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Abstract

This letter proposes updating the *World Journal of*

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Key words: *World Journal of Gastroenterology*; Readers' input; Proposal; Changes; New subsections

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Core tip: In this letter, we propose updating the *World Journal of Gastroenterology (WJG)* with several new items and sections, and seek the readers' input for these suggested changes. In order to further enhance the scope of the *WJG*, to make it more interactive, and to accommodate our readers' interest, the editors ask the readers for their input regarding potential new proposed changes including new subsections.

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In order to further enhance the scope of the *World Journal of Gastroenterology* (WJG), to make it more interactive, and to accommodate our readers' interest, we ask the readers for their input regarding potential new proposed changes and new subsections listed below:

(1) New subsection - Selected highlights from other related Baishideng Publishing Group (BPG) world series journals (*World Journal of Gastrointestinal Oncology*, *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy*, *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Pathophysiology*, *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery*, and others) notable, important articles - title, authors, abstract and perhaps one key figure; a maximum 2-3 per 1 WJG Issue. This would provide not only a new information but also would facilitate exposure of the WJG readers to important papers in other BPG world series journals. The editors of these other BPG journals would select the best papers.

(2) New subsection - challenging images of the week - a quiz with an answer and references on another page. Two to three images per issue - endoscopic, computed tomography (CT)-scan, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), histology, etc. Some of the images can be used from these other BPG journals. Some of the examples are in the "Welcome to the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*" sample issue (at <https://www.wjgnet.com>).

com/1007-9327/) but we would introduce them to each or every second issue. The quiz could originate from the current or archival issues of other BPG journals, but the readers will be also welcome to submit a quiz with detailed labeling, explanation, and answers.

(3) To re-introduce or restore for some issues the cover page on which selected illustration and/or visual abstracts from current articles will be presented (when worthwhile) as well as the photos of the key authors of frontiers and major editorial articles.

(4) New subsection - new hypotheses, new concepts and revisiting old concepts in a short, commentary format.

(5) Preview of the forthcoming WJG issue articles (title and authors).

(6) Suggestions submitted by the readers - new topics and initiatives after careful selection by the editors for content that could improve the quality of the journal: the readers, their voice, initiative, and suggestions are very important and they count.

(7) Additional topic area - molecular basis of gastric/ liver diseases as an additional area for articles submitted to the journal.

The above suggestions are for the sake of the discussion and exchanging ideas, and naturally, not all are doable at this time.

Thank you for your consideration.

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