

# Editorial Message

*In 2011, we received a total of 231 manuscripts, with a monthly average of 19 and an average rejection rate of 29%. From these, we published a total of 89 articles, totaling 413 pages for the entire volume. Thirty-two percent of these were original articles. Sixty-three percent of published articles were from the Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMR), with 28% from KSA, 3.3% from the Gulf, and 31% from other Arab and EMR countries. The remaining 37% of published articles we received from Brazil, Canada, China, India, Italy, Malaysia, and Turkey. The average time from received to acceptance of original articles was 3.25 months and 2.8 months for acceptance to publication. Reasons for rejection included unrelated topics, poor content, not meeting the requirements of the journal, authors failing to submit revisions and other necessary requirements, and 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 2012. You will notice that we have made considerable changes to the Editorial Board this year, most obvious in the increased number of international specialists. We are honoured that have agreed to join the board, and their individual contributions will be of great value to the journal. This year also saw the addition of a new Associate Editor, Dr. Mohammed Al-Zawahmah, who is a stroke and neurological critical care specialist with the Riyadh Military Hospital. We are sure that Dr. Al-Zawahmah will make significant contributions to the journal and hope that you will all join us in welcoming him to this new position.*

*Following on from our previous successful inclusion of Neurosciences in MEDLINE and PubMed, we continue to strive to include the abstracts dating back to 2000. In the coming months we also hope to embark on an ambitious project, the back issue digitization of all our previous issues, dating back to 1996. This project will consist of 3 main phases, the first of which is the scanning of all hard copies, and compilation of individual PDFs for each and every article published. The second phase will be in the uploading of these PDFs to the journal website and the inclusion of all abstract details on PubMed. The third and final phase will be the production of both HTML and XML files for the full text of each and every article published to date in Neurosciences. On successful completion of this project, we hope that all articles published will be available not only on the journal website and PubMed but also on PubMed Central.*

*For 2012, we hope to continue our high standard of quality publications by following our strict criteria for acceptance of local, regional, and international publications. These criteria include checking for plagiarism and duplication, and ensuring that ethical approval and informed consent are obtained where necessary. As an indication of our commitment to maintaining the highest ethical standards, in 2011 the journal became a member of the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE). We will continue this membership for the coming year ahead, ensuring that the journal is in compliance with international recommendations and guidelines on publication ethics.*

*Neurosciences will adopt an open access (OA) policy in 2012. Implementing OA will increase the accessibility and the visibility of the journal content by providing free access to the full text in HTML and PDF format. Articles will be published under the terms of the Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial License (CC BY-NC), where readers may copy, distribute, and display the work for non-commercial purposes with the proper citation of the original work.*

*During 2012, authors will be able to submit papers on our new user-friendly web-based manuscript processing system. This system will also include peer-review, editing, publication, and content management, and will facilitate the global indexing of journal content. The introduction of this new system in the coming months will be of benefit to authors, reviewers, readers, researchers, and off course, the journals editorial staff. Although there will be a period of adjustment in the early stages, we are confident that the long-term benefits of speeding up and streamlining the publication process, and increased dissemination and exposure through indexing will be soon be evident.*

*We hope all our readers continue to benefit from the published material, and 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 2011.*

Abdel-Salam G	Covanis A	Koul R	Scerrati A
Abdullah JM	Covic M	Koutourousiou M	Schneider S
Abou-Elhamd K	Cui B	Kuch B	Segers K
Abu-Jayyab AR	Cupler E		Seizeur R*
Addas BMJ		Lakhwani L	Senol G
Agazzi S	Dervic K	Lassmann H	Seraj MA
Alexander J	Dhossche D	Lee EJ	Shaiq BB
Alkhunaizi AM	Dhurmaz R	Lee J	Shihabuddin B
Alsaadi T	Duan W	Liu F	Shimizu F
Alsinde HYM	Dubey R	Liu MY	Siqueira M
Alvarez V	Ducic I	Luepker R	Sofi M
Al-Zawahmah M			Spinner R
Amir N	Ebers G	Maas A	Squitieri F
Azeem MA	Egan B	Maher C	Sturiale C
	El-Gohary A	Mahmoud AH	Suzuki K
		Marbacher S	
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Al-Baradie RS*	Feher G	Martin RS	Taha M
Al-Hadidi MT	Ferro JM	Melaiki BT*	Tariq M
Al-Hamaid F	Friedman J	Montinaro A	Tatagiba M
Al-Hayani AA		Mori M	Thanoon IAJ
Al-Jehani H	Gaul C	Moussa M	Thevathasan W
Al-Quliti KW	Gil-Mohapel J		Tringali S
Al-Shaer AR	Gouider R*	Nagashima T	Turgut M
Al-Shahwan S	Guenole F	Neuhaus O	
Al-Sheikh F*			Uluc K
			Us E
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Badran DH	Hariz M	Ohaeri J	
Bahannan A	Hiraumi H		
Bahou YG	Hoey L	Pai V*	Vafaei AA
Bakhsh A	Homoud MM*	Pais-Ribeiro JL	Vicchio M
Bakhshani NM	Honjol N	Papathanasiou E	Vignoli A
Barrutia AM	Hosseini A	Perucca E	Von Holst A
Bartels RH		Petridis A	Vural M
Bataineh A	Ichimura S	Pluta R*	
Baz S	Islam Z	Plzak J	Wahab K
Ben-Menachen E			Welge-Lussen A
Berhouma M	Jad L*	Qureshi S*	Wels M
Binshaig B	Jan MS*		Werder S
Bohlega S	Jha DK	Rana AQ	
Bohnen N	Jiang J	Rossi E	Yang K
Bussarsky A	Jost G	Rossi S	Yi Z
Bybee R		Rota E	Yoshihiko N
Byrne RW	Kabiraj M	Rotge JY	
	Kapusta N	Rudd A*	Zephir H
Campero A*	Khalifa A*		Zhang Z
Cengiz S	Kirshner H	Saadedin I	Zilidis G
Coskun S	Kouchaksaraei FR	Saboori M	Zoltan E

*\*Reviewed 3 or more articles for the year 2011*