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Great news!

According to Web of Science, Clarivate Analytics, *Annals of Laparoscopic and Endoscopic Surgery (ALES)* will have an impact factor in 2023!

This is the result of long years of intensive work, solid contributions, and patience.

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The number of contributions to the journal is continuously on the rise. Contributions to the journal have come from a wide range of countries with more than one-third from the USA and 17% from Italy. More than two-thirds (68%) were review articles. This is a sign of a healthy and educative journal.

Patience has paid off! After 7 years of hard work and persistence, *ALES* is on its upward way to become a major journal in the wide array of surgical periodicals in the field. Bravo to the staff, the publishers, bravo to the authors of the contributions, and waiting, with patience, for more

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