

Editorial

Continued Success, Continued Gratitude

As I begin my fifth year as editor of *The Journal of Pain*, I extend my gratitude to *The Journal of Pain* Editorial Board members for their expert guidance in the continuing success of *The Journal*. Our board members volunteer their time and expertise to provide ongoing, invaluable advice. Equally valuable is the input of hundreds of reviewers who, throughout the year, provide their time and resources to help *The Journal* select cutting-edge research for publication. These individuals are acknowledged at the back of this issue.

The Journal continues to flourish as one of the top clinical neurology journals. We see continuous growth in the number of submissions each year, yet we remain dedicated to accepting only manuscripts that rank in the top 25%, according to reviewer input. Our international presence remains impressive. Last year, about 40% of our submissions came from United States authors, with authors from Canada, China, Germany, The Netherlands, and the United Kingdom as other top contributors. Outside of the United States, our website had visits from users in more than 180 countries, from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe.

The Journal has recently undertaken efforts to reinforce author disclosure practices with regard to all journal submissions, but a renewed effort has been made to include disclosures in letters to the editor and commentaries. The importance of revealing potential conflicts of interest cannot be understated for any type of submission. As always, *The Journal* requires consent from study subjects, approval from institutional review boards, and adherence to national and international guidelines for animal studies and declines to publish uncontrolled trials.

I am pleased to report success in our efforts to publish accepted materials as soon as possible. Most manuscripts appear electronically within 6 to 8 weeks of acceptance, and then appear in the print version within 4 to 5 months. Beginning with this issue is the addition of pages that are published electronically only. Although just the abstract of these articles appears in the print version, they still appear in the Table of Contents in the print version of *The Journal*, along with a link to the website where readers can view the complete paper. These articles are also fully indexed by MEDLINE and are used in calculating *The Journal's* Impact Factor. This feature allows *The Journal* to publish more quality research despite page limitations, and we have found it to be particularly helpful in cases where accepted manuscripts contain lengthy tables and appendices.



The Journal continues to be active among social media outlets such as Facebook, mobile phone applications, and more, and continues to feature 3 articles per month on *The Journal's* website (<http://jpain.org>). One article is presented as part of our Journal Club feature, including questions that mentors can use to enhance learning. In addition, 2 articles are selected for promotion based on their contributions to the literature. Subscribers can access issues via iPhone, iPad, and Android. Readers can view tables of contents and abstracts, access the current issue, save articles for offline reading, and more.

I look forward to continued excellence and am humbled by the number of scientists who submit findings from their cutting-edge research to *The Journal*. We are also very open to ideas and suggestions to further improve *The Journal* to make it even more useful to researchers and clinicians. Please feel welcome to contact me with any ideas at jpain@jpain.us.

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