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- Online counter part of *Index Medicus*
- Bibliographic citation database of NLM to provide access to the world's biomedical journal literature



#### Decision to Index a Journal Title

- Director of the NLM
- LSTRC (literature selection technical review committee)
  - 3 times/year: late spring (June), fall, winter
  - about 140 titles at each meeting
- 25-30% of the titles reviewed

### Reference Sites

- www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/factsheets/jsel.html
  - Journal Selection for Index Medicus/Medline®
- www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/factsheets/j\_sel\_faq.html
  - FAQ about Journal Selection for Indexing
- → <a href="http://www.kamje.or.kr">http://www.kamje.or.kr</a> ( web site)



### Critical Elements for Indexing

- 1. Core biomedical subjects
- 2. Scientific merit: primary consideration
- 3. Quality of editorial work: objectivity, creditability and quality
  - explicit process of external peer review
  - aims and scope of the journal, instruction to authors
- 4. Production quality
  - uniform requirement for manuscripts by ICMJE (www.icmje.org)
- 5. Foreign language journals: English-language abstracts
- 6. Geographical coverage: broad international coverage



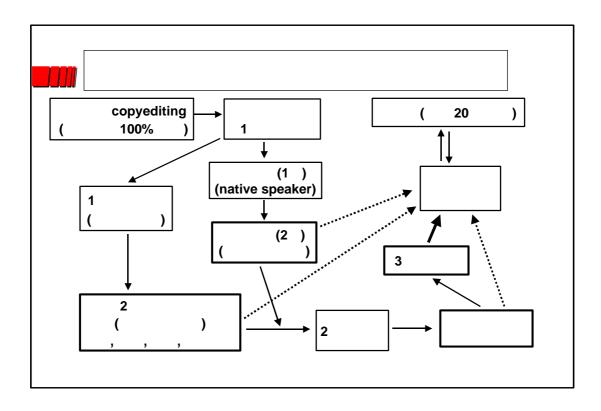
### FAQ

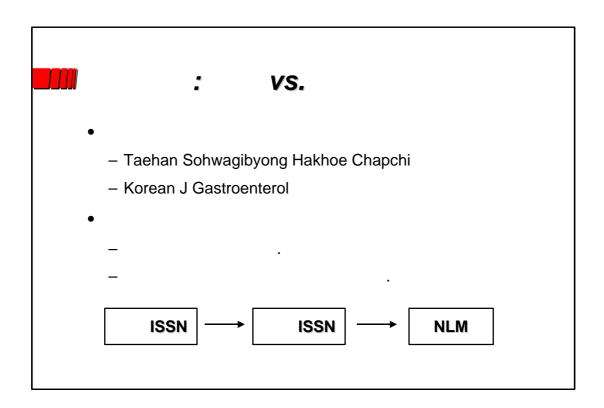
- How do I get a journal title reviewed?
  - 1) a letter of requesting
  - 2) the most recent published issues
    - 4 recent issues & a complementary subscription
       (2/year: 3 recent issues, 1/year: 2 recent issues)
- Reviewed by a subject or language specialist?
  - impossible because the LSTRC consists of 12 members serving 4-year terms

### FAQ

- Select score (range 0-5)
  - 4.0 or greater: selected for indexing
  - 2.0-3.99: reexamined after a minimum of 2 years
  - lower scores: reexamined after 4 years
- How are titles deselected?
  - Extremely late publication pattern
  - Major changes in the scientific quality or editorial process

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- (aims & scope):
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- (checklist):
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• Peer review: 24 54
• Title page: , , ( , , ),
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# Application Letter ( )

- Aims or purpose of the journal & the kinds of paper
- The importance of the journal throughout the world
- The composition and role of the editorial board
- The journal's target audience(s)
- Detailed information about the peer review process
- (unique) ( )

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Dear Executive Editor Sheldon Kotzin:

It's my great pleasure to write to you. I'm Byung-Ho Kim, M.D., Ph.D., Editor-in-Chief of the *Korean Journal of Gastronterology*, one of the leading journals in the gastroenterology field in Korea. On behalf of all members of Korean Society of Gastroenterology, I would like to have our journal considered for being *indexed in Index Medicus*.

Korean Journal of Gastroenterology is the official publication of the Korean Society of Gastroenterology. The Korean Society of Gastroenterology has almost 1,300 members and consists not only of internists, but also of surgeons, pathologists, radiologists, pediatricians, pharmacologists, physiologists and Drs. of preventive medicine. The journal was established in 1968, has been published without interruption since then, and has tremendously contributed to the advancement of the gastroentrology in Korea. Our journal publishes clinical and basic studies including physiology, epidemiology, pathophysiology or therapy of all aspects of the digestive system such as the esophagus, stomach, small bowel, colon, pancreas, and hepatobiliary system. The categories of manuscripts are original articles, case reports, invited reviews, brief communications, and letters to the editor. The journal is published monthly in Korean with an English abstract or in English.

The editorial board of our journal is composed of 24 experts in the specific field of gastroenterolgy from various parts of Korea and there are 54 reviewers nominated for the peer review as well. All submitted papers are peer-reviewed by one of the editorial boards and a reviewer before it is decided whether they should be accepted, rejected, or returned for revision. An article is published only when a unanimous decision is made. The articles' abstract, figures, tables, and references are published in English so that all English-speaking doctors and scientists can also understand our journal. The journal is distributed to all members of the Korean Society of Gastroenterology, medical schools, libraries, and related institutes. The journal is also expedited to libraries of several major universities in the United States and Japan.

Korean Journal of Gastroenterology got the best impact factor in the year of 1999, 2000, and 2001 among many journals of gastroenterology field in Korea and has ranked 4th among all the 79 best medical journals in Korea, which is being viewed at the web site of Korean Medical Citation Index (KoMCI) project (http://komci.kams.or.kr/) established by the Korean Association of Medical Journal Editors (KAMJE), the most highly authorized editorial committee for all medical sciences in Korea. Our journal's English abstracts are also viewed at the web site of the KoreaMed search system (http://koreamed.org/), which has been established by the KAMJE with a support of Korean Academy of Medical Science.

In addition, the *Korean Journal of Gastroenterology* has also been selected one of 16 best medical journals in August 2002 by Korean Research Foundation (KRF), which was established to promote a competitiveness of domestic science by the government. KRF registers domestic journals through a periodic thorough evaluation to level up the quality of domestic journals to the international standard. Among 16 selected medical journals, our journal is the only one in the field of gastroenterology at the moment (http://www.krf.or.kr/nkrf/bus\_info/haksul/list\_01.html).

Korean Journal of Gastroenterology will provide a unique opportunity of experiencing interesting results to the world medical scientists because the disease pattern of Korea is quite different from that of the Western countries. We believe that it is about time for the Korean Journal of Gastroenterology to be indexed in Index Medicus, thus we would like to have our journal reviewed by LSRTC.

Enclosed are the 4 recent issues of our journals for review. We are going to send forthcoming issues of our journals continuously to you during the review period.

I'm looking forward to hearing good news from you soon.

Thank you for your cooperation in advance.

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