

## EDITORIAL

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Our aim is a high quality Journal, publishing the best, if possible, clinical studies, good observational data and interesting images, discussing points of view and updating our readers on recent advances, with the best reviews and relevant breaking news on the various fields of Obstetrics and Gynecology. The goal is to improve the quality of our contents and apply for international medical journals citation databases such as SCOPUS, MEDLINE, etc. There are clear advantages to journals to be included in these international databases :

- Their content reaches a target audience with a mark of quality;
- They are able to reach new target audiences and secure a high quality authorship;
- They are supported through the selection process with clear advice and criteria for passing the quality thresholds;
- They can be benchmarked for quality against competitor journals

To improve the quality of the journals, we need to involve the quality of content. Scientific merit of a journal's content is the primary consideration. The journal should demonstrate features that contribute to the objectivity, credibility, and quality of its contents. These features may include information about the methods of selecting articles, especially on the explicit process of external peer review; statements indicating adherence to ethical guidelines; evidence that authors have disclosed financial conflicts of interest.

Many steps to improve journal quality have been done in the past few years, such as :

- Changing the introductory pages of the journals including instruction to authors, etc. to clarify the aim and update the details of editorial process.
- Changing the submitting and editorial process : the authors, reviewers and editors can submit, review and run editorial process through the website.
- Improve the RTOG website that the readers can access to the journal easily.

In this issue, we have original article submitted from Singapore. The next step we will cooperate with the organization and society in our region to promote our journal and website. The members of international editorial board will be invited to develop our journals. During the AOCOG meeting this year, our journal will be promoted to the participants.

All the members of the Editorial Board are aware of the increasing international competition in the sector of medical publications. Over the next few years we will work hard to build up our journal with a successful international reputation, publishing high quality research data. In order to obtain this, we look forward to receiving your high quality submissions, general feedback and suggestions or criticisms for improving the journal.

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**Editor in Chief**