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# Bibliographic Information Service of Health Sciences in Japan

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## Today's topics

- Overview of our organization
- Creation & features of the database
- Utilization of our web-based service.



## I. About Us

### What's JAMAS?

- Name of organization:
   NPO Japan Medical Abstracts Society (JAMAS)
   "Igaku Chuo Zasshi Kanko-kai" in Japanese
- The year of establishment: 1903
- President: Tsuneki SHINOHARA (M.D., PhD)
- Business:
  - Bibliographic information retrieval service, "Ichushi-Web"
  - Document delivery service of duplicated articles
  - Research & development of thesaurus for Medical and Health related terms
  - Involvement in research projects regarding dissemination of medical information



#### I. An overview of our organization



The Office in Suginami City





#### What's "Ichushi-Web"?

- Bibliographic database service via the Internet
- Fee-based Service
- Coverage: medicine and other allied health disciplines from 2,700 domestic journals
- About 6.7 million bibliographic data
- Provided to: health care practitioners, researchers, medical students, pharmaceutical companies, public libraries, etc.

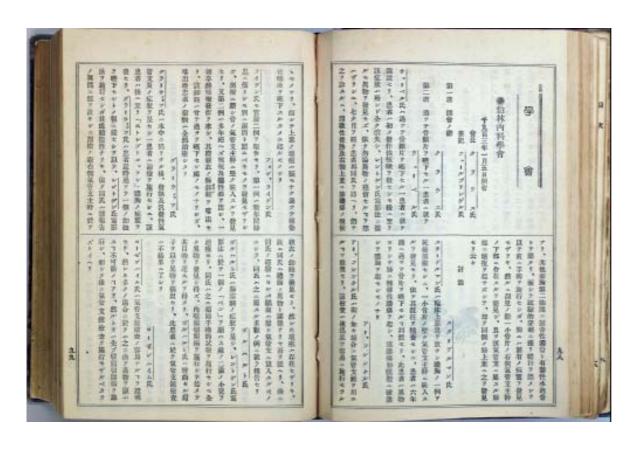


## History of "Igaku Chuo Zasshi" ("Ichushi")

- "Igaku Chuo Zasshi"(医学中央雜誌);
   means "Central Journal of Medicine"
   based on "Centralblatt für die Gesamte Medicin"
- Established in 1903 by Dr. Shiro AMAKO (physician)
- The second oldest continuing medical literature indexing and abstracting publication, following *Index Medicus* ®



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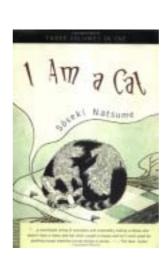
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#### About the founder of JAMAS

- Dr. Shiro AMAKO (1865-1930)
- M.D., general practitioner
- Friends with "Sōseki NATSUME" (Japanese novelist)







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## A brief history of our services

- 1903 First volume of "Igaku Chuo Zasshi" published.
- 1992 CD-ROM version of "Ichushi" database became available.
- 1995 Internal network system for data creation became operational.
- 2000 "Ichushi-Web" (Web interface) was launched.
- 2002 Print publication- ceased
- 2006 CD-ROM service- ceased





