

Editorial Message

Neurosciences continues to be the leading journal for Neurosciences in Saudi Arabia and the Middle East. In January 2007, Neurosciences was indexed by Thomson ISI in Science Citation Index Expanded online® at ISI Web of Knowledge SM and Neurosciences Citation Index. Since then a significantly increased volume of scientific articles continues to be submitted to the journal by enthusiastic authors, a fact that enriches the scientific contents of the journal. In 2009, we had a total number of website hits of 499,972 with a monthly average of 41,600. We received a total of 148 manuscripts, with a monthly average of 12 and an average rejection rate of 24%. From these, we published a total of 97 articles, totaling 401 pages for the entire volume. Thirty-seven percent of these were original articles. Sixty-one percent of published articles were from the Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMR), with 29% from KSA, 4% from the Gulf, and 27% from other Arab and EMR countries. The remaining 38% of published articles we received from Bosnia, China, India, Nigeria, Turkey, the United Kingdom, and the United States. The average time from received to acceptance of original articles was 3.6 months and 2.5 months for acceptance to publication. Reasons for rejection included unrelated topics, poor contents, or duplicate publication.

We would like to thank the Editorial and Advisory Board Members for their significant contribution to maintain the standards of Neuroscience and looking forward to their important continued role in achieving our goals for 2009.

In 2010, we aim to increase the number of issues to meet the increased load of manuscripts. Our objective is to enrich the scientific Neuroscience material presented by the journal with important topic reviews and regular neuroscience quizzes to achieve PubMed indexing. We will continue to promote our new web-based manuscript submission interface; strive to reduce the time from received to acceptance and acceptance to publication to no more than 3 to 4 months each; attend regional conferences, and participate in academic activities to encourage submission of high quality articles; encourage editorial board members to solicit potential authors from conferences; and commission our best reviewers to write good articles and encourage editorial board members to contribute material for a regular editorial feature on topical issues. We will continue with our new features, the highlights from international neuroscience meetings, regular basic neuroscience review articles, and 5 MCQ's on basic/clinical neuroscience in each issue. These features will greatly enhance the journal and make it more attractive to trainees and board residents. However, their success will rely heavily on the contributions that we receive.

The strict check for duplicate publication and plagiarism will continue, and if detected appropriate action will be taken in accordance with international guidelines. A small number of articles were rejected last year due to extensive plagiarism and duplicate publication.

This year, we are honored to be the Official Journal of Saudi Neurological Surgery.

We hope all our readers continue to benefit from the introduction of the Arabic abstracts, and enjoy the new look and the feel of the journal. We extend our sincerest thanks to our authors, readers, reviewers, and board members, and wish all a successful year.

Saud Al-Omani
Editor-In-Chief

Sonia Khan
Associate Editor

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Our thanks also go to the following reviewers, who have participated in the excellent review of manuscripts and books for the year 2009.

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Govaert P	Rana AQ	

**Reviewed 3 or more articles for the year 2009*