It is my pleasure and privilege to inaugurate the 32nd volume of the Journal of College of Physicians and Surgeons Pakistan (JCPSP), with some reflections on the previous years’ publications.

The past two years have seen a tremendous change in the work-mode all over the world. Like other fields, most of the JCPSP processings took place online, keeping the publications schedule on time. The credit for this timely publication goes not only to the technology and the Editorial and Publication teams, but also to the worthy contributors.

A bird’s eye view of the contributors and their contributions is an interesting study in itself. The proportion of original research submissions from our native country is progressively and steadily changing. The field, thus, left open was filled first by the Chinese authors; and now the Turkish authors have supereceded the former. In the year 2021, there were 942 original research submissions, out of which 579 were by the Turkish authors, 81 by the Chinese authors, and 282 by the Pakistani authors. A total of 149 original research articles were published in the 14 issues, out of which 94 were by the Turkish, 20 by the Chinese, and 35 by the Pakistani authors. The present issue contains nine, two and one (out of 12 original researches) by the Turkish, Chinese and Pakistani authors, respectively. The articles are accepted, based purely on the basis of content and write-up quality, though promptness in response from authors and their readiness to comply with the desired corrections, also helps expedite the processing, acceptance and publication of articles. These are the areas where the Pakistani authors must improve. It is also high time that the factors be explored to ponder over and rectify this drastic change in the trend of reducing acceptance and publication of original research.

Regarding the arrays of contributions, while the case reports are on the top of the list, it is heartening to see more meta-analyses and systematic reviews being submitted and published. These are a high-tier evidence-based secondary research and contribute immensely to develop good-practice protocols and guidelines. The topics’ focus was mostly centred around oncology-related research.

I hope that this year would see more interesting trends and varieties in the research publications at JCPSP. I wish happy new year to all the readers.

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