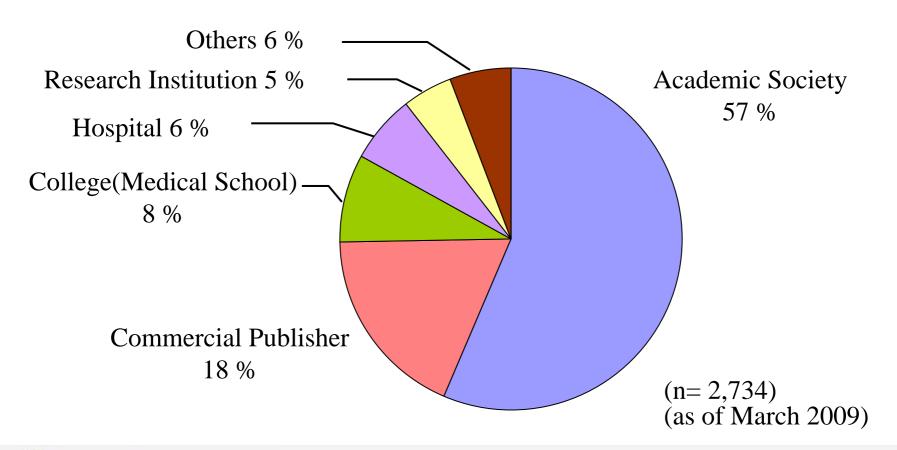
## Scope of the "Ichushi" database

- The core subject is medicine
- Subjects peripheral or related to biomedicine; dentistry, pharmacy, nursing, veterinary medicine, and health care
- Scholarly journals, commercial publications, and bulletins of college and hospital
- About 2,700 titles are indexed, currently



#### Journals selected and indexed- by publishing body

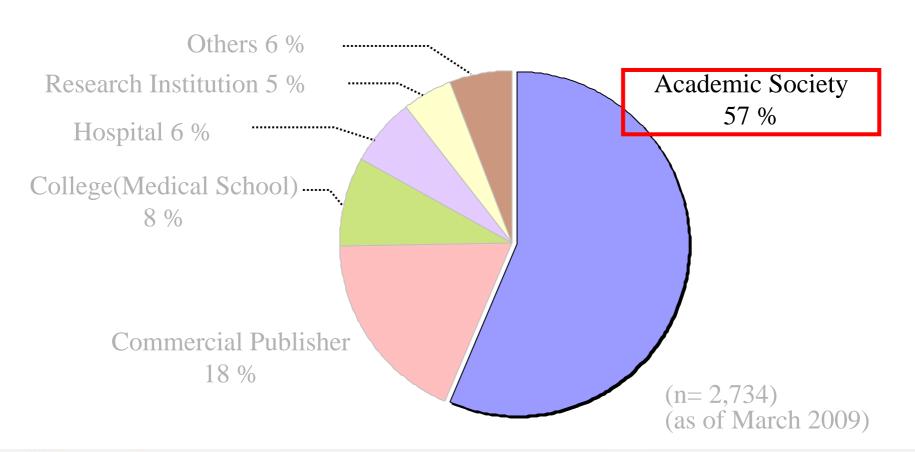
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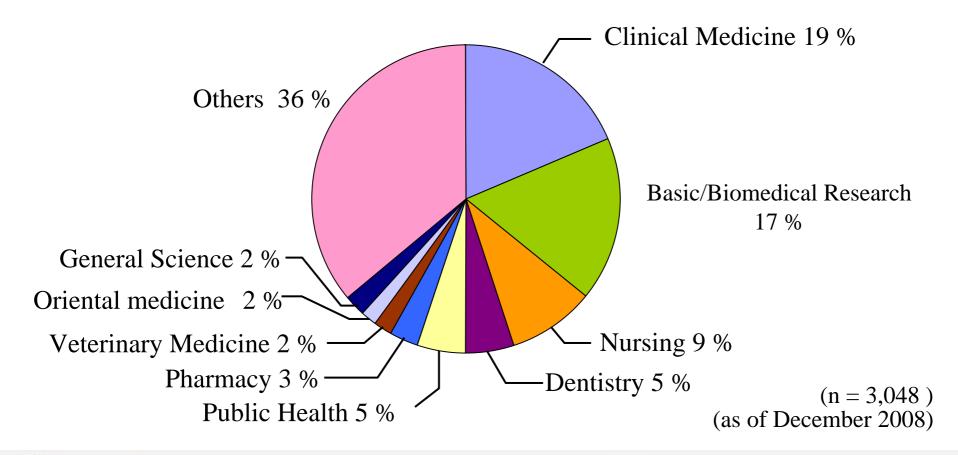
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#### Journals selected and indexed- by subject scope

