

A New Millennium for the *JCMA*

After serving as Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of the Chinese Medical Association (JCMA)* for 6 years, I am happy to announce that the *JCMA* has been included in the Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE), a new version of the Science Citation Index, retroactive to the January 2008 issue. The SCIE is accessed via the Web of Science and provides researchers, administrators, faculty, and students with the citation information they need to find research data, analyze trends, journals and researchers.¹ Worldwide, more than 6,000 scientific journals are currently included in the SCIE, and the *JCMA* is one of the very few journals that have been included in the SCIE in Taiwan.

According to calculations using data from SCOPUS (our publisher Elsevier's abstract and citation database of research literature and web sources), the unofficial impact factor for the *JCMA* was 0.7 in 2007 and 0.59 in 2008. The formal impact factor can be expected to appear in the SCIE in 2–3 years time.

The number of submissions to the *JCMA* has been rapidly increasing in the last 4 years. With this rapid influx of submitted manuscripts and the journal being an international vehicle of communication and education among physicians and scientists, we are fortunate to have a large number of excellent reviewers and an efficient team of associate editors who select and seek to publish high-quality scientific papers. Special thanks go to these experts because, without their persistent dedication, the *JCMA* would not be celebrating this

significant achievement now. On behalf of the Journal, I would like to express my deep appreciation to all the invited reviewers who have made a tremendous contribution to the Journal.

I took on the task of managing and guiding the *JCMA* in 2002 with the goal of further enhancing the academic impact of the *JCMA* in the field of biomedical science.² Therefore, this is a proud and exciting moment, not only for me but also for all those who have been involved with the Journal for the past 6 years. We hope that the content of the *JCMA* is considered to be an important source of information and widely quoted by researchers in the scientific community. We look forward now and continue to strive for the highest standards by ensuring that the quality of articles published in the *JCMA* will continually improve along with advances in medicine.

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