

PJR's Journey: Long way to go

Scholarly journals have been in existence for over 340 years and in 1684 in England, the first medical journal, *Medicina Curiosa* was published. As we are cognizant of the fact that seminal objective of research in healthcare is to improve care of mankind but dissemination of research based information has been an age-old issue. It was early 1600 when it was found that lemon juice to be effective in preventing scurvy (caused by deficiency of vitamin C) but it took about 200 years for British Arm forces to adopt this intervention. We have no doubt about the magnitude of deleterious impact of such delays upon patient care.

In Pakistan, unfortunately we have limited number of medical journals catering various faculties of medical sciences. A good number of these are recognized locally by Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PMDC) and Higher Education Commission (HEC) but those which are indexed internationally are countable on fingers. The basic reason of this dismal situation is a weak research culture in our teaching institutes, a lenient education system in our medical colleges, poor patients' data in hospital record and scarcity of proper and sustained platform to get publish these researches.

Radiological Society of Pakistan (RSP) is the only professional body of radiologists in Pakistan with its primary vision to bring the radiology fraternity on a single platform. Dissemination of information and provision of an effective medium to publish local radiology researches was the sole reason for RSP to launch Pakistan Journal of Radiology (PJR) a decade ago. Although started as quarterly journal but in its infancy issues were not produced regularly and limited to only one issue close to annual RSP conference. However, since 2008, we have been producing 4 issues per year albeit with a time lag of about 02 years. PJR website (www.pakjr.com) was designed and all issues since 2008 till recent one are available with an online submission of manuscripts and other pertinent options which is as good as in any international journal.

In late 2014, with some changes in editorial team of PJR, we have displayed ISSN (*Online: ISSN 2313-7886; Print ISSN: 1607-2006*) and official address of PJR office on website as per United States National Library of Medicine (US NLM) requirement with some pertinent modifications in authors instructions as well. To clear back log issues (which was due to financial constraints and lack of good quality manuscripts) we had requested our reviewers to accomplish requested task within due course to achieve the target. We are extremely grateful to our editors and reviewers (from Pakistan and also from Singapore, India, UK, Nigeria, etc) who have been sparing their precious time to review manuscripts in time with valid suggestions and comments. By the time you will be reading this news item, we would publish at least 05 issues of PJR (Insha Allah) since September 2014. The whole purpose of this coherent team work is to get recognition of PJR on local and international forums and we are optimistic that with existing nice and dedicated team of editors, reviewers, publication committee and a very dynamic web administrator we will achieve these targets. At this point we also request you to send your manuscripts to PJR and we assure you that review process has been shortened to 3-4 weeks and publication time is 3 months from time of acceptance. Despite of financial constraints, *PJR has unanimously decided to not impose any processing or publication charges*. Here I would like to inform you that once PJR will be indexed (Insha Allah), the recent past issues will also be uploaded on Medline. We expect that radiology fraternity would take a step forward to provide an impetus to the efforts of PJR team to achieve these goals by sharing their manuscripts to **YOUR PJR**.

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