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# From the Chief Editor's Desk

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Dear Readers,

The New Year welcomes the readers to the first issue of the 30<sup>th</sup> Volume of the Journal of College of Physicians and Surgeons Pakistan (JCPSP), a leading biomedical journal from Pakistan that aims to provide health professionals with current and up-to-date knowledge and information relevant to the diagnosis and treatment of human diseases.

During the past year, JCPSP has implemented and embarked on an electronic management strategy, Online Access System (OAS), to accelerate the submission, internal assessment, and external review processes of the manuscripts. All communications with the authors, editors and reviewers have now been channelled through OAS, which has optimised and accelerated the editorial work and enhanced the overall experience of our contributors. Most importantly, this system was developed indigenously by the IT experts' team at College of Physicians and Surgeons Pakistan (CPSP); and is proving remarkably efficient. The users are encouraged to provide feedback of their experience in order to further improvise the system.

Another important feature added to the Journal during the past year is the online availability of abstracts of approved and edited manuscripts, ahead of print.

In the past year, a remarkable increase in manuscript submissions was observed, which comprised of 1,618 manuscripts from 1<sup>st</sup> January till 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019 comprising all categories of articles. Out of these, 769 (47.5%) were from Pakistan, 267 (16.53%) from Turkey, and 210 (13%) were from China, with a smaller proportion

submitted from nearly all over the world viz. Saudi Arabia, USA, UK, Malaysia, and Canada. A total of 400 (24.7%) of them got approved and published, while 350 (21.6%) are in various stages of processing. The overall rejection rate was 25%.

The Journal also welcomes its three new national Editorial Board members. Our immediate practical aims are to improve the Impact Factor of the Journal, and ensure a careful following of the publication schedule. However, these challenging tasks cannot be accomplished without helpful assistance from the Board and support of the academic community.

Beginning with this year's issue, I would like to announce that CPSP will soon launch a new online journal dedicated to Case Reports, which will give authors an opportunity to quick publication of their reports. We trust our readers will find the new journal 'JCPSP Case Reports' interesting, relevant, and stimulating.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all the Editorial team, Board Members and the reviewers for their assistance and untiring efforts in the progress of the Journal. I truly believe in the power of a team work, and am confident that only by working together we can improve the Journal's scholarly impact.

Looking ahead to another fruitful year!

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