

Beyond numbers: the beginning of a new possibility

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Anesthesia and Pain Medicine (APM), the official international journal of the Korean Society of Neuroscience in Anesthesiology and Critical Care (KSNACC), the Korean Society for Anesthetic Pharmacology (KSAP), the Korean Society of Obstetric Anesthesiologists (KSOA), the Korean Society of Pediatric Anesthesiologists (KSPA), the Korean Neuromuscular Research Society (KNRS), the Korean Society of Cardiothoracic and Vascular Anesthesiologists (KSCVA), the Korean Society of Transplantation Anesthesiologists (KSTA), the Korean Spinal Pain Society (KSPS), the Korean Society of Regional Anesthesia (KSRA), the Korean Society for Airway Management (KSAM), the Korean Society of Geriatric Anesthesia and Pain (KSGAP) and the Korean Society of Ambulatory Anesthesia (KSAA), has recently drawn considerable attention from the global academic community by achieving remarkable milestones in a relatively short period.

Indexed in Scopus in 2023 and Clarivate's Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI) in 2024, APM has finally achieved its first Journal Impact Factor (JIF) in 2025, since its inaugural publication in 2006.

With a JIF of 3.2 in 2024, APM ranked first among all ESCI-indexed journals in the field of anesthesiology and pain medicine globally. Moreover, this JIF places APM 13th among 68 journals (Q1) in the overall Journal Citation Reports (JCR) category for anesthesiology and 13th out of 31 journals (Q2) when considering Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE)-indexed journals alone.

APM's 2024 CiteScore, based on Scopus data, has also demonstrated notable growth, rising from 2.3 in the previous year to 3.5, placing the journal 48th out of 139 journals (Q2) in the field of anesthesiology and pain medicine.

Recently published articles in APM have garnered growing attention, reflecting both the clinical relevance and academic rigor of the journal's content. Articles on fluid responsiveness in the operating room [1] and opioid-free anesthesia [2] have attracted substantial readership, while studies on the use of ChatGPT in clinical research related to anesthesiology [3], challenges in implementing enhanced recovery programs in South Korea [4], and multimodal strategies for managing chronic pain after spine surgery [5] have received notable citations. This growing engagement highlights the role of APM as a valuable and timely resource for clinicians, researchers, and educators in the field of anesthesiology and pain medicine.

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This series of achievements demonstrates the transformation of APM from a regional platform to a globally recognized journal. The editorial board currently comprises experts from 16 countries, underscoring the journal's global perspective and commitment to international collaboration. As of 2024, the journal has received submissions from authors across 28 countries, a notable increase from 11 in 2021. This remarkable growth has been driven by improved international visibility and continuous advancements in editorial practices.

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APM will continue striving for SCIE indexing, while strengthening collaborations within the global academic ecosystem and upholding rigorous quality standards. With your continued support and engagement, APM will remain a leading journal for advancing knowledge and contributing to the ongoing development of anesthesiology and pain medicine globally.

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