The Journal of Foot and Ankle Surgery (Asia-Pacific)

1. Aims and Scope

The Journal of Foot and Ankle Surgery (Asia-Pacific) is the official Journal of Indian Foot and Ankle Society (IFAS) and Asia-Pacific Society of Foot and Ankle Surgery (APSFAS) focuses on all aspects of the foot and ankle clinical research. The journal publishes original peer reviewed work focussed on diverse foot and ankle issues. It covers all aspects of the subject from basic science to clinical management as well the broad areas of the epidemiology related to foot and ankle care. The journal is essential reading for orthopaedic surgeon interested in the foot and ankle and its disorders. It is the leading source for original clinically oriented articles on art and science of ankle and foot surgery, with focussed interest in problems related to this region and other underdeveloped countries.

The aims of this journal are to publish manuscripts focussed on foot and ankle problems, to promote research articles, unique case reports, trend setting articles presenting new research ideas, preclinical research articles showing theoretical or experimental knowledge contributing to the development of a treatment modality and over and above to cater the needs of medical personnel interested in foot and ankle surgery. The journal provides regular reviews by acknowledged experts, will encourage peer reviewed original articles, will publish symposia on relevant topics, and also provide a forum for discussion with letters to the editors. This journal is an open-access publication which gives the international readership full text access; the readership is larger than that of many subscription-based journals, which combined with the open access nature of the publication increases the visibility and impact of the published work. It provides a platform for the Asian and other authors to present their work, with a reduced submission to publication time after peer review. Authors may submit manuscripts and the review process is done by the editorial board members of clinical research on foot and ankle.

The Editors use a swift, constructive and scientific process to identify highly influential research, from advances in basic understanding, to complex surgical procedures, to unusual presentations, which may advance the understanding in the problems of the foot and ankle region. We publish articles that are judged to be important to all medical field, but with special focus on the region. There is no minimum length for submissions. We welcome shorter articles, for example reporting interim findings, brief reports, new innovations, radiological pictoral essays, etc. provided the conclusion is clear and the findings are new and judged to be of importance.

The journal hopes to influence research in foot and ankle areas, which will go a land provides interdisciplinary opportunity to all medical personnel.

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