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## EDITORIAL

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# Why Should We Submit Original Article to Thai Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology?

The current Executive Board of the Royal Thai College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RTCOG) has been working since January 1, 2010. One of our main policy is to upgrade our journal from the national level (cited in Thai Journal Citation Index (TCI)) to international level (cited in international database of Scopus and PubMed).

Thai Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (Thai J Obstet Gynaecol) is an official journal of RTCOG since 1989. The publication was suspended for 6 years during 2002-2007, but was resumed in 2008. The impact factors, accredited by TCI, for Thai J Obstet Gynecol are 0.029 and 0.092 in 2010 and 2011, respectively.

In 2011, TCI has started accredited all Thai scientific journals and categorized them into three groups. The first group is the journals that have been approved by TCI and are listed in the TCI database. The second group is the journals that are in the reaccreditation process but are currently listed in the TCI database. The last group includes the journals which quality does not reach the TCI requirement and yet listed in the TCI database. Thai J Obstet Gynaecol is currently listed in the second group. TCI allows journals in the second and the third groups to be improved and resubmitted their data before the end of 2012 in order to be approved in January 2013.

According to the announcement of TCI, Elsevier and TRF last year, the Southeast Asian Journal of Tropical Medicine and Public Health was the only journal received the first International TCI-SCOPUS-TRF Journal Awards. Journal of the Psychiatric Association of Thailand and Journal of Nursing Science were also received the first National TCI-SCOPUS-TRF Journal Awards. Both Journal of the Psychiatric Association of Thailand and Journal of Nursing Science are published in Thai while Thai J Obstet Gynaecol is published in English. Elsevier confirmed that all awarded journals will go through the standard process before get accepted in the international database (SCOPUS). Thai J Obstet Gynaecol will be applied for the National TCI-SCOPUS-TRF Journal Awards next year. Thai J Obstet Gynaecol is now put in the Thai Journals Online system (ThaiJO), sponsored by TCI. All submitting and reviewing process for Thai J Obstet Gynaecol will be done online via ThaiJO website from November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. Thai J Obstet Gynaecol will have its own website but is still linked to the RTCOG website. This will make Thai J Obstet Gynaecol easier to be access in order to get more cited and higher impact factor.

The Thai J Obstet Gynaecol Editorial Board together with the RTCOG Executive Board, Editorial Board and our reviewers have done our best to get Thai J Obstet Gynaecol into the first group of TCI and to get higher impact factor. However, the main problem is inadequate number of submitted original articles. Both previous and the current issues of Thai J Obstet Gynaecol published only 3 instead of 8 original articles.

This may result from Thai J Obstet Gynaecol is not listed in the international database index. So, the authors prefer to submit their articles to the higher rank journal. If the number of submitted articles keep on decreasing, Thai J Obstet Gynaecol will soon be closed. It will be the end of 23 year-old official journal of RTCOG. Although we are facing the tough situation, we are grateful that our reviewers are still working very hard, trying to improve the quality of our publications.

The Editorial Board would cordially invite RTCOG members including residents and fellows to submit your manuscripts including original articles, case reports, special articles, and review articles for publication in Thai J Obstet Gynaecol. With support from RTCOG members, Thai J Obstet Gynaecol should be able to continue publishing through the next generation and, hopefully, be listed in the international citation in near future.

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