Editor’s Note

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In this issue the following three have been added; Sarajevo declaration (included in the guidelines of Annals of Abbasi Shaheed Hospital and Karachi Medical and Dental College), Pictorial QUIZ (which will be a regular feature of the journal), and an update of the HEC-Y category recognition of the journal.

Sarajevo Declaration

In this issue we are including points from the Sarajevo Declaration on Integrity and Visibility of Scholarly Publication (which can be accessed at, http://neuron.mefst.hr/docs/CMJ/issues/2016/57/6/cmj_57_6_gasparyan_28051276.pdf) as additional guidelines in our journal. The declaration has been composed keeping in mind the problems faced by journals in unconventional science countries. This mainly supports and adds in a more simple manner the details already available in our journal and international guidelines print at other website, but in a more simple and direct manner. This effort is aimed at raising the standards of manuscripts sent by authors by upgrading standards of editing and publishing scholarly journals.

A multi-faceted approach is included considering the points put forward by the declaration. Dependability and ethicality of the publications has to be maintained by pursuing authors to provide verified sources of information and put forward inspired and original material. Global platforms need to be put into use for promotional purposes in order to make articles more visible online and Open Researcher and Contributor ID (ORCID) can prove to be a great catalyst for this along with the functionality of the journal’s website. In order to minimize error in publication, any kind of misconduct or inaccuracy in articles should be reported and a suggestion has been made to invite experienced editors to review problematic or poorly written articles. Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and academic credits should be offered to contributors involved in activities in reviewing and publication. Editors should be up to date with the most recent global recommendations e.g. International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE), in appropriate authorship, conflict of interest, plagiarism and other faces of science misconduct.

Pictorial Quiz

To enhance the knowledge that our journal imparts, we shall be introducing a pictorial quiz consisting of a photograph of a clinical condition along with a scenario followed by questionS based on it, the key to which will be provided. We anticipate that this addition will enlighten our readers knowledge. The readers are welcome to send quizzes for the journal with pictures/scenarios/CT Scans etc. after obtaining permission from the patient and no conflict of interest.

HEC ‘Y’ CATEGORY

On a happy note, this is to inform you that the journal, Annals of Abbasi Shaheed Hospital and Karachi Medical and Dental College has been updated to ‘Y’ category from ‘Z’ category with effect from 9th January 2017. We still need to work hard to get a JCR (Journal Citation Reports) in terms of impact factor.

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