

EDITORIAL

Ibnosina Journal of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences: Stepping into the Sixth Year

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By the publication of this editorial, Ibnosina Journal of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences would have completed 5 years of its age (1). It would have published 201 articles spread over 1327 pages. There has been a progressive increase in the articles over the years (Table 1). It has been a good experience for a large number of healthcare professionals. We were able to afford individual advice and coaching for authors from developing countries. Authors were assigned individual editors to work closely with them for editing and maturation of the manuscript prior to submission for reviews. Such service, very few international journals may have, was very much needed and fulfilled one of the main goals of launching this journal. Such dedication resulted in indexing the journal in more than 8 medical indices. Of course this has helped with more exposure of the journal. Comparing 2012 and 2013, we had 11,159 vs 16,089 visitors with 44% increase in the numbers of visits. We had 58,325 vs 68,572 page views with increase of 17.57%. During the same comparison period we saw

10% increase in our new visitors. I like to mention that our readers are from most of the globe.

All this was done with the help of the editorial board, reviewers, copy editors, proofreaders, readers and our authors. No grants or outside financial support has been requested or obtained. All financial support came from the founders. Having said that, we are very grateful for all our supporters and we continue our promise to help authors in maturing and editing their manuscripts before submitting them for international reviewers. We will continue our step toward getting Medline indexing, as it remains an important milestone for the journal and needed step for our authors.

Another issue is the chief editor situation. I have been the editor en chief since launching of the journal in 2009. It goes along with the mission of the journal to allow new blood to take part of the leadership. Dr. Salem Beshyah has been my coeditor without recognition for the last two years. It is

| Table 1. Bibliometric data of the journal over the last 5 years. | | | | | | |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Bibliometric data | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | All |
| Volumes | 3 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 27 |
| Pages | 112 | 308 | 224 | 279 | 404 | 1327 |
| All Articles | 21 | 43 | 45 | 36 | 56 | 201 |
| Originals | 9 | 15 | 18 | 15 | 30 | 88 |
| Reviews | 1 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 12 |
| Case reports, Quizzes | 6 | 13 | 18 | 10 | 14 | 61 |
| Editorials, Commentaries, View Points | 3 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 21 |
| Special Communications, Abstracts Books, Conference Reports | 1 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 12 |
| Correspondence | 1 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 11 |

time to recognize him as a coeditor as a transition phase for him to become the editor en chief as soon as the Medline evaluation is completed. He has done a remarkable job with recruiting more reviewers and the general development of the journal.

On a last note, I like to wish all of you a very productive and healthy new year with less wars and more stable economies. We all know that healthcare is a work in progress for all countries and reforms are on the discussion table all over the world. I like to encourage my colleagues to invest in education, research, ethics, outcome as venues to help reforms for future medicine. Medicine that is patient centered with better quality, patient safety, and less financial burden. We started seeing original articles that are unique in their research style and ability to reflect practices in developing countries, which will increase the journal citations and impact factor if it continued to be of importance. One of our special communications in the 2009 was considered so unique to present the harmony between religion and medicine it has been cited 22 times to date (2).

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