

# The Egyptian Orthopaedic journal—the road to international indexing: Motivations and challenges

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## Editorial:

In the last few decades, authors prefer to publish their work in high-ranking prestigious journals. In this journey, journals indexed in major databases with a high impact factor are usually the first choice of authors. That is why most journals seek quality improvement in their published articles to improve their metrics to receive more good quality work. However, the road to indexing in international databases is not simply a single job of the journal's editorial team; but it is a complex process, which involves all persons engaged in the publication of research work [1,2].

The Egyptian Orthopaedic Journal (EOJ) is the official publication of the Egyptian Orthopaedic Association (EOA). It has been launched since 1965, making it one of the oldest scientific journals in the Middle East and Africa; thanks to the hard work of our previous editorial board members, with their dedication and consistency, the journal has continued up to the present day [3]. We also acknowledge the valuable contributions of readers, who support the published articles viewing and downloading them; the authors, who share us their interesting research; and the reviewers, who give so freely their time and expertise to critically evaluate manuscripts for the journal.

Nevertheless, as the Greek philosopher Heraclitus said, 'Change is the only constant in life,' the time has come for the journal to update its consistency, policies, and performance. A new expert Editorial Board team has been selected based on their metrics, efforts, and

experience. The reviewers' panel has been increased to include outstanding reviewers from different parts of the world. The journal policies have been updated; the guidelines for authors is now more clear, the peer review process is now more informative, and publication ethics are now presented with more valid statements. We invite readers and authors to check the updated EOJ website and browse different sections available at: <https://journals.lww.com/egoj/Pages/default.aspx> [4,5].

With this fresh start, our primary goal is to strengthen the journal by obtaining indexing in reputable international databases such as DOAJ, Scopus, PubMed Central (PMC), and Clarivate Analytics (WOS). Furthermore, we aim to provide high-quality scientific articles on various subspecialties within orthopedics and traumatology to provide a positive impact on the research community, and to enhance patient care and promote progress in the field.

We believe that we will not be able to achieve our goals, accomplish our dreams, and succeed without the contribution of all individuals involved in the scientific publishing process. First, we urge authors to provide authentic data and ethically sound research work, followed by submitting their well-prepared, language-checked manuscripts for publication in the journal through our Editorial Manager System (EMS).

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Second, the journal editorial staff will carefully review the submitted manuscript to ensure its originality, integrity, and being prepared as per journal instructions. Third comes the role of our handling editors, who are fair and neutral while evaluating the validity of the submitted manuscript and its scientific content and deciding if it is worth sending for peer review. Fourth, as the journal adopts a double-blind peer review system, the role of outstanding reviewers is paramount in providing unbiased recommendations based on their expertise and knowledge. Last but not least, readers' opinions and feedback regarding the published work and the journal presentation are of utmost importance as an indicator of the journal's progress.

So, we are thrilled to invite all orthopedic and traumatology surgeons and colleagues from all parts of the world to share their work and honor the journal by submitting their valuable manuscripts. Furthermore, for those who believe they have the ability, knowledge, expertise, and time to help as a reviewer, we will be delighted to have them join our esteemed reviewer list.

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