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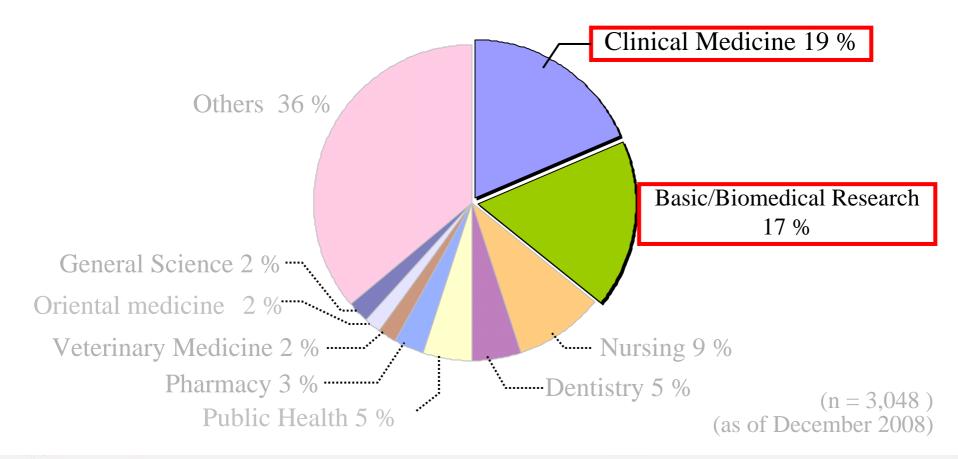




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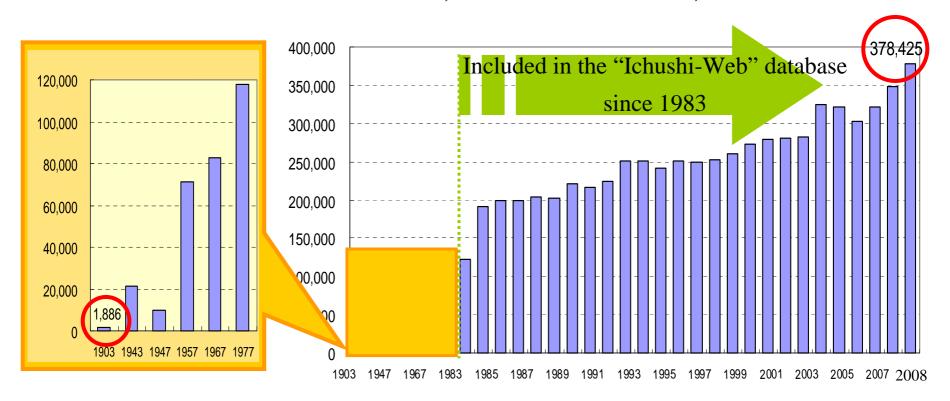
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#### The number of records or citations indexed

The annual number of articles indexed has risen from 1,886 in 1903 to 378,000 in 2008

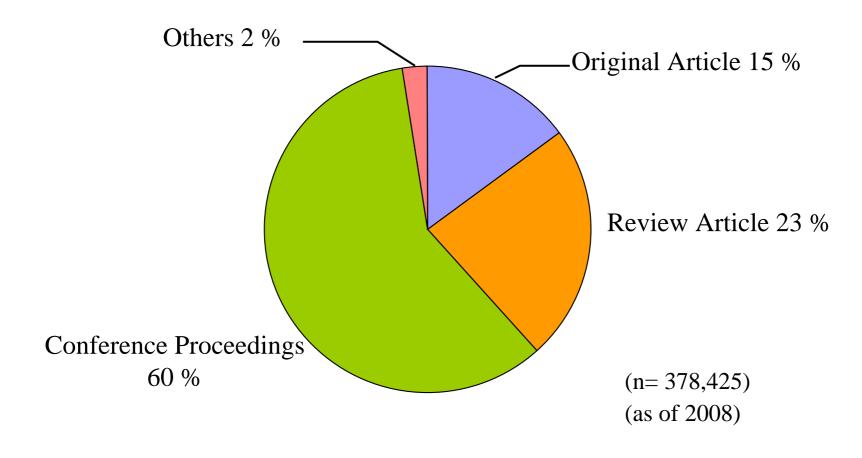


Yearly citation totals from 2008 "Ichushi" baseline: about 6.65 million citations



