

A Quiet Milestone: PJP Joins the Directory of Open Access Journals



The *Philippine Journal of Pathology (PJP)* has recently been accepted for inclusion in the **Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)**. It is a quiet but meaningful milestone — like the ripple that follows a small stone dropped into still water, widening slowly and quietly, yet certain in its direction.

The DOAJ is an international index of peer-reviewed, open-access journals that meet recognized standards of editorial quality and ethical publishing. Managed by the Infrastructure

Services for Open Access (IS4OA) in the United Kingdom, it lists over 20,000 journals worldwide that are committed to transparency, peer review integrity, and the free availability of research.

Acceptance into DOAJ follows a detailed evaluation of a journal's policies, editorial processes and openness, ensuring that the journals it lists uphold the principles of open science.

For PJP, being part of DOAJ affirms that we are on the right path. It validates the systems we have built over the years: clear editorial policies, a rigorous peer review process, and the quiet discipline of upholding ethical standards in publishing. More importantly, it allows the work of Filipino pathologists and laboratory scientists to reach a wider audience through greater visibility in search engines, institutional repositories, and other indexing services that draw from DOAJ.



The practical benefits are welcome, but the recognition is most meaningful as a reminder of what has sustained us. PJP has always been an endeavor that thrives on its contributors' active participation. Maintained by members, supported by the Philippine Society of Pathologists, and built upon the trust of its contributors and readers. The journal's progress rests on the generosity of those who give their time and expertise for the advancement of the discipline.

We mark this milestone quietly, as one might watch a ripple extend across calm water — without fanfare, but with a sense of continuity. The inclusion in DOAJ is not an endpoint, but a signpost — encouraging us to keep improving, to maintain transparency, and to hold fast to the values that have guided us from the beginning.

To our authors, reviewers, readers, and the PSP community: thank you for your continued support. May this small achievement remind us that even the gentlest motion, made in the spirit of service, can carry far.

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