Editorial Statistics and Best Reviewer Awards 2020 for the *Journal of Korean Neurosurgical Society*

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EDITORIAL STATISTICS

In the last year, more than 350 articles were submitted to the *Journal of Korean Neurosurgical Society* (*JKNS*). The editorial office of the *JKNS* investigated the records regarding who had participated as reviewers for the *JKNS* in 2020. From January 1 to November 12, a total of 582 requests to review articles were sent to 193 reviewers. Of these, 446 review requests were completed, corresponding to 76.6% of the total requests. The average duration of the first review was 10.5±4.8 days (Fig. 1). The reviewers were divided into two groups—those who completed the review request in 1–10 days were categorized as "fast reviewers," while those who completed the review request after 10 days were categorized as "slow reviewers." Group analyses revealed a trend in which the fast reviewers were requested to review more articles (3.2 articles/reviewer) than slow reviewers (2.7 articles/reviewer, independent t-test, P=0.052). However, there was no statistical difference between the two groups regarding the numbers of review requests completed (2.5 articles in fast reviewers and 2.1 articles in slow reviewers, independent t-test, P=0.126).
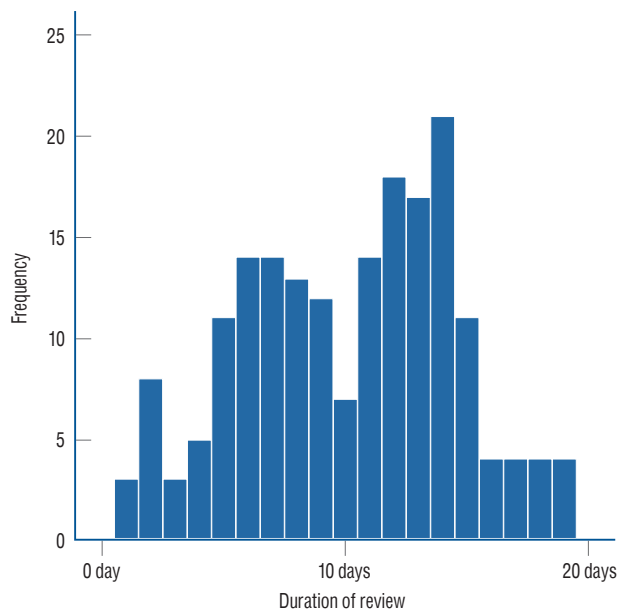

Fig. 1. Distribution of the time taked for the completion of the first review. This figure shows the distribution of the time taken (days) for the completion of the first reviews in the Journal of Korean Neurosurgical Society. The mean time for the first review was 10.5 days. Two groups can be distinguished in the figure : no more than 10 days and more than 10 days for completion of the review process.

Fig. 2. The best reviewer in 2020. The best reviewers from top left to bottom right : Man Kyu Choi, Chi Heon Kim, Euihyun Kim, Seung Ki Kim, Hye Ran Park, and Kamalanathan Palaniandy.

Among the reviewers, those who reviewed a particularly large number of papers and faithfully commented on their requests were selected as the *JKNS* best reviewers in 2020 consistent with previously years[1]. We have introduced the reviewers below with our honor. The list is arranged in alphabetical according to the reviewers' last names (Fig. 2).

Man Kyu Choi
Kyung Hee University College of Medicine
Spine

Chi Heon Kim
Seoul National University Hospital
Spine

Euihyun Kim
Yonsei University College of Medicine
Tumor

Seung Ki Kim
Seoul National University Hospital
Pediatric

Kamalanathan Palaniandy
Universiti Kebangsaan, Malaysia
Neurotrauma

Hye Ran Park
Soonchunhyang University Seoul Hospital
Stereotactic and functional

IMPORTANCE OF GOOD REVIEWERS FOR THE PROGRESS OF THE *JKNS*

The *JKNS*, a journal with 49-years history since 1972, is being classified as an international journal thanks to the efforts of all of the members of the Korean Neurosurgical Society. The continuous increase in the impact factor of the *JKNS* speaks for itself. The Editor-in-Chief's passion is an important factor for the development of the journal. However, it cannot be obtained without the support of all the members of the editorial board, reviewers, contributors, and readers of the journal. Without the cooperation of all individuals mentioned above, the continuous progress of the *JKNS* could not be achieved[2].

In this regard, active member participation is critical for the development of the journal. Prompt and fair reviews and reviews that help to make up for shortcomings while reinforcing the novel and strong points of the manuscripts are of utmost importance for the development of the *JKNS* and the increase in its citations. In this sense, we are deeply grateful to those who have been identified as the best reviewers.

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