

# "Acute and Critical Care" begins to request the inclusion of geographical regions in the titles

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This article by Kate Wilson [1] discussed some interesting points about whether we should include country names in the titles of our research papers. In epidemiological studies, it is necessary to include country and region in the title and it is convenient for readers. However, this information is rarely provided in other papers, especially in papers written by researchers in the United States. Knipe and Jewkes [2] recommend that when authors publish studies on human subjects, they include the name of the country in the title; they also recommend that individual countries be mentioned for each study cited in the text. This is because all research is a product of social and cultural systems. If there is a country name in the title of the research paper, it will naturally draw attention to the readers from that country. If you are a researcher living in the same country or region, you will be more interested and influenced. A paper containing a country name will not affect the examiner. This is because it is usually mandatory based on reporting guidelines to provide national information for human studies. Professor Sun Huh [3], the editor-in-chief of *Journal of Educational Evaluation for Health Professions*, began including the country's name in titles in 2015. This policy change was presented at conferences and seminars of the Korean Council of Science Editors. I also believe that the Knipe and Jewkes' recommendation [2] to include the name of the country in the title is appropriate to clarify the socio-cultural background in studies of human subjects. *Acute and Critical Care* also wants to maintain editorial policies in line with these guidelines.

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