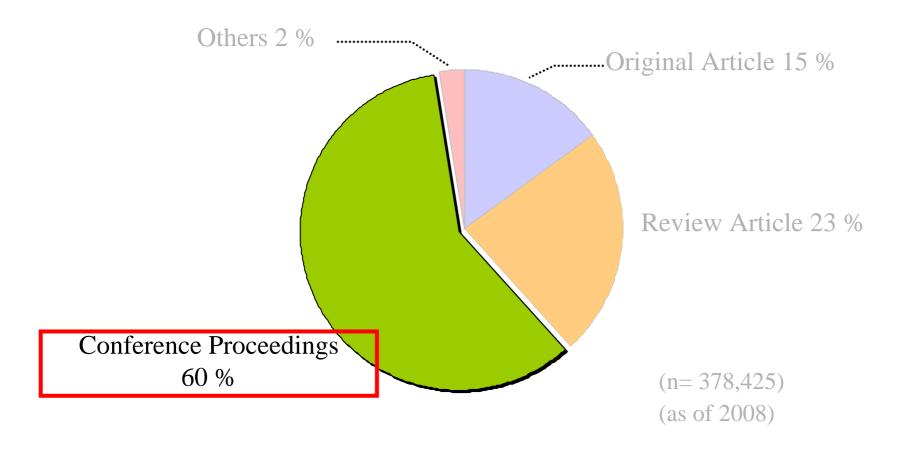
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#### Data elements of the "Ichushi-Web" database

- Bibliographic information: author names, title, source, etc.
- Abstract:

20 percent of all the citations- with an abstract
44 percent of all the abstracts- written by authors
(as of 2008)

• Indexed terms:

manually assigned by indexers using JAMAS's Thesaurus vocabulary



#### Citation display format- sample record from "Ichushi-Web"

2004067552

慢性C型肝炎の治療におけるグリチルリチン坐剤の作用:予備試験(Efficacy of a glycyrrhizin suppository for the treatment of chronic hepatitis C: a pilot study)(英語)

Author: FujiokaTakahiro(自衛隊中央病院 内科), KondouToshirou,

Fukuhara Akinori, Tounou Shigetaka, Mine Masafumi, Mataki Norikazu, Hanada Kenji, Ozaka Masato, Mitani Keiji, Nakaya Teruo, Iwai Tomohisa, Miyakawa Hiroshi

Source: Hepatology Research(1386-6346)26巻1号 Page10-14(2003.05)

**論文種類:**原著論文/ランダム化比較試験

シソーラス用語:坐剤(治療的利用,毒性・副作用); Glycyrrhizic Acid(治療的利用, 毒性・副作用); 肝炎-C型-慢性(薬物療法); C型肝炎ウイルス; バイロットプロジェクト; ウイルスRNA(血液); Alanine Transaminase(血液); 静脈内投与; ランダム化比較試験: 生活の質

医中誌フリーキーワード: Stronger Neo-Minophagen C(治療的利用,毒性・副作用)

チェックタグ:ヒト: 中年(45~64): 老年者(65~79): 男: 女

Abstract: 生検で慢性C型肝炎と診断された26症例を無作為にglycyrrhizinic坐剤群13例と静注群13例の2群に分け、坐剤の最も効果的で安全な成分含量を検討した。glycyrrhizinic ammonium salt 300mgとsodium capric acid 60μgの混合物が最も効果的で有効であった。坐剤を12週間投与した時の血清ALT値減少に対する作用は静注した時と同様であった。重篤な副作用は認められなかった。よって、新たに開発したglycyrrhizin坐剤は、慢性C型肝炎患者のQOL改善に有用であることが示唆された

