

From The Chief Editor's Desk

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With this 34th volume of the journal, the Journal of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Pakistan (JCPSP) has maintained its standard as a highly sought-after resource for researchers and practitioners in the field of medicine. As we venture into the complex arena of modern biomedical scholarly publishing in the developing countries, JCPSP stands tall and proud in the field, and its commitment to deliver high-quality, peer-reviewed content remains unwavering. This has been made possible by the commitment of the JCPSP team comprising of authors, readers, and editorial staff to maintain the highest standards of scientific integrity and rigour.

The last year's issues showcased a diverse spectrum of articles not only from Pakistan but overseas that reflect the dynamic and rapidly evolving nature of biomedical research. From molecular biology to clinical applications, our contributors have delved into critical aspects of human health, expanding the boundaries of knowledge and innovation. In particular, last year's edition included the most integral pieces received by the journal. We are excited to have shared articles with you on the Karachi Cancer Registry and National Cancer Registry of Pakistan that became the limelight of metropolitan newspapers and magazines too. This truly reflects that our articles are not only catering to be informative for the public but have also become a source of indigenous and intensive data for policy-makers to bring upon that much-needed change and development in the relevant and deficient areas. In keeping with the prevailing trend of major journals in the field, JCPSP was published without case reports during the last year. Concurrent with this, the college started a dedicated online journal catering to this category of journal articles, which has also successfully completed one year of continued publication.

JCPSP has been an impact factor journal for more than a decade and strives to maintain it. We have advanced as a frequently cited journal that manifests the drive and zeal of our publication process. This is undoubtedly the result of the commitment of both authors and readers. We now aim to improve this result by calling upon more high-quality manuscripts from local and international authors and researchers.

This year, we aim to further create an impact and hence, we encourage the authors to explore critical, high-priority issues such as the acquisition of robust basic public health data of the most prevalent communicable and non-communicable diseases / preventive medicine as well as emerging powerful tools that are not only intriguing but also designed to fit the need of the hour by adding value and reliability in making diagnostic and therapeutic decisions. Novelty is always appreciated and prioritised by our journal. We hope to receive novel studies ranging from clinical perspective to experimental research.

We hope to proceed in this journey of making a positive impact through up-to-date and high-quality information to all via our open-access policy. Open access is truly a gateway to open science. The latter has the power to drive societal progress and advancement. Making high-impact research freely available to anyone, anywhere, will play a major role in achieving a sustainable and equitable future as envisioned by the United Nations' sustainable development goals (SDGs).

I would like to thank our honoured Editors and reviewers who maintain the quality of this peer-reviewed journal by devoting their time and expertise. The rigorous peer-review process that is followed at JCPSP ensures that the most robust and impactful research makes its way into this journal, contributing to the advancement of biomedical science. I would also like to appreciate the dedication of our editorial staff who proactively help and facilitate authors to disseminate their prestigious work.

As another year is approaching, we pledge to keep struggling and striving to maintain the standard of a worthy scientific journal.

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