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Many life science researchers will search for and download JKAOMS articles from PubMed. I hope this journal will be cited more and more frequently and will be listed on other authoritative databases. I believe this will lead to JKAOMS becoming a leading journal in the field of oral and maxillofacial surgery.

In addition, to expose their articles to the readers easily, the authors and editors must enhance the quality of their works and be aware the publishing ethics.

The abbreviation of this journal on PubMed is 'J Korean Assoc Oral Maxillofac Surg'. I hope that the abbreviation of this journal will be found in the references of many future articles.

I congratulate all of the members of KAOMS and editorial board on JKAOMS' participation in PMC.

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No potential conflict of interest relevant to this article was reported.

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