

Prerequisites for international article: suggestion for our publication system

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To the editor: Our official publication “Journal of the Korean Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (J Korean Assoc Oral Maxillofac Surg)” has now been started as a fully English-written journal. As this is the starting point, we are now facing various challenges. Because of the tremendous efforts of the editorial board of our journal, the article submission process is continuously improving. The final goal of our publication is to improve the contents of the article so that we can achieve science citation index (SCI). I think there are three important things to consider to accomplish our goal; 1) change title of the journal, 2) improve submission process, 3) improve scientific level of the article.

1. The title of our journal should be changed to meet the needs of international readers

In 2010, among 23 Korean journals of medicine, dentistry and veterinary that were in the category of SCI, 10 journals (43%) had not “Korean” in their publication title. Among SCOPUS enlisted medical journals (including dentistry), only half of them (48%, n=31/64) has “Korean” in their title. Recently accepted Korean SCI journal has more tendencies to delete “Korean” from the journal title.

As seen in Table 1, various academic societies in dentistry have been push forward and already four articles are in “PubMed list”, one article has got “SCIE”. Considering the

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leading position of our society in the dental field, we need to do more to reach the higher scientific level. I think the title “Journal of the Korean Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (J Korean Assoc Oral Maxillofac Surg)” is too long, even abbreviation is long, to the international standard. As shown, German and Indian society are now publishing PubMed-indexed official publication after deleting the nationality of the article. Identity of the article is also very important. However, to be more accessible for international readers, we need not to stick to “Korean” in our title.

2. Submission process needs to be improved with deletion of unnecessary steps

My experience in submission to our article was rather inconvenient compared to other international journal. Especially, when the revision is carried out, I had never asked for “recommended reviewer” in other journals. I think all the unnecessary steps during the submission and revision process should be deleted after careful inspection of the process. Related company for our submission system need to inspect the system of Elsevier, Wiley or Springer. They will be able to find a lot of differences. We do not concern very much to submission process itself when submitting an article in international journals that have system of aforementioned company. Frankly speaking, their system is easier than ours.

3. Let's improve scientific level of the articles

It is important to have scientific impact of the individual article. To fulfill this, we need to introduce review articles that can be important references. Introducing professional medical illustrator or designer would be helpful. I know that the editorial board is already elaborate with this issue. I wish all these efforts can make favorable results.

Table 1. Dental and medical journals published from domestic and foreign society

Listed in	Title of the article
1. Dental journals of Korean Society published in English	
SCIE	Korean Journal of Orthodontics (2009-) Official journal of the Korean Academy of Orthodontics (대한치과교정학회)
PubMed	Journal of Advanced Prosthodontics (2009-) Official English journal of Korean Academy of Prosthodontics (대한치과보철학회)
PubMed	Journal of Periodontal & Implant Science (2010-) Official journal of the Korean Academy of Periodontology (대한치주과학회)
PubMed	Imaging Science in Dentistry (2011-) Official journal of the Korean Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology (대한구강악안면방사선학회)
-	Restorative Dentistry & Endodontics (2012-) Official journal of the Korean Academy of Conservative Dentistry (대한치과보존학회)
-	International Journal of Oral Biology Official journal of the Korean Academy of Oral Biology (대한구강생물학회)
2. Medical journals of Korean Society published in English	
SCIE	Annals of Dermatology Official journal of the Korean Dermatological Association (대한피부과학회)
SCIE	Clinical and Experimental Otorhinolaryngology Official journal of the Korean Society of Otorhinolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery (대한이비인후과학회)
SCIE	Journal of Clinical Neurology Official journal of the Korean Neurological Association (대한신경과학회)
SCIE	Journal of Korean Medical Science Official journal of the Korean Academy of Medical Sciences (대한의학회)
SCIE	Psychiatry Investigation Official journal of the Korean Neuropsychiatric Association (대한신경정신의학회)
SCIE	Yonsei Medical Journal Official journal of Yonsei University Collge of Medicine (연세대학교의과대학)
SCIE	The Korean Journal of Parasitology Official journal of the Korean Society for Parasitology (대한기생충학회)
SCIE	Korean Journal of Radiology Official journal of the Korean Society of Radiology (대한영상의학회)
PubMed	Clinics in Orthopedic Surgery, The Korean Journal of Hematology, The Korean Journal of Internal Medicine, Korean Journal of Pediatrics, Korean Journal of Anesthesiology The Korean Journal of Hepatology Korean Journal of Ophthalmology Korean Journal of Urology
3. Other oral and maxillofacial journals of foreign OMFS Society	
PubMed	Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (2008-) : the official publication of the German Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.
PubMed	Journal of Maxillofacial and Oral Surgery (2009-) : the official publication of the Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons of India

This is not a total list of all the journals.

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