

FROM THE EDITOR

A Thank You Note from the Editor**Elmahdi A. Elkhammas**

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Ibnosina Journal of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences (IJMBS) is moving slowly but steadily toward improvement in several quality indicators of medical publishing. It is this time of year that we publish the last issue of 2010. Clearly, as with any other successful community project, the success is the combined effort of many team members. I would like to take this time to update our readers on the journal's status, prior to acknowledging the effort of the hard-working team members.

The journal has continued to publish a few selected, peer-reviewed manuscripts every other month. Our registered members exceed 400, with over 200 authors, and over 300 reviewers in our database. Our readers come from 129 countries, with the United States, United Arab Emirates, Libya, India, UK, and Canada being the leading countries. Several indexes now include the journal in their databases. Several university libraries have included the journal as an educational resource for faculty and students. Currently, our initial rejection rates are > 50%, however, with

mentoring, 37% of submitted manuscripts are revised and resubmitted. The mentoring process is working much of the time. We have had difficulties, like other journals, with attempted plagiarism, which is beyond the scope of this letter.

Our journal would not have been able to continue without the efforts of our team of health care professionals. Most of the members of the editorial board have done their best to move the journal forward, and recruit reviewers and advice authors, as well as to suggest ideas to the EIC. I would like to thank all members of the editorial board for their help. Without the skills of Betty Dodson, Amna Salhin, and Mourad Senussi, we would have not been able to present the articles in their current format. We also thank the authors for their trust and for choosing the journal to publish their research. Our reviewers have been vitals to the life of the journal. They all are volunteers. No compensations are offered. They volunteer their time to help review manuscripts, suggesting ideas to enhance

the submissions, as well as the journal itself. Some of the reviewers function as mentoring advisors for some authors, which results in maturation of several abstracts to the level of international review and publications. The following list includes the reviewers of the journal for the period 2009-2010.

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