

Upgrading of scientific writing

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The news that the Nepal Medical College Journal had been accepted for Indexing purposes was welcomed by the Medical/ Scientific fraternity of Kathmandu. We the editorial board of KUMJ offer our congratulation to them. There had been some attempts in the past by some medical journals of Nepal to try to get acceptance by Index Medicus, but without avail.

It is but natural that to be accepted in any way certain norms have to be maintained. These norms too have not been set at one time only, but have been developed over the years. Such is the case of the **“Uniform Requirements for manuscripts submitted to Biomedical Journals: Writing and Editing for Biomedical Publications”**.

We in Nepal are at a stage in which the electronics and print media have made tremendous progress over

the last one and half decades. The influence of these developments in IT has also affected the producing of scientific journals. Universities, Institutes and professional medical organization all are producing these on and of. This sudden influx of scientific printed materials should however ensure that all are written according to accepted norms and standards. Not all the editors and auditors are aware of these criteria and so we have decided to publish these guidelines as a supplement in this seventh issue of KUMJ.

Our hope is that with the publication of these guidelines in Nepal, a large number of authors and potential authors will be aware of what needs to be done for article to be accepted for publication. Such awareness will, in turn be reflected by the acceptance of our journal to a wider audience.