**Title** 

**Authors / Affiliation** 

**Source** (journal information)

Type of article / Research design

**Indexed terms (descriptors)** 

**Indexed terms (non-descriptors)** 

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**Abstract** 



#### JAMAS's Thesaurus;

basically in conformity to NLM's MeSH®

- The latest edition (the 6<sup>th</sup>) updated in 2007, based on the 2005 edition of MeSH<sup>®</sup>.
- 55,232 terms contained (descriptors: 25,317 / non-descriptors: 29,915) cf. 25,186 descriptors in 2009 MeSH®, and over 160,000 entry term
- Available online, and also as a print publication
- Used for subject indexing and retrieval



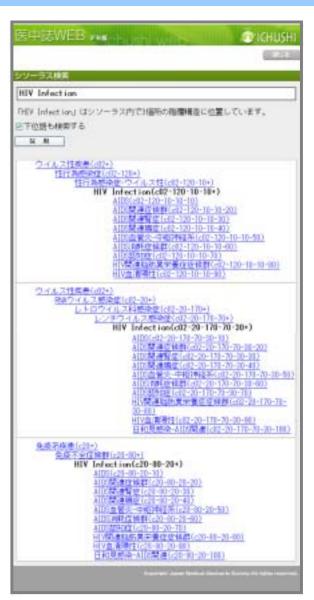


#### Tree structure for "HIV Infections"

- corresponds to NLM's MeSH®



from NLM's MeSH®



from JAMAS's thesaurus



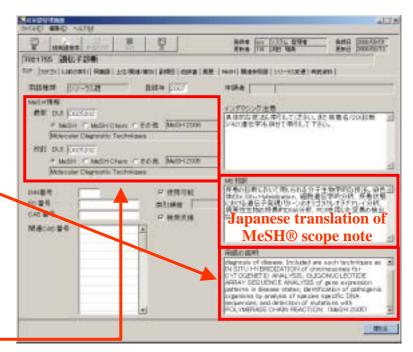
#### Vocabulary maintenance system-

"Molecular Diagnostic Techniques" as an example

- "Scope Note" quoted, "Unique ID" referred to
- highly related to MeSH®







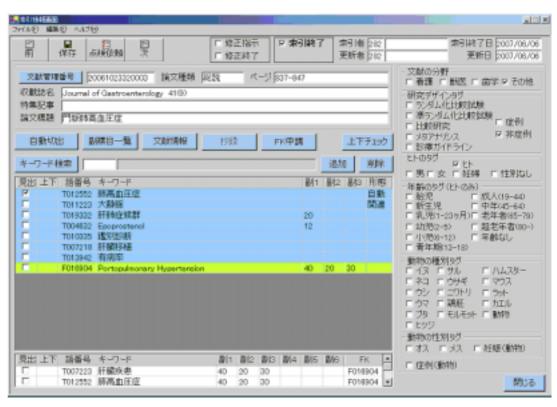
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## Indexers assign descriptors at a computer on the in-house network

