

# Web of Science Journal Citation Reports: 2021 Release Updates

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# Early Access JCR Policy Change for 2021

# First, what is Early Access in the Web of Science...

Compatible Early Access material is journal material that is the Version of Record (VOR), made available early, before it is published in an issue. It has a DOI<sup>1</sup> and distinct early access publication date<sup>2</sup>. When it is later published in an issue, it then has volume, issue, pages, and final publication date data<sup>3</sup>.

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**Abstract**  
Matrix metalloproteinases (MMPs) are implicated in atherosclerotic functions. Both MMPs and TIMPs are potential biomarkers of plac cardiovascular disease risk factors. We aimed to establish the best levels of MMP-3 and MMP-9, TIMP-1 and TIMP-2, Apo-CII, Apo-CIII and electrocardiography, and in 285 healthy controls. MMP-3 and to controls (3.54- and 3.81-fold, respectively). Furthermore, these < 0.001). TIMPs levels were decreased in CAD versus controls (P < importance of panels of biomarkers, including MMP-3, MMP-9, TIM curve (AUC) value (0.995) was reached for the association of MMP dyslipidaemia creates favourable conditions for plaque disruption aggravation panel') characterizes the severity of CAD, that is elect

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## Change coming in the 2021 release

Most indexed Early Access items have an early access date and a final publication date in the same calendar year. The new JCR policy will not change how these items are counted.

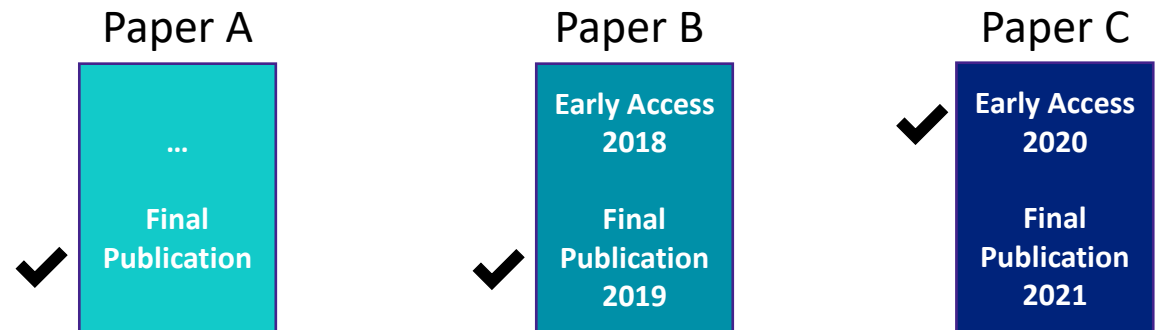
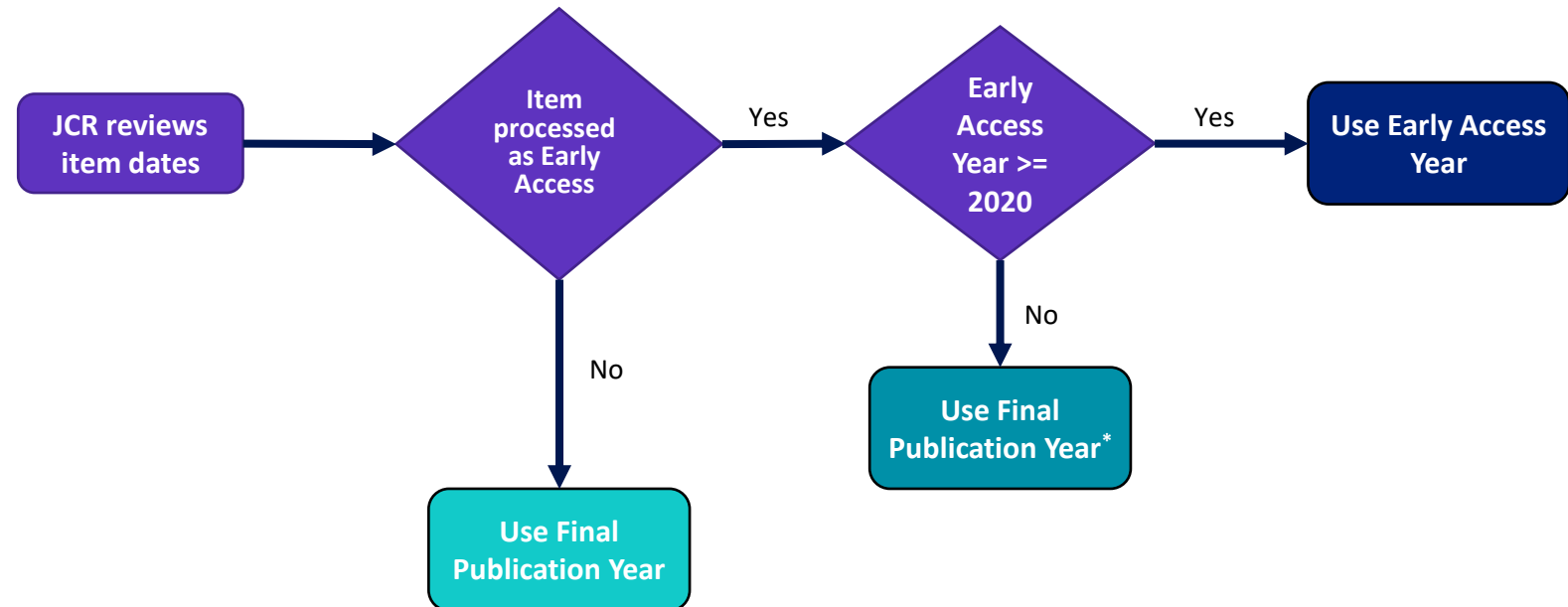
For indexed Early Access items where the early access date is in a different calendar year than the final publication date, we will use only the early access data. This will only affect items indexed with an early access date of 2020 or later.

