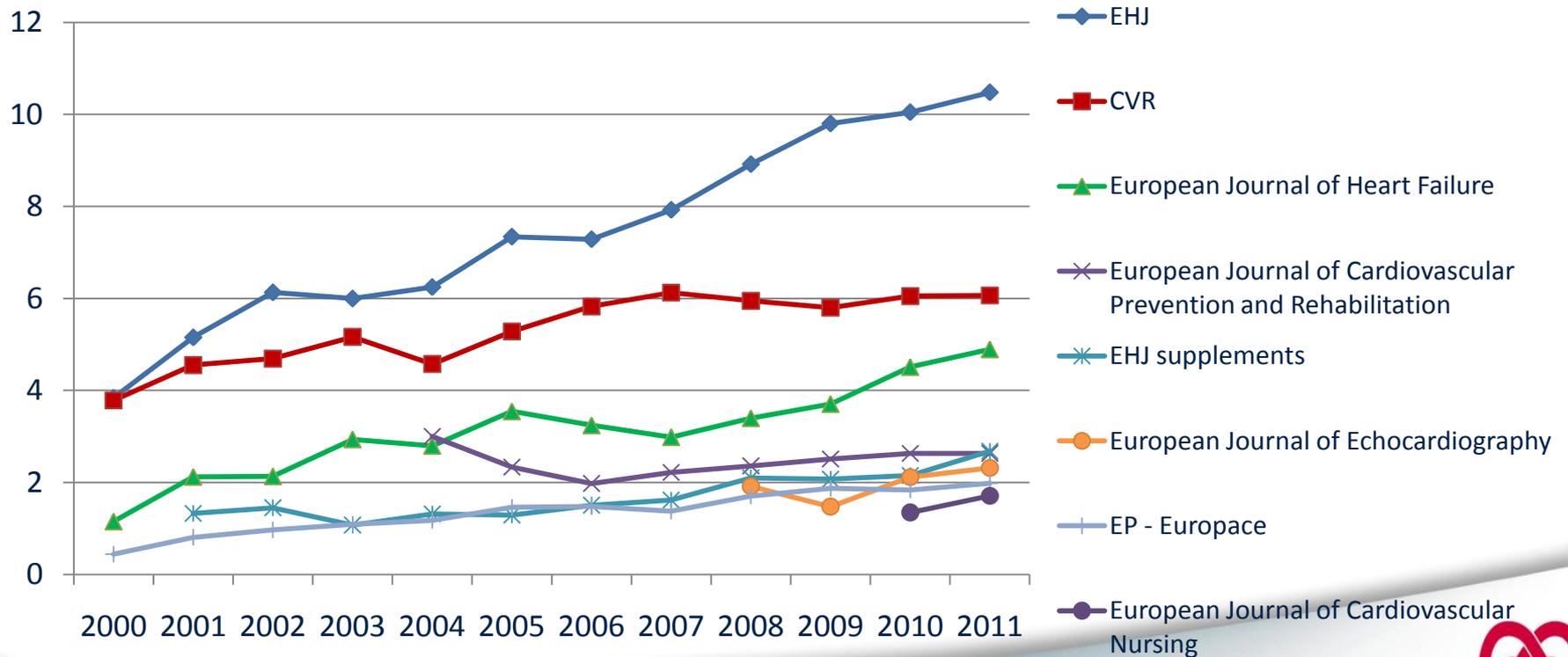


# Top Papers Contributing to 2011 Impact Factor

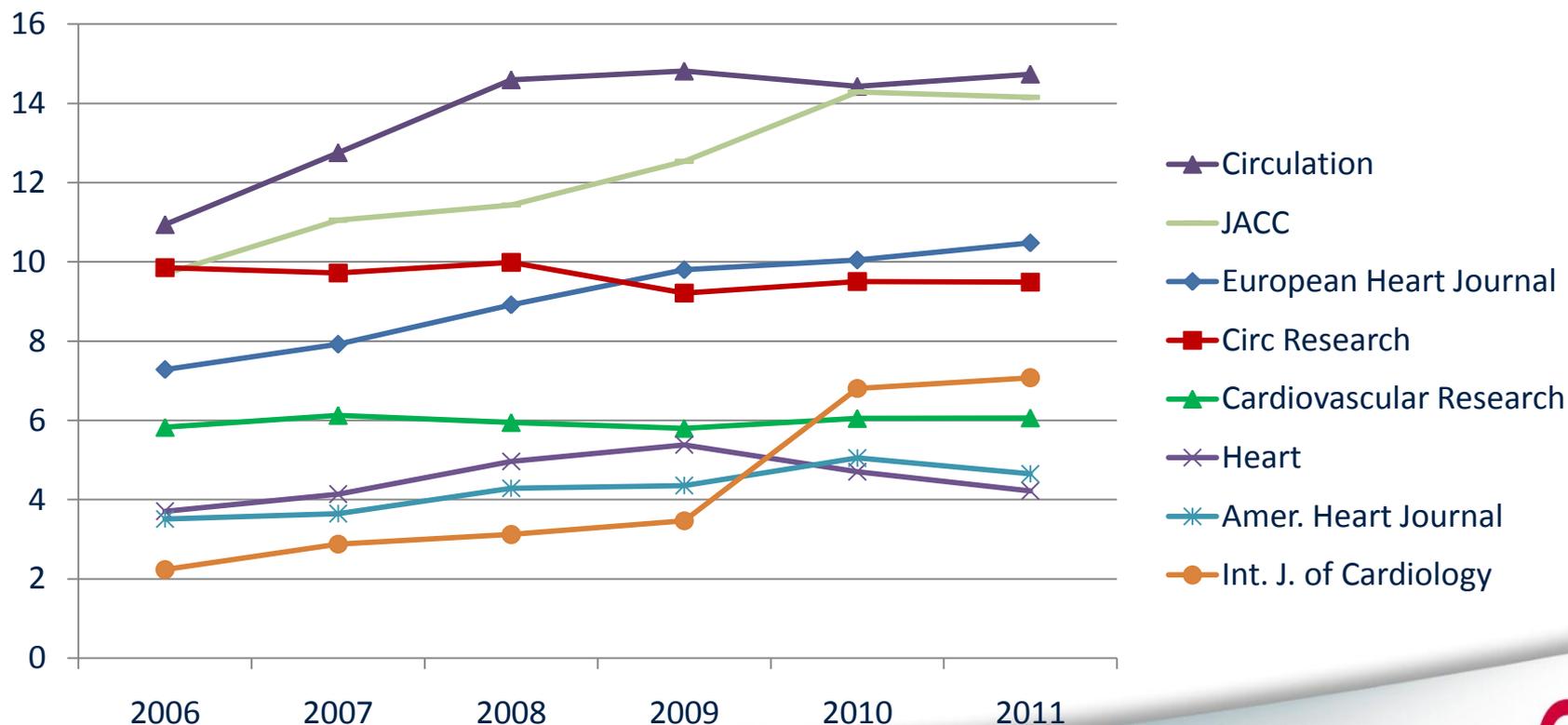
First author	Title	Ref	Number of citations in 2011
Camm AJ	Guidelines for the management of atrial fibrillation The Task Force for the Management of Atrial Fibrillation of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC)	(2010), Vol 31, Iss 19, 2369-2429	195
Wijns W	Guidelines on myocardial revascularization The Task Force on Myocardial Revascularization of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) and the European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EACTS)	(2010), Vol 31, Iss 20, 2501-2555	185
Galie N	Guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of pulmonary hypertension	(2009), Vol 30, Iss 20, 2493-2537	132
Moya A	Guidelines for the diagnosis and management of syncope (version 2009)	(2009), Vol 30, Iss 21, 2631-2671	88
Habib G	Guidelines on the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of infective endocarditis (new version 2009)	(2009), Vol 30, Iss 19, 2369-2413	68



