

Number of monthly hits to *WJG* articles linked to PubMed surpasses 70 000

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Figure 1 All 6200 articles published on *WJG* from 1998 to 2007 have been indexed by PubMed.

The latest data from LinkOut Team NCBI/US NLM show that the number of hits to *World Journal of Gastroenterology* (*WJG*) articles linked to LinkOut of PubMed reached 2 254 327 during the period of April, 2004, to September, 2007; further, the number was 72 532 for the month of September, 2007, which was 7344 hits higher than that of the same period in 2006.

The MEDLINE database, as one of most important components of PubMed, a web searching system managed by NCBI of America, provides statistical data for life science related journals. All 6200 articles published on

WJG from 1998 to 2007 are covered by PubMed (Figure 1).

The data from PubMed also show that the average monthly hits to *WJG* articles linked on PubMed has been increasing every year since *WJG* started being covered by PubMed in Apr, 2004. Since that time, the total number of hits has been 344 499 in 2004, 47 110 in 2005, 66 305 in 2006, and 67 760 in 2007, with a milestone being reached in 2006 when *WJG* was recovered by SCI.

The above data clearly indicate that the quality of articles published in *WJG* has been increasing, and attracting more widespread attention at the same time.

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