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The indexing of the Al-Kindy College Medical Journal in the Scopus Database Journals: A Fundamental Step toward an International Recognition

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ABSTRACT

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On Saturday, May 13, 2023, a glorious day was engraved in the history of Al-Kindy College Medical Journal as it is the day of indexing the journal in the Scopus Database Journals. The journal has paced a strenuous journey to make that achievement. Though the journal was established in 2004, it regrettably remained a local journal. Indeed, various efforts were devoted over the antecedent years to wreck the local nature of the journal, but unfortunately, they were in vain. It was not until December 2020 when the new editorial board of the journal collaboratively worked hard to fill the prerequisites essential to index the journal in Scopus and make the journal competitive with its national, regional, and global competitors. To overcome the local, narrow editorial board of the journal, a new one was founded recruiting a group of honorable

researchers/academicians from reputable medical colleges and respectable hospitals. To outgrow the narrow authorship of the journal, a call was sent to esteemed researchers across the world to submit their work to the journal. Importantly, they responded and the journal published several articles authored by regional and international researchers. These articles were evaluated by both local and international reviewers. The journal has hopefully attained the attentiveness of international researchers and readers. In addition, the journal started to have an increasing amount of online accesses and citations of the published articles. The journal successfully fulfilled the prerequisites obligatory for indexing the journal in Scopus. These involve the following points: setting the journal's scope of medicine and medical sciences; reshaping the journal's

architecture in terms of developing new sections, introducing an electronic submission system, applying a peer-reviewing process, and arranging the journal's publication schedule; indexing the journal in the Iraqi academic scientific journals (IASJ), CrossRef, Google Scholar, Researchgate, committee on publication ethics (COPE), directory of open access journals (DOAJ), and digital object identifier (DOI) system; improving the scientific integrity of the content of articles employing "Turnitin" software to detect and prevent plagiarism; launching the journal in both print and electronic formats; and finally offering open access to all published articles.

With the indexing of the journal in Scopus, we are expecting to receive a lot of submissions from Iraq and around. Though this expectation is heartening and cheerful, we have to preserve our scientific sobriety and universal uniformity. This necessitates adoption of rigorous steps in the selection and processing of suitable articles, as well as publishing topics relevant to the advancement in medicine and medical sciences. Definitely, the journal's responses and actions are continually evaluated and scanned by Scopus radar.

The journal is currently working on three lines. First, it is necessary to firm the journal's position in Scopus by attaining a growing citiscore and more citations of the articles published in the journal. Second, we are planning to fill the prerequisites mandatory to index the journal in other database journals such as Web of Science and PubMed. Hence, the journal is hopefully destined to hold the position of the long-lasting scientific journal both regionally and internationally. Third, artificial intelligence (AI) is a revolutionary tool that is increasingly employed worldwide to help write various types of medical research (1). The journal has to set regulations to weigh the benefits versus risks of employing AI in research and stay away from sole reliance upon AI as well as guide a wise handling of AI-based articles submitted to the journal.

Along with the rest of the journal's editorial board members and staff, we feel much indebted to our distinguished researchers, reviewers, and readers, for their valuable contributions. Great thanks are due to the antecedent editorial boards and deanships for their continuous work to develop the journal. Indeed, the journal couldn't be as it is without their input and support. We continuously need your support to pave the road for more bright achievements in the forthcoming time.

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