# Prospective Approach

Based on our analysis, we determined to take a prospective approach, starting with content indexed in 2020.

See [Adding Early Access to Journal Citation Reports](#) for details about this analysis.

## Determining JCR year



\* 2019 and earlier Early Access items with no final publication year are excluded

# How this will work over time

$$2020 \text{ JIF} = \frac{\text{Citations in 2020 to items published in 2018 + 2019}}{\text{Number of articles \& reviews published in 2018 \& 2019}}$$



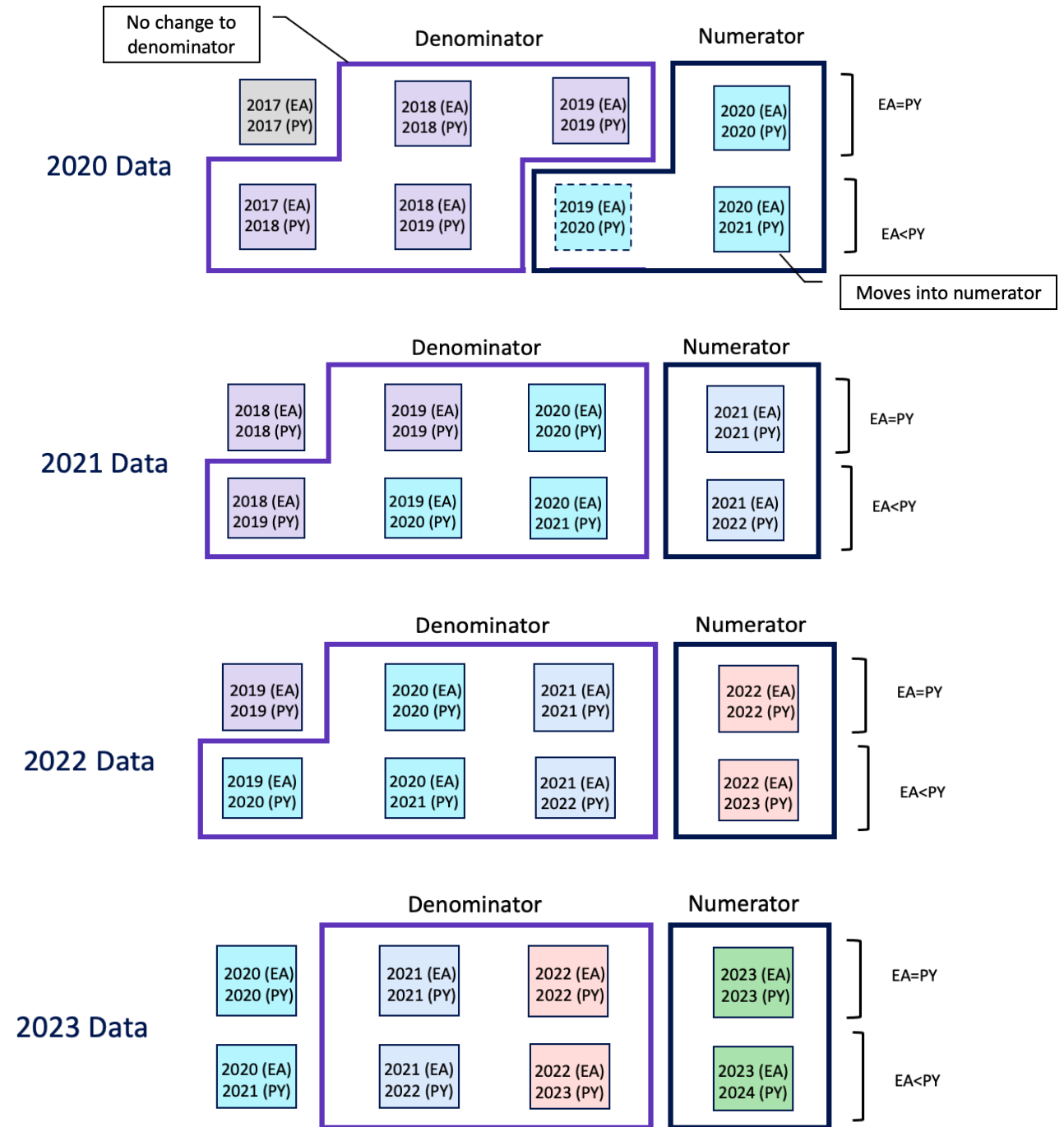
$$2021 \text{ JIF} = \frac{\text{Citations in 2021 to items published in 2019 + 2020}}{\text{Number of articles \& reviews published in 2019 \& 2020}}$$



$$2022 \text{ JIF} = \frac{\text{Citations in 2022 to items published in 2020 + 2021}}{\text{Number of articles \& reviews published in 2020 \& 2021}}$$

# Example

- Citations from the Numerator have a distributed effect and apply to all journals that material cites
- Journals onboarded later will have a similar transition



# Early Access Citations

Early Access content typically has a higher contribution to JIF when counted by the early access date

Early Access 2020 example with 2021 planned publication

JOURNAL OF [REDACTED]  
DOI: [REDACTED]  
Early Access: SEP 2020  
Document Type: Article; Early Access

120  
Cited References

2020 citations to 2019 (7) or 2018 (16)

Contribution to 2020 JIF: 25

2021 citations to 2020 (0) or 2019 (7)

Contribution to 2021 JIF: 7

