

Minutes of the 5th JGO Editorial Board Meeting

Date & Time: October 12 (Sat), 2019, 7:00-8:00AM

Place: Room 201 Songdo Convensia, Incheon, Korea

Attendees (in Total 23)

Position	Name
EIC	Jae-Weon KIM
Principal Editors	Takayuki ENOMOTO, Yusuke KOBAYASHI, Jung Yun LEE, Sung-Jong LEE, Myong Cheol LIM, Kyung-Jin MIN, Dong Hoon SUH
Associate Editors	Min-Hyun Baek, Hyun Jin Choi, Mi Kyung KIM, Miseon KIM, Se Ik KIM, Maria LEE
Editorial Board	Xiaojun CHEN, Yao-Ching Hung, Dae Hoon Jeong, Sun Joo LEE, Arb-aroon Lertkhachonsuk, Jin Li, Jeffrey Low, Kailash Narayan, Yawana Tanapat

The fifth JGO editorial board (EB) meeting was held on 12 October, 2019 in Incheon, Korea during the ASGO 6th Biennial Meeting. Twenty-three EB members attended. After welcome remarks of EIC, editor's reports were followed. Following the introduction of new editorial flow, JSGO and other societies' plan on authors, reviewers, and editors were discussed.

1. Editorial reports (Sung-Jong LEE)

- ♦ JGO published a special booklet for celebrating "30th year anniversary" which includes epidemiologic data reports, meeting reports of the affiliated societies, and top-10 most cited articles for the last 10 years.
- ♦ Submission has been increasing continuously. China was the top most submission country, followed by Japan and Korea.
- ♦ Acceptance rate of 2019 was around 21% with keeping the average level of the last 5 years.
- ♦ 2018 JCR impact factor was 2.914, slightly decreased from 3.340 of 2017.
- ♦ Most highly cited article in the last 2 years was a review article regarding immunotherapy for cervical cancer written by Sung-Jong Lee (Korea).
- ♦ Editor performance was reported in terms of average time from submission to first decision, which has been increasing little by little recently, but still within 30 days.
- ♦ JSGO became another affiliated society of JGO.

2. Introduction of new editorial flow (Miseon KIM)

- ♦ Principal Editor will take care of new manuscripts from the very beginning with omitting the step of associate editor so that the editorial flow can be simpler.
- ♦ Preliminary version of 2020-2021 new principal editors were announced. We consider 20 new principal editors in total. An education meeting of new principal editors is planned next January in Korea.
- ♦ 'Reviewer first and then principal editor' and 'using checklist in review process' help with keeping transparency/topics like molecular study, rather than surgery, are good for high citation. (Yawana Tanapat)

3. JSGO plan (Yusuke KOBAYASHI)

- ♦ JSGO activated a total of 165 potentially qualified reviewers including the information on area of interest and category.
- ♦ New principal editors from Japan include Satoru Nagase, Hidemichi Watari, Tsukasa Baba, and Yusuke Kobayashi.

4. Plan of other societies

- ♦ Acceptance rate of manuscripts from China is very low. JGO accepts mainly clinical study. I hope there might be some chances for Chinese manuscripts to get improved through peer review, rather than being rejected. (Xiaojun CHEN)
- ♦ IF is a necessary evil. It is a good way to expand to have various aspects on article category, such as research, practice, education, and surgical innovation. (Jeffrey Low)
- ♦ High IF is important. Not only submission of good papers but also high citation of the recent 2 year-papers are important for keeping IF high. (Yao-Ching Hung)
- ♦ Encouraging Japanese JGO submitters to cite recent 2-year JGO paper (Takayuki ENOMOTO)

5. Others

- ♦ Multiple quality persons who take care of the decision, 'reject without review', are necessary. (Kailash Narayan)
- ♦ Jae-Weon KIM expressed sincere appreciation to prof. Aoki, a president of JSGO, for his great contribution to JGO.

6. Next EB meeting will be held on May 3, 2020 during the 6th ASGO Int'l Workshop in Taipei, Taiwan.