

Secrets From A Journal Editorial Office

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Laboratory Investigation (LI), the basic and translational research journal of the United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology, is seeking a more diverse readership and editorial board. There is solid evidence for an increased interest in LI worldwide – for the past 5 years, the journal has steadily increased its number of institutional subscribers, and LI's impact factor has gone up each year. Japanese scientists have made important contributions towards the success of the journal in this timeframe: about 20% of LI's published papers came from Japan, and LI now has an Associate Editor in Tokyo. The purpose of this presentation is to reveal the journal's operating protocols in order to assist scientists in the successful submission of manuscripts to LI. I will also discuss what authors should consider when choosing a journal for submission of a paper, what LI is looking for in potential editorial board members, and what role impact factor should (and should not) play in the decisions made by editors and authors.