The diagram illustrates the citation flow for an early access article. At the top, a box displays the article's metadata: 'JOURNAL OF [REDACTED]', 'DOI: [REDACTED]', 'Early Access: SEP 2020', and 'Document Type: Article; Early Access'. To the right, a box indicates '120 Cited References'. A purple arrow points from this box to a box labeled '2020 citations to 2019 (7) or 2018 (16)', which is associated with a 'Contribution to 2020 JIF: 25'. Below this, three article preview boxes show snippets of text with highlighted references. A green arrow points from the '120 Cited References' box to a box labeled '2021 citations to 2020 (0) or 2019 (7)', which is associated with a 'Contribution to 2021 JIF: 7'. Below this, two article preview boxes show snippets of text with highlighted references.



## Other FAQs

**My journal content includes an Early Access date that's different than the issue. Does this policy apply?**

- This policy applies if we are indexing your content when it is Early Access only before it is assigned to an issue. If you publish Early Access but have not been onboarded, the policy will apply in the 2022 release, assuming successful onboarding in 2021.
- It does not apply to Continuous Article Publication (CAP) models or Build Online if the item date and issue date are in the same month/year.

**What if my journal(s) has Early Access items from 2019 and earlier that have not been assigned to an issue?**

2019 Early Access items and earlier not been assigned to a volume/issue will only contribute to the JCR when the items are indexed in the final volume/issue.