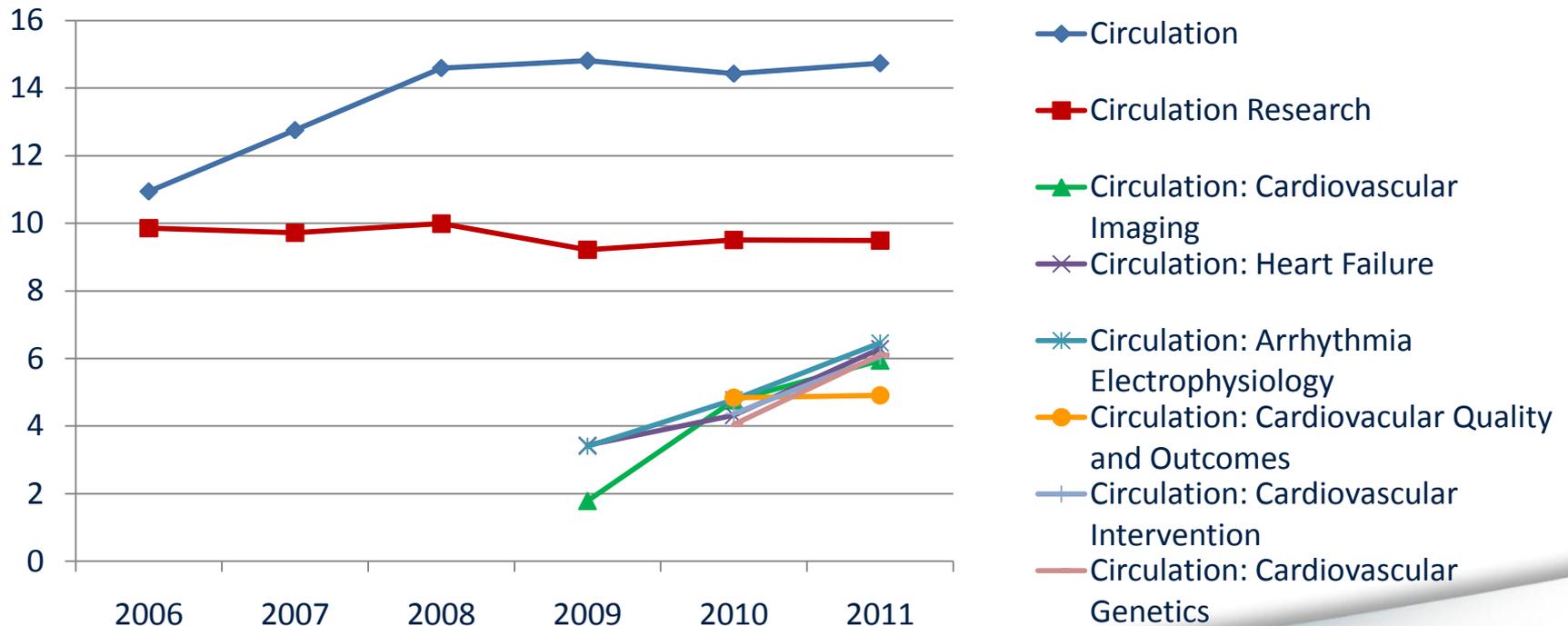
# ESC Journal Family Impact Factors



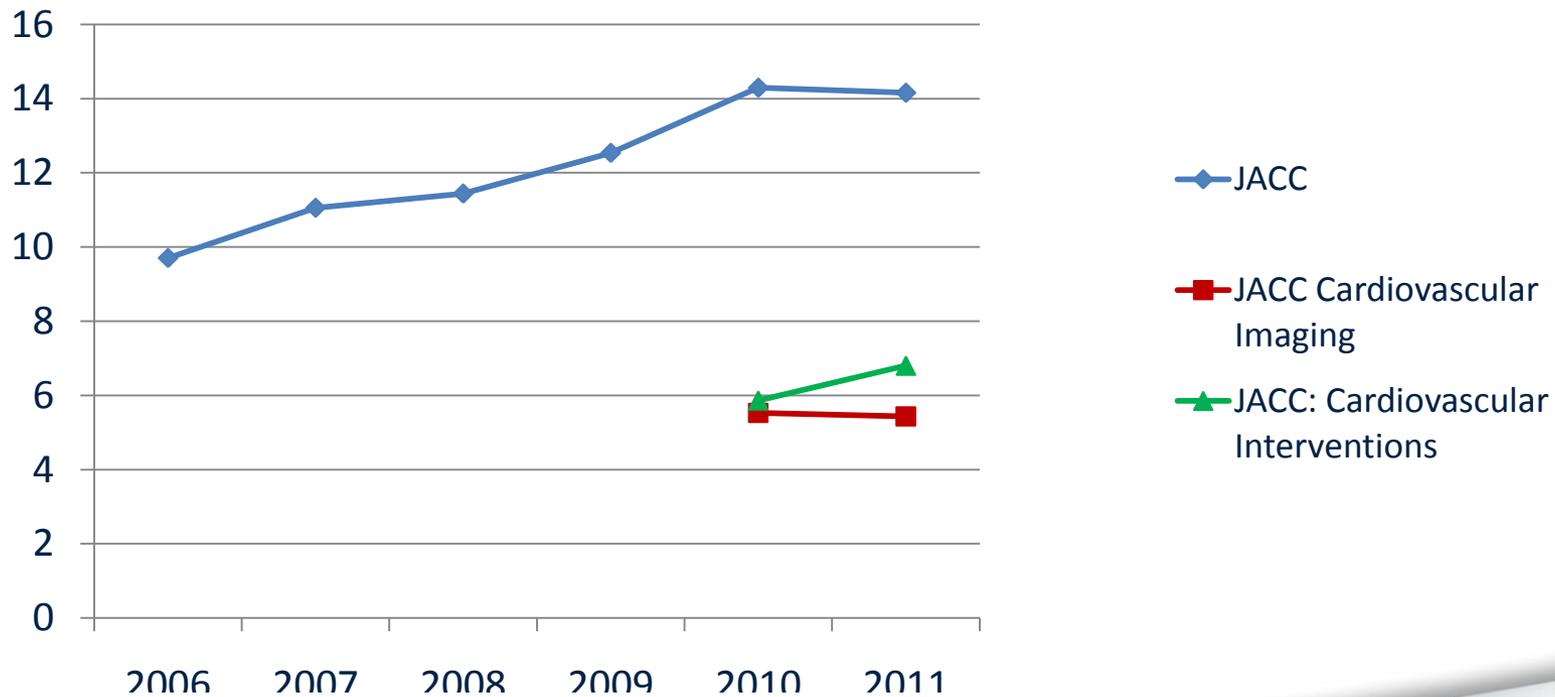
# EHJ Competitor Impact Factors



# Circulation Impact Factors



# JACC Impact Factors

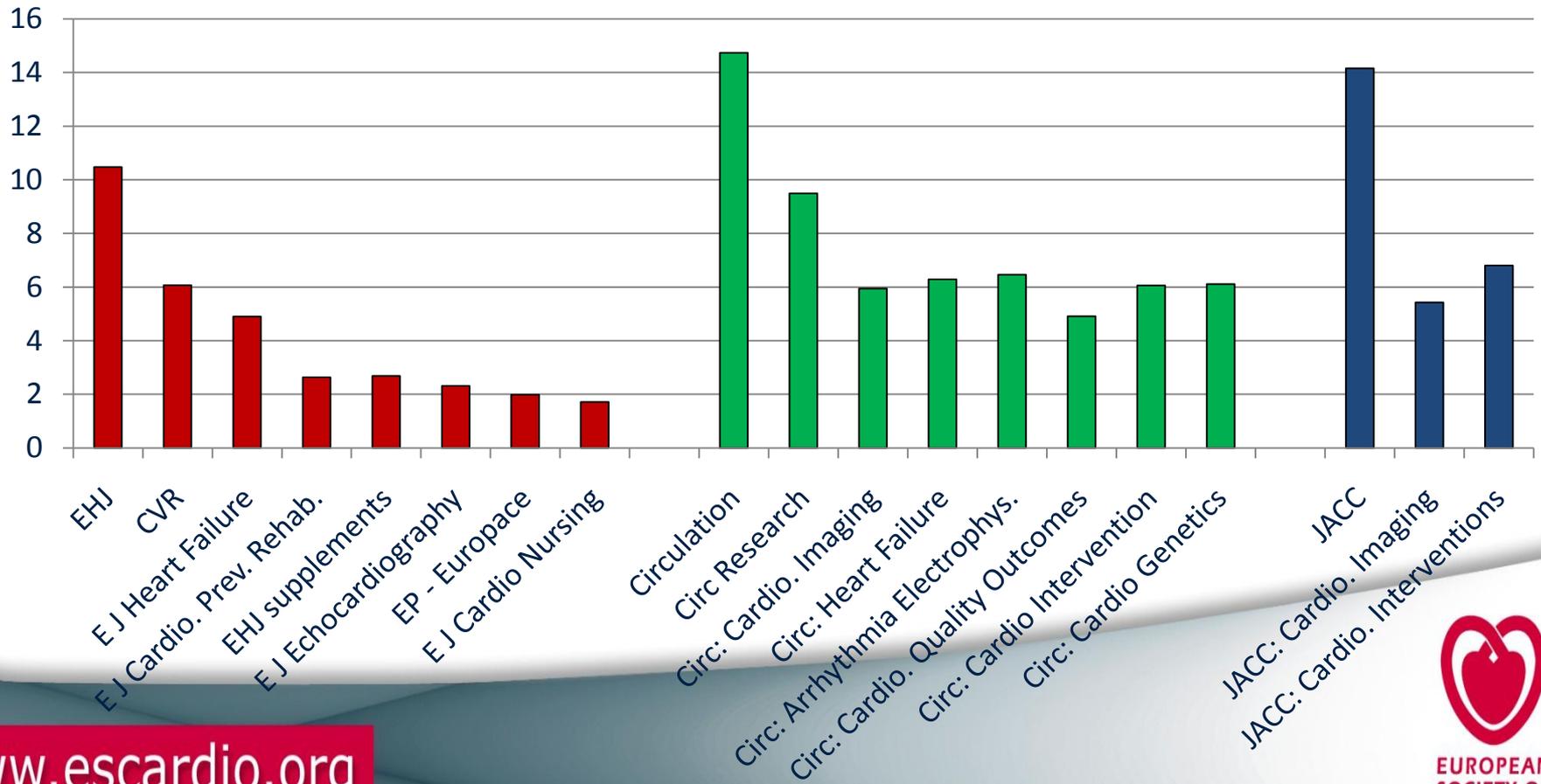


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# Impact Factor Journal Families



# EHJ My Cardio Interviews

- My Cardio Interviews recorded during meetings – Davos, ACC, ESC, and AHA
- 61 new video interviews in 2012
- Currently 151 interviews available to view
- Over 58,500 views since launch in August 2010



# Marketing Campaigns



Throughout 2012 our marketing efforts were primarily directed towards the launch and promotion of the ESC Journals App

