

Editorial Message

Neuroscience Journal continues to be the leading journal for Neurosciences in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. In 2015, a phenomenal growth in terms of Journal Impact Factor (IF), the journal had an increase in the journal's IF from 0.391 for 2013 to 0.708 for 2014. The IF is a measure reflecting an increase in the average number of citations to recent articles published in the journal. (Figure 1)

For each article published in the journal, we start to include digital object identifier (DOI), a unique identifier to link to the published content and lead to the correct source.

The journal has experienced a growing number of withdrawal of submissions after peer review process or after the provisional acceptance. The journal took disciplinary measures for unethical withdrawal of manuscripts. For this reason, the journal adopted a withdrawal policy. Details of this policy are available in the Instructions to Authors section. With this new policy, the number of withdrawn papers will drop in the coming months ahead.

We took this year an opportunity to present different kinds of data and enhance the scientific content of the journal, we introduced Clinical Practice Guidelines and Systematic Review as new article types in the journal.

The Neurosciences journal is also indexed in EBSCO data base. EBSCO is a leading provider of research data base, e-journals, magazines, e-books. This is a step to enrich the exposure of the journal in many different database.

Another step to increase the exposure of our journal among scientific committees in the region, we encourage the local societies to establish collaboration with the Neurosciences journal for the benefit of the journal and encourage the members of the societies to promote its scientific content.

In 2016, we are looking forward to enhancing the online and digital presence of the journal, through the implementation of the online submission system and indexing the journal in PubMed Central.

***Editorial team.** We would like to take this opportunity to honor Maj. Gen. Saeed M. Al-Asmary the Editorial Director, upon his retirement. We would like to express our gratitude and appreciate all his support over the years.*

After years of dedicated editorship, Dr. Ali AlBarrak stepped down as Editor-in-Chief to focus more on his responsibilities in the Ministry of Health. During his tenure as Editor-In-Chief, Neurosciences journal had many progresses.

With great sadness, we also bid farewell to one of the senior dedicated member, Assistant Editor, Susan Douglas. Having worked for several years, she has been responsible for supervising the Editing section of the journal.

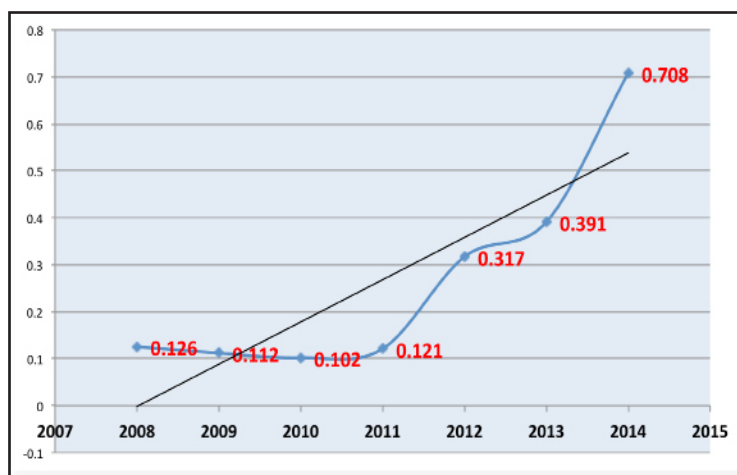


Figure 1 - Impact factor for the Neurosciences journal over the last years.

On a positive note, we welcome the new Editorial Director Maj. Gen. Suleiman M. Al-Malik. We look forward to benefiting highly from his expertise in the years ahead.

We congratulate Dr. Fahdah Alokaily, on her appointment as the new Editor-in-Chief of Saudi Medical Journal and Neurosciences. With her experience, we wish her all the success in this position. We believe that Neurosciences journal will continue the success under her competent leadership.

Yearly statistics. *In 2015, we received a total number of 147 manuscripts, with an average rejection rate of 53%. Reasons for rejection included papers out the scope of the journal, of low scientific quality, not meeting the requirements of the journal, authors failing to submit the revisions and other necessary requirements, and duplicate publication.*

However, over 4 issues of 2015, we published a total number of 74 articles which include: 25 originals, 3 editorials, 6 reviews, 19 case reports, 1 clinical note, 2 clinical images, 5 brief communications, 1 brief report, 4 correspondences, 4 meeting highlights, and 4 MCQs with a total of 392 pages for the entire volume. The average processing time from received to acceptance was 5.5 months and 2.5 months from acceptance to publication and we are pleased to maintain the average processing time frame stable over the last year.

With thanks. *We extend our thanks to the Editorial and Advisory Board Members for their significant contributions to maintaining the standards of the journal, and we look forward to their important continued role in achieving our goals for 2016. We would like to thank the outgoing Advisory Board member (Bassam Addas) who had now finished his term and would like to welcome Mohammad Tariq to the Advisory Board. We also extend our thanks to the outgoing Editorial Board members (Tariq Abalkhail, Adel Albazzani, Hosam Al-Jehani, Salah Almubarak and Fatimah A. Alqarni) and welcome (Hadeel AlKhamees, Abdulwahed Barnawi, Abdulaziz Alghamdi, Khalid Hundallah, and Reem Alkhater). We are honored they have agreed to join the board, and their individual contributions will be of great value to the journal. We continue the international diversity of members that the current board offers.*

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.

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Associate Editor

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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 2015.

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