# Early Access Onboarding

# Other Publishing Models

- Continuous Publishing model does not require onboarding since those items have a single publication date and final journal metadata (volume, issue, pages)

- Build Online model will be assessed on a case-by-case basis

**Continuous Article Publication (CAP)** – Content published through a continuous publication model is comparable to Early Access in that it is published as soon as it is the VOR. Unlike Early Access, it is not later updated with final metadata. Continuous publication material with respect to the JIF denominator, including the timing of the cited reference contributions for JIF numerators, are not affected by the Early Access policy change.

**Build Online** – This is a publication model whereby journal content is published in a volume and issue while the issue is building to completion. The current Web of Science indexing policy for this model is to index the issue only upon completion. Since Build Online issues typically complete within a calendar year, their published content with respect to the JIF denominator, including the timing of the cited reference contributions for JIF numerators, are not affected by the Early Access policy change. There may be exceptions where Build Online journals publish Early Access Content before assignment to an issue. Those can be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

\*Accepted manuscripts and corrected proofs are not VOR.

# Criteria for Early Access Indexing

Eligible journals\* that meet these requirements will be onboarded in 2021, for all current 2021 EA content

\* EA indexing for books, book series, and proceedings is not planned for 2021 but will be evaluated for future expansion

Early access content must meet certain criteria to be compatible for indexing in the Web of Science Core collection.

Eligible content must:

- Be the **version of record** that will not change, aside from the final assignment in a volume/issue
- Include a **DOI that will not change**
- Include an **Early Access publication date**
- **Include the cited references** if present in the version of record
- **Not include** volume, issue, page range, final publication date\*
- be published in a journal with a **volume/issue model**

\* Temporary default values may be possible pending onboarding assessment.

# Onboarding Process

Note: Early Access onboarding starts when the Early Access content is indexed in full. We do not capture early access dates when processing from the final volume/issue.

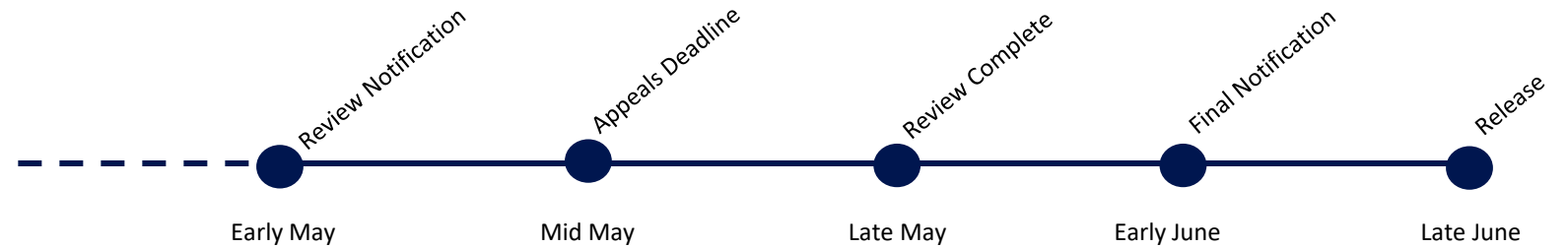
1. Initial outreach requesting publisher confirms journals that meet our EA indexing criteria
2. Clarivate schedules onboarding timing
3. Publisher provides samples for onboarding review and testing
4. Clarivate and publisher verify EA content access, where appropriate
5. Publisher provides all 2021 EA content that has not been published in a final volume/issue
6. EA content processing begins.

# Suppression Timing and Appeals Process

# Suppressions

## *Suppression notification, appeals, and final review before release*

- Publishers will have 5 days from notification to submit appeal
- One appeal permitted per journal
- All suppression decisions will be final for the June release



## **New Suppression Timeline:**

1. Journals will be identified for suppression review earlier in the schedule
2. Publishers will be notified of titles identified for suppression review early May\*
3. Publishers will have 5 days from notification to submit an appeal
4. Final suppression analysis, including appeals submissions, will conclude by end of May for the June release
5. Publishers will be notified of the final decision in advance of the June release

\* Tentative timing based on the current schedule

# Thank you

