

As you know that your Pakistan Journal of Radiology (PJR) has crossed a milestone by publishing a print-ahead issue (PJR 26.1) in November 2015. Other thrilling news which I have shared you recently is recognition of PJR by Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan. For these achievements we are grateful to Almighty and to my dedicated team. We are still receiving the felicitation messages from different corners and also queries about the progressive increase in publication time of manuscripts. We do understand the apprehension on the part of authors and this is a universal phenomenon. In last six months we have received an unprecedented number of manuscripts from different part of the world. After HEC recognition, I am anticipating significant influx of manuscripts from faculty members of various teaching hospitals. You know that process from submission to publication is a tedious and time consuming process which involves many people like editors, reviewers, proof reading, managing editor and final publishing team. The most time consuming stage is review phase as we strictly follow the policy of blind review by at least 02 reviewers. Due to enormous influx of manuscripts, we have realized that existing number of reviewers are not sufficient. At this point we would like to pay sincere tributes to few of reviewers who have volunteered themselves even for 2-3 reviews in months in a very diligent and scrupulous way which shows their dedication. To address this issue we have inducted reviewers from different teaching hospitals. Furthermore, we have planned to reduce the acceptance time to 03 days, so on regret from one reviewer; same would be sending to other in an attempt to save precious days. In addition we have decided to increase number of entries in each issue like more original articles (around 05) and good number of case reports (around 15). You can understand that increasing the content per issue has a synergistic impact on editing and publishing cost of PJR. However, editorial board of PJR has once again reiterated its mission of not imposing processing charges and we are grateful to M/s Allmed Pakistan for their enormous and unconditional financial support in this regard. We are hopeful that with these steps we could minimize the turnaround time, although not to the expectation of our authors. One more thing which is important on part of submitting authors is to prepare their manuscripts as per PJR policies. In most of the submitted manuscripts, objections from reviewers are about the deviation from the journal's policy. It is our humble request to authors to please strictly follow the author's guidelines which is uploaded on our website. In coming months we do expect a continuous influx of manuscripts and anticipate that we would have to be more proactive to meet the expectation of authors. However, at this point we must assure you that whatever the burden, we will never compromise on quality of review process.

We hope in 2016, PJR with your support will perform better and would achieve further important milestones. In this regard, we will appreciate your invaluable inputs which may be shared in the form of letter to editor or sending an email to editor.pjr@gmail.com

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