A New Team and the New Perspectives

The *Journal of the Chinese Medical Association*, the official journal of the Chinese Medical Association and formerly known as the *Chinese Medical Journal (Taipei)* is now a leading specialty journal in the biomedical sciences for expert and non-expert readers and has won the award of the Excellent Journal from the National Science Council, Republic of China since 1990.

To face the challenges of the new millennium, a number of changes have taken place in the Journal from this issue. To accommodate more high-quality manuscripts and become more globally competitive, the Journal has been assigned a new title, the *Journal of the Chinese Medical Association*. In addition, we have raised a new editorial team to explore the fields regarding the basic and clinical practice of medicine. The number of submissions has been rapidly increasing during the past 3 years, and to select outstanding papers has always been a difficult task. Fortunately, this tough work has been made possible because of a large number of excellent reviewers and a team of efficient and highly qualified Editors. We have also incorporated the evaluation from statistical consultants during the peer-review process, which contributes to paper selection. As an international vehicle of communication and education among physicians and scientists, outstanding, well-respected scholars will also be invited to present their update reviews on the perspectives of the evidence-based science in the related research field.

With the efforts and advances achieved in the past, we are aware of the fact that the competition among the contemporary peer-reviewed journals has become more and more rigorous in this new era, and the Journal has set its goal to be included in the Scientific Citation Index (SCI) reported by the Institute for Scientific Information (ISI) within the next few years to increase the appeal and enhance the impact of the Journal on the biomedical sciences. With the positive feedback comments, the Journal has been evaluated by the ISI and it is expected to be enlisted in the SCI provided the high-standard publication style can be maintained. Therefore, the Editors would like to thank the investigators from this country and other part of the world, who by offering their professional comments to this Journal have contributed to this success.

For the above reasons and changes, this is a very exciting moment for the *Journal of the Chinese Medical Association*. The Editors wish that all the achievements and goals, which may already have taken place or will take place in the near future, would help refine the quality and importance of this Journal for the spread of human knowledge in medicine and biomedical sciences.

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