



## COMPLEXES AND REALITY

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We believe that the work undertaken over recent years puts the journal in a very favourable position to be indexed. But one thing is lacking: our articles should be cited even more. Our scientific community's involvement with *Apunts* is high and viewed positively in the number of consultations and reception received by the articles that appear regularly through the year, but this does not correspond with the cita-

tions that it could generate. We think that this is because of our odd complex as non-English speaking authors when it comes to referencing the scientific production that appears in non-English speaking journals which, despite being of high quality, are often unjustly unnoticed.

We would encourage our authors to free themselves of complexes and cite the articles that *Apunts Sports Medicine* generate and that fit the rigour and focus of their papers. Let scientific reality overcome acquired complexes.

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