An office scene in Indexing Section

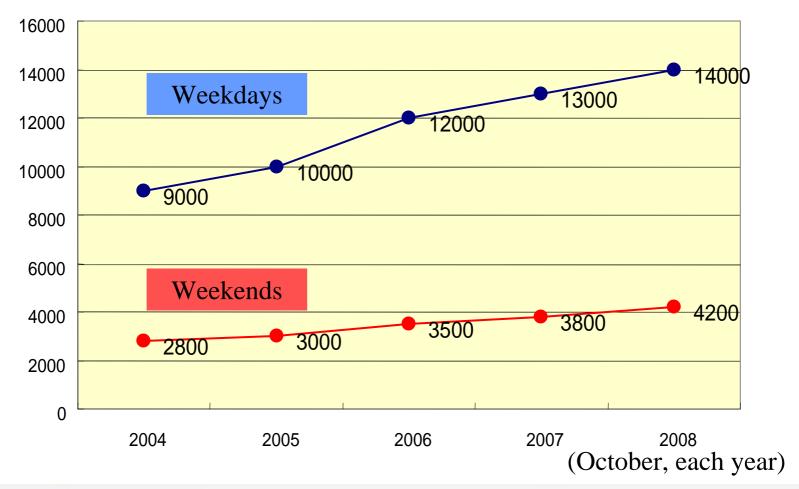




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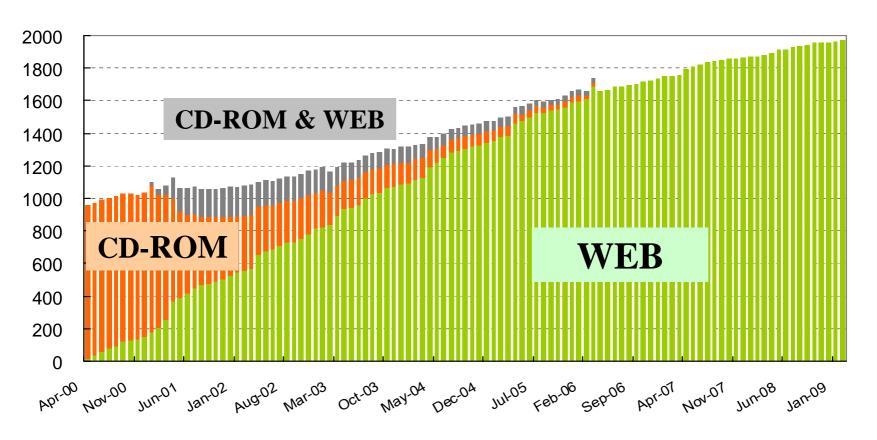
The average daily number of login; Approximately 14,000- during the weekdays in 2008





#### The number of our customers/service contactors;

About 2,000 institutional customers of web-based service, as of 2009

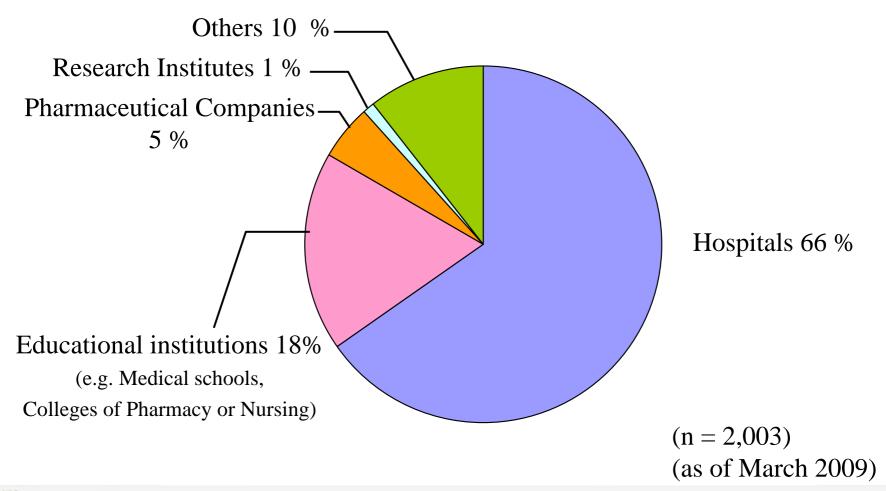


cf. Additionally, around 6,000 individual customers



#### The breakdown for our institutional customers

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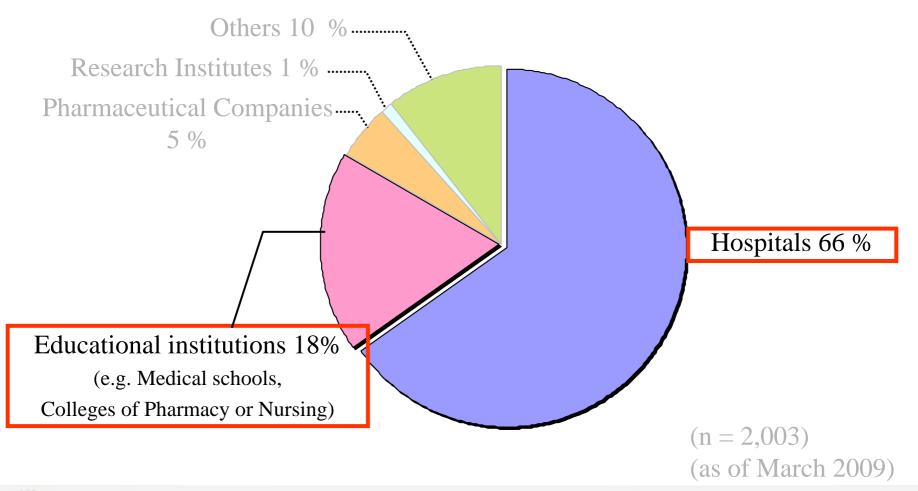




