

FROM THE EDITOR

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Today, Ibnosina Journal of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences (IJMBS) completes six years and steps into the seventh year of its age. It is healthy and vital to take a pause and reflect on one's achievements and shortcomings particularly at different stages and landmarks.

It is very appropriate to firstly thank the authors for choosing IJMBS as their way of sharing their findings and communicate their thoughts, the reviewers and the editorial board for their continuous support and perhaps most importantly our readers who make it all worthwhile.

From its first issue to the current date, the journal has sustained consistent publication metrics. The first article has been consistently released by the first date an issue is due and on a couple of occasions even before. The rest of the articles are usually staggered over the publication period. We have maintained fairly consistent blend of published material in each article, having a mixture of reviews,

original articles, clinical case reports with when appropriate view points and editorials. We considered changing into volume-based style but we dismissed this in favor of the classical issue-based style as it is nearer to the conventional publishing of print journals. The consistent simple layout maintains the character of the Journal. Therefore we will maintain these features for the time being.

Despite the efforts of keeping the submission to publication time to minimal, we still have some concern about both authors and reviewers not responding in time to minimize the submission-publication time. Unfortunately, there is nothing we can do about this other than involving more reviewers and sending reminders regularly appealing to the interest and commitment of both authors and reviewers to the cause of scientific research and advancing the subject of their scientific work and professional interests. The issue of remuneration of reviewers is out of question as the journal is based on full voluntary work and we are

committed to making no page charges or for this matter any charges whatsoever. The web hosting has been so far raised by the editors but should make more fund available, we would rather direct it towards getting support for the technical aspects of editorial production to free up editors' time to concentrate on the scientific aspects of the editorial process. We do appeal to authors and reviewers to keep the delay to minimal including the time to decide whether a given reviewer will be willing and available to review an article.

Although we have been approached by commercial publishers to take over the Journal, we have so far resisted thus maintaining the ownership of the journal to belong to the readers, authors and reviewers. We have no intension to change course. We may seek help with technical aspects without losing control over the journal.

IJMBS is a peer reviewed journal and has maintained a strict adherence to its peer review policy. The journal is indexed in several reputable listing including International Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ), Google Scholar, EBSCO, Scirus, LMI, Open-J-Gate, Open Archives Harvester2, Ulrichs Directory, Socolar and Journal seek. However, the major issue that is being raised again and again is the indexing issue being the main concern raised by potential authors. Medline and Pubmed indexing is a major landmark for all journals. So far we concentrated on the establishing the journal, but in the new year medline indexing will be a major concern in addition to focus on a speedier turn round time.

We wish you all a happy and prosperous 2015 and beyond.