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Editorial

The Indexing Journey

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I am sure that editors of all new journals recognise that among their most frequently asked questions are whether the journal is indexed in PubMed and whether it has an Impact Factor. When the response to either question is "not yet," it is almost invariably followed by a question about when either is likely to be achieved. I will do my best to explain the circumstances for the *Société Internationale d'Urologie Journal* (*SIUJ*).

Indexing is essential for any journal. It ensures visibility to prospective authors, who provide the content that sustains a journal, and to readers, who seek and engage with that content. Without authors or readers, there would be no journal.

The journey for a new journal is challenging. While the quality of content and the robustness of journal processes ultimately determine eligibility for indexing, attracting submissions in the early years can be difficult. I have explained this in communications to our Editorial Board on several occasions, and I am very grateful for their support in driving the submission of content. Journals such as the *SIUJ* benefit from their association with a large international professional organisation such as the Société Internationale d'Urologie (SIU). In the absence of visibility through major indexing and abstracting services, the SIU has supported our early development through calls for papers directed to its membership. In addition, the collective efforts of our Editorial Board have encouraged the submission of manuscripts that might otherwise have been directed to more established journals. Indexing is not achieved quickly, as a sustained publication record is required before a journal becomes eligible for consideration. However, over our formative years, we have gradually gained inclusion in several indexing and abstracting services, which have been preliminary steps before applying for indexing in PubMed Central (PMC) and Web of Science.

Currently, the *SIUJ* is indexed and abstracted in the following services:

- China National Knowledge Infrastructure (CNKI);
- China National Publications Import and Export (Group) Co., Ltd. (CNPIEC);
- Dimensions;
- Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ);
- EBSCO Information Services;
- Gale OneFile;
- J-Gate.

The journal has progressively secured inclusion in these services. However, the reality is that most researchers searching for content in urology will conduct their literature searches through PubMed/PMC/MEDLINE.

We are ready to embark upon the next steps of our indexing journey and are seeking review by the National Library of Medicine, which is the custodian of the PMC database.

Our next steps also include our intention to apply for inclusion in Clarivate's Web of Science Core Collection. Acceptance into the Web of Science, as well as the subsequent receipt of an Impact Factor, represents an important milestone in the journal's development.

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We are now well into our indexing journey, having published continuously since 2020 and now publishing Volume 7 of the *SIUJ*. Since becoming the Editor-in-Chief of the *SIUJ*, I have been firmly convinced that comprehensive indexing has never been a question of "if", but rather "when". The progress we have achieved is a testament to the collective dedication of our authors, editorial team, reviewers, and publishing partners. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of them for their invaluable contributions.

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