

Why should *Neurointervention* be indexed in International Databases?

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Neurointervention, the official journal of the Korean Society of Interventional Neuroradiology, publishes original articles documenting interventional neuroradiology biannually. It was launched in 2006. Beginning in 2011, it began to be published only in English. Therefore, beginning in 2011, it began building the foundation for becoming an invaluable international journal in the field of neurointervention. According to the NLM Catalog of journals referenced in the NCBI Databases, the following two journals are listed under *neurointervention* [1]:

Journal of neurointerventional surgery by the BMJ Publishing Group from 2009

Interventional neuroradiology by Edizioni del Centauro from 1995

However, in PubMed Central (PMC), there is no journal listed for the field. *Neurointervention* deals with a very specific field in neuroradiology and neurosurgery. Since currently most of the authors are from Korea, the journal content reflects the current rapid development of interventional neuroradiology techniques and neurointerventional surgery in Korea.

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There is a realistic possibility that papers could be cited and used by every specialist worldwide in this very specific field. It is a time for *Neurointervention* to become a PubMed Central (PMC) journal. It is not difficult for medical journals in English to be indexed in PMC if PMC XML files with the required quality are submitted. In 2007 the Korean Association of Medical Journal Editors (KAMJE) began offering the service of generating high quality PMC XML files of English-language journals from Korea to submit to PMC. PMC XML files are also used as the landing pages for digital object identifiers (DOIs) in KoreaMed Synapse, a digital archive and reference linking platform of Korean medical journals [2]. Every journal that is a member of the Korean Association of Medical Journal Editors can benefit by this service.

If a journal is indexed in PMC, it will be added to PubMed consequently. A variety of benefits result from becoming a PubMed journal. First, the citation frequency increases. Although in the first day of June 2011, only four articles from *Neurointervention* were cited by SCIE journals, the number of citations will rapidly increase when it is indexed in PubMed. Second, co-author networks through BioMedExperts can be easily developed [3]. Furthermore, when *Neurointervention* is indexed to the Web of Science or the SCOPUS database, there will be another chance to access the broader citation network of each paper and each author beyond that of *Neurointervention*. SCImagoJR provides the co-citation networks and h-index based on SCOPUS [4]. Beyond all this, most importantly, a listing in PubMed/PMC would provide high quality specialized information to clinicians, researchers, and laypeople worldwide without access fees. Since the quality of neurointerventional service in Korea is one of the best in the world, the medical information through this open access journal is invaluable.

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Just as the proverb says ‘A good beginning is half the battle’, *Neurointervention* is already poised leap to the status of an international journal. If every member of the Korean Society of Interventional Neuroradiology does his or her best to increase the journal’s quality, the journal will be able to arrive at this goal very soon.

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