Promotional materials included banner adverts, filler adverts, flyers, iPad cloths and an email campaign

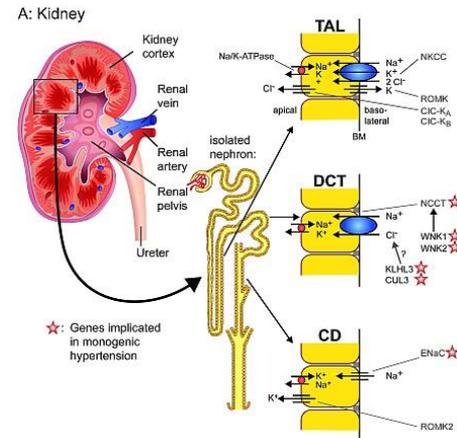
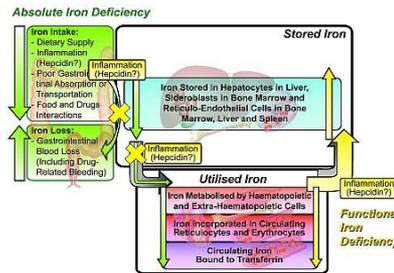
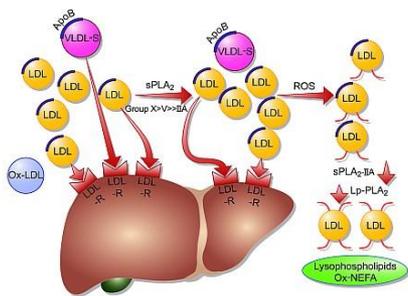
A *Thank You* email was also sent to highly cited authors for their contribution to the journal, highlighting the increased IF

The increased IF was also promoted to readers and registrants of the ESC Journal Family



# EHI Image Bank

- Image bank with figures from EHI medical illustrator on the EHI website
- 1-2 images per issue added to the image bank



# Local Editions

- Bangladesh
- Czech Republic
- Asia-Africa
- India
- Korea
- Russia (ESC Compilation)
- Spain (ESC Compilation)



# Publication Ethics

- EHJ is a member of the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE)
- COPE provides guidance on all aspects of publication ethics and, in particular, how to handle cases of research and publication misconduct
- The following paper came under recent examination in response to its retraction from a domestic Japanese journal. The authors were approached by EHJ for clarification, whereupon they responded with the explicit request that the paper be retracted

Sawada T, Yamada H, Dahlöf B, Matsubara H; Kyoto Heart Study Group. Effects of valsartan on morbidity and mortality in uncontrolled hypertensive patients with high cardiovascular risks: Kyoto Heart study. *Eur Heart J* 2009;30:2461–9.

- An Editorial has been written by Prof. Luscher on this topic