

EDITORIAL

We are extremely encouraged by the responses we received to our new Journal. It is true that the only constant thing in this life is that change will come and with JBSPR a change has come to the pharmaceutical and medical journal landscape. We promise to keep enhancing the output of the Journal by ensuring that only good quality manuscripts are processed for publication and secondly by effectively monitoring the review process to enable articles to be published as quickly as possible.

During the period between the publication of the first and this second edition, the National Library was able to complete the process of assigning JBSPR its International Standard Serial Number (ISSN) [*shown below and elsewhere on this site*] and we are indeed glad that we are slowly but surely getting all our ducks in a row.

Let me again remind us that the JBSPR website has opportunity for blogs. We can respond to posts already made or we can initiate our own posts in order to provide another avenue for teaching and learning. In this edition of the Journal, we carried a continuing education item on antibiotics research which we believe will be useful for us. Again, change is constant indeed.

Finally, permit me to also remind us that we are positioning this journal as a truly international one as we are actively seeking membership of COPE, Committee of Publication Ethics, hence utilizing the Principles of Transparency and Best Practice in Scholarly Publishing in setting up and running the Journal. This will make membership of COPE a more straight-forward matter than if we are reacting after the fact. We would like you to trust us to not only meet but exceed all requirements to ensure we qualify for this membership when the due time arrives.

As the year runs to an end, we urge you to refocus your energy towards creative writing. Especially for our colleagues in patient-facing practice areas, community and hospital, make time out to

publish a practice-oriented article that will provide us with useful and useable data for future planning, forecasting and/interventions. For those of us in the academia or research institutes, pick up that half-written article or that manuscript that requires you to just finetune the referencing, give it that final push and confront us early in the new year with your good quality articles for publication. You will be glad you did.

Thank you and have a great day.



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