

Editorial

From the desk of the editor

This issue of the IJPS is a little threadbare. Whenever something like this happens, we need to collectively ask ourselves what needs to be done. We have tried to maintain the high standards of accepted articles, but we need to go a fair way, as authors, reviewers and editorial staff.

At a recent meeting of editors, we were fortunate enough to have responsible people looking for ways and means to take the journal forward. There is no doubt that open access journals are the way to greater and greater success of a journal. In this aspect, we have taken the lead, since we have been open access almost from inception. What then are the maladies, and what are the potential solutions? As I had mentioned last time, the PRS GO site will have links to articles from IJPS and vice versa. This should stimulate even the less inclined to look at other journals across the web.

I have made some suggestions which are being very seriously discussed at the appropriate levels, by the publishers. Some of them were:

1. To officially appoint a biostatistician to cross check the tables and their conclusions. Not all the reviewers have the time and the wherewithal to check these.
2. Allowing access to vitally important articles, without charge, from high end journals. Sometimes as a reviewer, or as an editor, one has to cross check references. Many of these are paid articles, and it is a little unfair to expect reviewers to pay for it themselves. There is going to be serious discussion,

on whether we can get limited access for these critical articles, to help us in the review process or editorial process. Access will be limited and finite, but it will be a great boon for many of us who do not have unlimited access. If the publishing houses get together, I am confident we should be able to achieve this.

3. The process of reviewing also is going to undergo an overhauling. Reviewers are busy people, who are doing this job without any compensation whatsoever, but there are several aspects which can be better streamlined.
4. Finally dear readers, I urge you to increase the volumes of submissions. This is YOUR journal, and each of us must take pride in it.

I am hoping to see suggestions, criticisms and the like. You can email me at editor@ijps.org, or my personal email address, mukund.jagannathan@gmail.com. I promise you a fair hearing.

Let us take this journal forward. I cannot do it without your help.

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