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As we reach the final issue of *Drug Safety* for 2018, we wish to reflect on another successful year's achievements, and to thank all those who have contributed their time and effort to guarantee the high quality of our content.

2018 was a successful year for *Drug Safety*. Over 100 articles have been published; the most popular of these, in terms of downloads from SpringerLink as at September 2018, have been:

- [EudraVigilance Medicines Safety Database: Accessible Data for Research and Public Health Protection](#). Rodrigo Postigo, Sabine Brosch, Jim Slattery, Anja van Haren, Jean-Michel Dogné, Xavier Kurz, Gianmario Candore, Francois Domergue, Peter Arlett
- [Sorting Through the Safety Data Haystack: Using Machine Learning to Identify Individual Case Safety Reports in Social-Digital Media](#). Shaun Comfort, Sujan Perera, Zoe Hudson, Darren Dorrell, Shawman Meireis, Meenakshi Nagarajan, Cartic Ramakrishnan, Jennifer Fine
- [What Future Healthcare Professionals Need to Know About Pharmacovigilance: Introduction of the WHO PV Core Curriculum for University Teaching with Focus on Clinical Aspects](#). Rike van Eekeren, Leàn Rolfes, Andries S. Koster, Lara Magro, Gurumurthy Parthasarathi, Hussain Al Ramimmy, Tim Schutte, Daisuke Tanaka, Eugène van Puijenbroek, Linda Härmark
- [Potential Risks Related to Modulating Interleukin-13 and Interleukin-4 Signalling: A Systematic Review](#). Martin Braddock, Nicola A. Hanania, Amir Sharafkhaneh, Gene Colice, Mats Carlsson
- [Evidence-Based Recommendations to Improve the Safe Use of Drugs in Patients with Liver Cirrhosis](#). Rianne A. Weersink, Margriet Bouma, David M. Burger, Joost P. H. Drenth, S. Froukje Harkes-Idzinga, Nicole G. M. Hunfeld, Herold J. Metselaar, Margje H. Monster-Simons, Katja Taxis, Sander D. Borgsteede
- [Interest in a Mobile App for Two-Way Risk Communication: A Survey Study Among European Healthcare Professionals and Patients](#). Sieta T. de Vries, Petra Denig, Carmen Lasheras Ruiz, François Houyez, Lisa Wong, Alastair Sutcliffe, Peter G. M. Mol, on behalf of IMI Web-RADR Work Package 3b Consortium
- [Safety Communication Tools and Healthcare Professionals' Awareness of Specific Drug Safety Issues in Europe: A Survey Study](#). Sieta T. de Vries, Maartje J. M. van der Sar, Anna Marie Coleman, Yvette Escudero, Alfonso Rodríguez Pascual, Miguel-Ángel Maciá Martínez, Amelia Cupelli, Iliaria Baldelli, Ivana Šipić, Adriana Andrić, Line Michan, Petra Denig, Peter G. M. Mol, on behalf of SCOPE work package 6
- [Characteristics, Quality and Contribution to Signal Detection of Spontaneous Reports of Adverse Drug Reactions Via the WEB-RADR Mobile Application: A Descriptive Cross-Sectional Study](#). Ingrid Oosterhuis, Henric Taavola, Philip M. Tregunno, Petar Mas, Sara Gama, Victoria Newbould, Ola Caster, Linda Härmark
- [The Impact of Biologics and Tofacitinib on Cardiovascular Risk Factors and Outcomes in Patients with Rheumatic Disease: A Systematic Literature Review](#). Michael Nurmohamed, Ernest Choy, Sadiq Lula, Blerina Kola, Ryan DeMasi, Paola Accossato
- [Non-bleeding Adverse Events with the Use of Direct Oral Anticoagulants: A Sequence Symmetry Analysis](#). Géric Maura, Cécile Billionnet, Joël Coste, Alain Weill, Anke Neumann, Antoine Pariente

Social media sharing of information is becoming more important and is another metric with which to measure the reach of articles. This year the following articles published in *Drug Safety* scored highly on the Altmetric system:

- [Sorting Through the Safety Data Haystack: Using Machine Learning to Identify Individual Case Safety Reports in Social-Digital Media](#). Shaun Comfort, Sujan Perera, Zoe Hudson, Darren Dorrell, Shawman Meireis, Meenakshi Nagarajan, Cartic Ramakrishnan, Jennifer Fine

- [Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Associated with Statin Use: A Disproportionality Analysis of the FDA's Adverse Event Reporting System](#). Beatrice A. Golomb, Abril Verden, Alexis K. Messner, Hayley J. Koslik, Keith B. Hoffman
- [Gabapentin and Pregabalin and Risk of Atrial Fibrillation in the Elderly: A Population-Based Cohort Study in an Electronic Prescription Database](#). Leticia Ortiz de Landaluce, Pere Carbonell, Carmen Asensio, Núria Escoda, Pilar López, Joan-Ramon Laporte
- [Review of Case Narratives from Fatal Overdoses Associated with Injectable Naltrexone for Opioid Dependence](#). Roxanne Saucier, Daniel Wolfe, Nabarun Dasgupta
- [Safety of Human Papillomavirus Vaccines: An Updated Review](#). Anastasia Phillips, Cyra Patel, Alexis Pillsbury, Julia Brotherton, Kristine Macartney
- [What Future Healthcare Professionals Need to Know About Pharmacovigilance: Introduction of the WHO PV Core Curriculum for University Teaching with Focus on Clinical Aspects](#). Rike van Eekeren, Leàn Rolfes, Andries S. Koster, Lara Magro, Gurumurthy Parthasarathi, Hussain Al Ramimmy, Tim Schutte, Daisuke Tanaka, Eugène van Puijenbroek, Linda Härmark
- [Prescription Opioid Fatalities: Examining Why the Healer Could be the Culprit](#). Adeleke D. Adewumi, Christine E. Staatz, Samantha A. Hollingworth, Jason P. Connor, Rosa Alati
- [Non-bleeding Adverse Events with the Use of Direct Oral Anticoagulants: A Sequence Symmetry Analysis](#). Géric Maura, Cécile Billionnet, Joël Coste, Alain Weill, Anke Neumann, Antoine Pariente
- [Assessment of the Utility of Social Media for Broad-Ranging Statistical Signal Detection in Pharmacovigilance: Results from the WEB-RADR Project](#). Ola Caster, Juergen Dietrich, Marie-Laure Kürzinger, Magnus Lerch, Simon Maskell, G. Niklas Norén, Stéphanie Tcherny-Lessenot, Benoit Vroman, Antoni Wisniewski, John van Stekelenborg
- [Comparative Rates of Mortality and Serious Adverse Effects Among Commonly Prescribed Opioid Analgesics](#). David L. Murphy, Jacob A. Lebin, Stevan G. Severtson, Heather A. Olsen, Nabarun Dasgupta, Richard C. Dart

The quality of articles published in the journal is also reflected in its most recent impact factor (3.643). The journal is in Quartile 1 of all three JCR categories it is ranked in, namely Public Environmental & Occupational Health, Pharmacology & Pharmacy, and Toxicology.

Other journals in the Adis Premier Journals Portfolio (<http://www.springer.com/gp/adis>) continue to prosper with substantial increases in usage. In addition, this year has seen *Applied Health Economics and Health Policy* receive its first impact factor.

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