

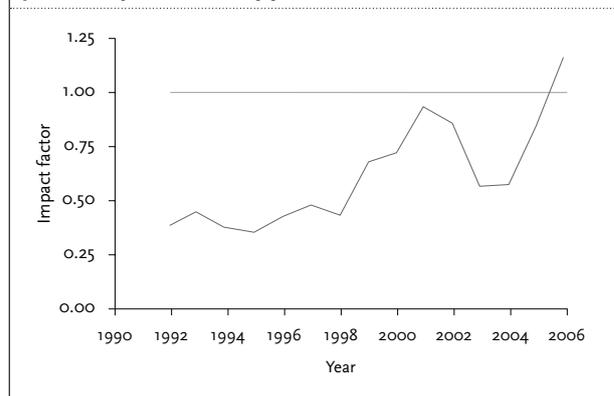
## Impact factor of *the Netherlands Journal of Medicine* >1!

The impact factor (IF) is an important measure to estimate the scientific standard and ranking of a biomedical journal in the international field. In 2001, the former editor had already expressed his hope that the IF would exceed the level of 1.<sup>1</sup> Since we took over the editorship of *the Netherlands Journal of Medicine* in 2002, we were faced with a change in publisher and a drop in the IF (see figure 1). We have worked hard to improve the standard of the journal, made the journal freely accessible on-line and introduced an on-line submission system in 2005.<sup>2,3</sup> This has helped to make the journal more attractive and broaden its spectrum. We are proud to announce that our efforts have finally resulted in achieving the milestone of an IF >1.0 this year, for the first time in the journal's 50-year history!

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**Figure 1.** ISI impact factor of the *Netherlands Journal of Medicine* 1992-2006



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