Sleep Science in Scopus

Sleep Science’s readers, editors, reviewers and, mainly, authors have good reasons to celebrate. Sleep Science is finally available on Scopus.

Since the creation of Sleep Science, back in 2008, the editorial board has stated as its main aim to include our journal in international databases. We are now accomplishing just that, starting with Scopus, one of the most important scientific databases worldwide. The inclusion of Sleep Science in Scopus attests to the quality and relevance of our publication, placing us alongside the most important journals devoted to sleep medicine and chronobiology worldwide.

One may argue that this inclusion took long to achieve. Indeed, many journals take less than our five years of existence to be included in international databases. However, this was a conscious decision, consequence of our rigorous editorial policy and of our sincere concern with scientific misconduct. Any wise researcher who follows the news about scientific publishing and bibliometrics is aware of the growing cases of misconduct made by journals and editors. Cases of weak or inappropriate peer-review processes, increased journal self-citation rates, and citation stacking are becoming increasingly common. In face of this, Sleep Science opted to walk slowly, but ethically. Thus, we can assure that every article published at Sleep Science was properly and rigorously peer-reviewed and that all citations received were merited.

Despite the efforts of Sleep Science’s editorial board and of our concerns to sustain a high-quality journal with a rigorous policy, the main responsible for our achievements are the authors. Submitting an article to a non-indexed journal, as Sleep Science was until months ago, is a risky choice, as the authors have no guarantees that the journal will become successful. Thus, any success of our journal draws upon the venture of some authors. Thanks to them, we can now prospect good times for our journal, with higher citation rates, increased number of submissions and even more prominent articles.

At any rate, Sleep Science is seeking new goals to reach. We are looking forward to be included in other databases and, more importantly, to have an impact factor calculated in the forthcoming years. We count on you, as an author, reviewer or reader, to accomplish these goals, making Sleep Science a remarkable choice among the journals devoted to sleep and chronobiology.

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