



EDITORIAL

ResearchGate, a Scientific Social Network, which Is Working as Growing Database and Cannot be Ignored Neither Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Nor Publishers

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Users' citations and publications are the site's (ie, ResearchGate) bread-and-butter.¹

—Eli Kintisch

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ResearchGate (RG) was launched in May 2008 by two physicians (Ijad Madisch and Sören Hofmayer) and computer scientist Horst Fickenscher as a social network platform for scientists, which is counting 20 million users.² RG is also named as *networked socio-technical system for scholarly communication*³, *academic social network site*³, and *academic social network*⁴. Citations, reads, RG Score, h-index, comments, personal communication via the platform and much more functions of RG are so impressive for every author. Moreover, the collection of articles`

titles and abstracts/summaries with a “search” option made RG a new sophisticated database.

The principles of RG are helping to increase the dissemination of practical orientated science like the oral and maxillofacial surgery (OMS). In RG`s we can find the articles from open access OMS journals like *Journal of the Korean Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons*,^{5,6} *Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Cases*,^{7,8} etc.

RG option “Citations” is more than useful for editorial offices and publishers as it helps to track the citation in the journals included to Scopus. It facilitates monitoring of the implementation/compliance of one of the 14 journal selection criteria for inclusion into Scopus. “Citednes of journal articles in Scopus” is important criteria from a category Journal Standing.⁹

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Citation of the articles published in our journal is easy to track with the RG. For example: the article of Le et al^{10,11} was cited at June 16, 2021 by Weyh et al^{12,13} published in *Atlas of the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Clinics*.

In summary, although discussions about the operation of the ResearchGate exist,¹⁴ the benefits of this growing platform as a database should not be underestimated.

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