

INDEXING OF SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS

In order to maintain a searchable database/standards of the journals, different indexing services were started by governments, institutes of health and academic setups. PubMed, CINAHL, Scopus, ISI Web of Science, Index Medicus and DOAJ are few of the well known indexing services for health science journals. Indexing in these databases is important for the journal's visibility which in turn directly affects the readability, attraction of authors to send in their submissions.

There are three main types of indexing services; International, Regional and Specialty oriented. Every indexing service has its own criteria for addition of a journal database. The international indexes like PubMed and ISI web of science have stringent requirements before they accept addition of any journal in their database. They look for quality of editorial work, quality of the articles published, timeliness of publication and diversity among author affiliations.

The authors, reviewers and members of the editorial board will be pleased to know that **Annals of KEMU** has been indexed in national/regional and international indexing services. Among the national/regional services are PMDC, HEC, Pak MediNet and the EMRO Indexus Medicus of WHO for the Eastern Mediterranean Region. Among international indexes, Annals of KEMU is listed in the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ), ICMJE Database, PKP Harvester Database (University of Stanford), Google Scholar and the Open J Gate Database.

Aiming to improve its visibility further, Annals of KEMU is in the process of applying for PubMed and ISI Web of Science in the near future. In order to achieve this target, a few policy changes will be implemented in the coming months; like the requirement for authors' signatures (electronic or manual) as consent to submit the article for publication, statement of conflict of interest, disclosure of source(s) of funding and acknowledgements. Similarly, the corresponding author will also be required to submit a short profile of all the authors. Meanwhile, efforts are going to be started to improve the impact factor of Annals of KEMU.

I hope both the readers and authors will benefit more from the quality of the journal once it is indexed in the popular international indexing organizations.



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