

EDITORIAL

In global era, to enhance the improvement of science and technology, including in medicine, the development of international journal is imperative. However, the term international journal itself is still unclear. It still evokes questions, such as: What is an international journal? How can a journal be regarded as international? Should the term international denote merely to the location of the publisher? Philosophically, an international journal is a journal which is communicating scientific thinking that can be accepted at international level. Therefore, we should establish criteria for a journal to be regarded as an international one. These criteria may be as follows: First, it uses international language(s). English is one of those languages. Second, it has editors with international reputation. Third, it contains scientific materials which are worth to be communicated at international level, due to their strategic and significant contributions to the development of medical science and technology. Conceptually, these criteria are needed to characterize a scientific journal that serves as a tool for international communication. However, operationally, more elaborations are also needed to translate those criteria into practical level. To be an international journal, *Folia Medica Indonesiana* has envisaged a plan to establish cooperation with international publishing houses. Hopefully, this effort may improve the language, editing, and scientific quality of this medical journal.

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