Our Anesthesia and Pain Medicine is currently expanding into a global-scale journal

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organized a special team for a swift decision-making process and pinpointed revisions. Currently, we have achieved two milestones in our journey toward globalization. First, we became indexed in the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) [2], a unique trusted index of open journals worldwide. DOAJ is currently regarded as a gateway for determining whether the corresponding journal is problematic [3]. Second, the APM is indexed by Scopus as of June 20th. Scopus, which covers over 87 million documents and has 1.8 billion cited references, is one of the largest databases. This extensive coverage is helpful for our journal and articles to reach more researchers and be cited.

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Furthermore, the APM regards every author submitting their valuable manuscript as its absolute power and always holds a deep appreciation for it. The journey of the APM to become a globally recognized journal continues. From now on, we are preparing to be covered by the Emerging Science Citation Index (ESCI) or the Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE). Moreover, MEDLINE, created by the USA National Library of Medicine, poses another challenge. Although there are several problems in the current publication environment, such as distinct aims and scopes, ethics, data sharing, and preprints, all of our editorial board members have strict responsibilities and a passion for significantly improving our journal. We will make every effort to ensure that the APM is highly regarded and cherished by the authors, readers, esteemed members of the KSA, and the societies that constitute the APM.

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