Advances and Technical Standards in Neurosurgery

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Critical Review: Advances and Technical Standards in Neurosurgery

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☐ Scope and Format

- Not a journal, but a longstanding book series (since 1973).
- Each volume typically includes:
 - **Scientific overviews** on emerging topics (e.g., gene therapy, intraoperative imaging).
 - Technical standards chapters on operative anatomy and approaches (e.g., orbital, endoscopic, skull base).
- Written by leading European neurosurgeons; edited volumes.

□ Strengths

- Combines state-of-the-art science with operative technique.
- Rich in **illustrations**, MRI and intraoperative photos.
- Written by **renowned contributors**: Sindou, Dolenc, Di Rocco, Fahlbusch.
- Ideal for neurosurgical residents and practicing surgeons.
- Described as "required reading" in some training curricula.

△ Limitations

- Chapters may age quickly, unlike journal articles with faster publication.
- Some chapters offer only **introductory coverage** on complex topics.
- No peer-review in the traditional journal sense.
- Language inconsistencies may be present (non-native English).

☐ Scientific Metrics

Metric	Value	Notes
Impact Score	~0.91	2024 value (↑ from 0.63 in 2023)
h-index	32	Citation depth of most cited chapters
SJR	0.282	Q3 in "Medicine (miscellaneous)"
Format	Book series	Not a peer-reviewed journal

□ Audience and Use

- Best for:
 - Neurosurgery trainees (technique and decision-making).
 - Educators seeking structured, illustrated content.
- Less suitable for:
 - Researchers needing fast dissemination of new findings.
 - Authors seeking peer-reviewed original research outlets.

□ Conclusion

"Advances and Technical Standards in Neurosurgery" is a **hybrid educational series** merging surgical anatomy and innovation. It excels as a **teaching reference** but lacks the agility and impact of top-tier neurosurgical journals.

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