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#### Links to the external databases

#### More than one million references- linked to the full-text article

Database offered	Provider	Organizational form	Number of linkage
CiNii	National Institute of Informatics	National institute	583,686
Medical Online	Meteo.Inc	Commercial company	427,920
CrossRef	CrossRef.org	Non-for-profit membership association	83,715
J-STAGE	Japan Science and Technology Agency	Independent administrative institution	56,484
MedicalFinder	Igaku-Shoin Ltd.	Commercial company	33,290
Pier Online	Sunmedia Co., Ltd.	Commercial company	10,799
Total			1,195,894

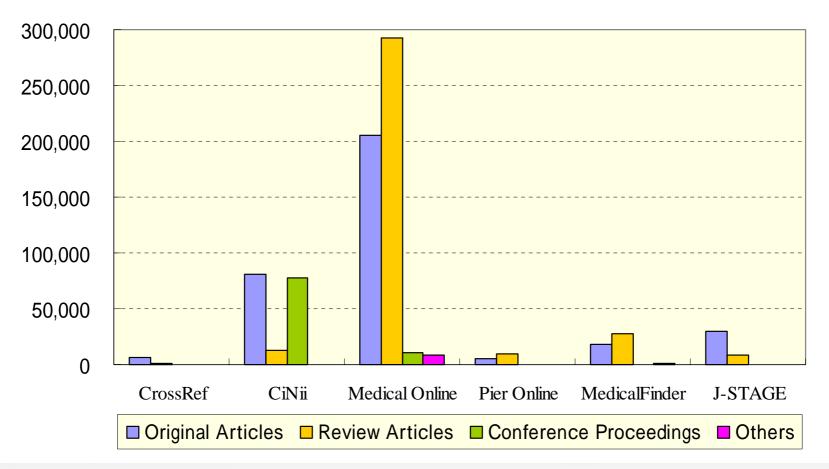
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"Review Article" in commercial journals in higher demand

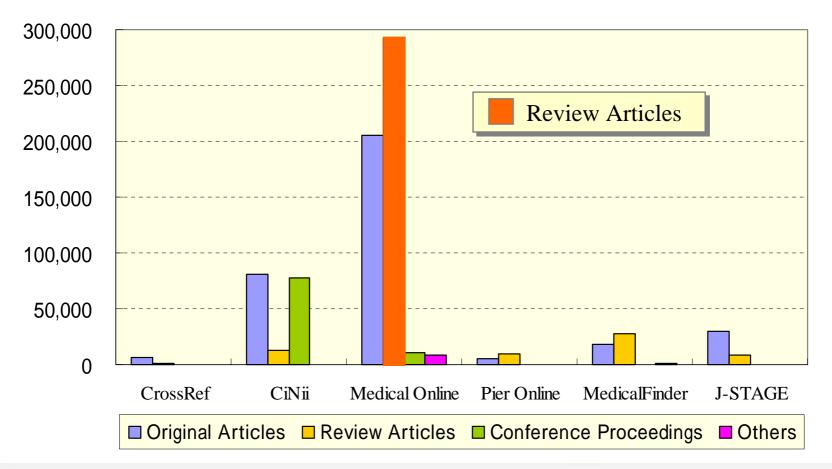




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## In Summary

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"Ichushi-Web" offered by JAMAS contributes the progress of medicine and public health in Japan.

- Powerful database of Japanese medical literature
- Used in clinical practice, research, and education
- Covers Non- MEDLINE® journals



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## Thank you,

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