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The Closing of the *Journal of Experimental and Clinical Medicine*: December 2009 to December 2014



The *Journal of Experimental and Clinical Medicine (JECM)* has published 306 peer-reviewed biomedical articles, including reviews, original articles, preliminary reports, case reports, letters to the editor, special issues and editorial remarks/comments in six volumes bimonthly since December 2009. Approximately one-third of the papers were submitted from researchers outside of Taiwan. The ratio of published basic papers to that of clinical papers was approximately 1.3:1.0. During the first 2 years of publication, the estimated journal impact was 0.22. This was more than doubled to 0.56 in 2012–2013 following the diligent editorial efforts of Professors Winston Shen, Vincent Lee, Jack Chang and Mike Chiueh, all of whom are highly cited researchers (i.e., the cumulative

citation number of the editorial team is approaching 20,000 cites). Taipei Medical University (TMU) provided funds for the publication expenses from December 2009 to December 2014, but no budget will be provided thereafter. Without financial support from the TMU, it is with regret that I announce that the publishing contract with the publisher will end in December 2014 and that this is the last issue of the *JECM*.

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