Minutes of the 6th JGO Editorial Board Meeting

Date & Time: December 19 (Sat), 2020, 8:00-9:00AM (KST)

Place: ZOOM (https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5310121987)

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Attendees (in Total 37)

The sixth JGO editorial board (EB) meeting was held on 19 December 2020 via ZOOM. Thirty-seven EB members attended. The previous minutes were approved. Following the editor's reports, new editorial flow, usage of JSGO fund, sharing of reviewer pool, and feedback on the editorial process were presented. Discussion on branding and scope was followed.

- 1. Editorial reports (Sung-Jong LEE)
- Submissions in 2020 were over 600. Top 3 countries were China, Japan, and India.
- Acceptance rate was 10.9%, the lowest ever.
- 2019 JCR impact factor was 3.304. More than 70% of citations were from Korea, Japan, and China.
- Most highly cited article in 2017~2018 was an epidemiology article from Japan.
- 2. Introduction of new editorial flow (Miseon KIM)
- An editorial assistant was hired. She started a service of technical check including similarity check on the newly submitted manuscripts on Dec.1. The decision of rejection or not based on high similarity will be made by principal editors, not by an editorial assistant.
- Basically, a single PE was assigned to one manuscript. There is no limitation on the number of invited reviewers.
- 3. The suggestion of usage of JSGO fund (Yusuke KOBAYASHI)
- Anything for the development of JGO including article processing, maintaining editorial office & website, and JGO-JSGO award. The use of this fund needs to be reported in the EB meeting.
- It will be officially reported at the next EB meeting in Bangkok (Dong Hoon SUH).
- 4. Sharing of reviewer pool (Xiaojun CHEN, Jeffrey LOW, Janice KWON)
- Reviewer selections from China (69), Southeast Asia (58), Canada (11) were summarized.
- Reviewer recognition, for example, certification, is of much help not only to reviewers but also to journal (Jae-Weon KIM and Kailash NARAYAN).
- We need quality reviewers in the fields of gyn pathology, radiation oncology as well as statistics (Daisuke AOKI). The new reviewer pool includes several of them from China, Thailand, and Canada.
- 5. Branding and scope
 - Expanding the current scope beyond Asia with removing "preference to Asian studies" was suggested. Open access policy needs to remain this way. New partnering with Canadian society was suggested. (Janice KWON)
 - Decision of JGO about new partnering with Canadian society will be notified before January. (Janice KWON)
 - JGO needs to keep its Asian favors, which can maintain JGO's identity is diverse from other

international journals. Attracting good papers from Western regions using our leadership is better than becoming one of the universal journals (Kailash NARAYAN).

- 6. Feedback on change of editorial process (Siriwan TANGJITGAMOL)
 - PE needs a channel to discuss each other to be able to transfer to other PE.
- Reviewer selection is still a problem in certain areas, e.g., basic science and stat.
- 7. Other business
 - Cell line only studies, secondary study using other databases, and breast cancer study are not our primary scope. You can make a decision of immediate rejection on those studies (Tsukasa BABA, Jae-Weon KIM).
 - APC is not considered. Golden open access policy will be kept as long as possible. Other than the JSGO fund, Korean SGO and the Korean government are other money sources of JGO (Abraham PEEDICAYIL, Jae-Weon KIM).
- 8. Next EB meeting will be held on Nov. 27, 2021, during the 7th ASGO Biennial Meeting in Bangkok, Thailand.

Respectfully submitted: Dong Hoon Suh Reviewed, edited & approved: Jae-Weon Kim, Dec 24, 2020



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