

# New challenges in the new year for Phcog Mag.: 5 years of quality publication

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When we started in the year 2005, it was very anxious how things might turn out with the new journal started during that time. I am very happy to present you a report on Phcog Mag. for the last 5 years. The journal seems to be flourishing and expanding day by day. High-quality papers are being published in every issue and the issue is being launched on time. It was a remarkable amount of growth when we merged with Medknow Publications and Media Pvt. Ltd. in the year 2009. We are now having an online manuscript submission system (Journalonweb) through which peer review process is much faster. Our site is fully dynamic and the papers being published are now available in multiple formats such as PDF, Full text, ePUB, Sword repository plugin, eBook, etc. We have received only positive comments about the new cover that was introduced last year. So, this will remain in place for the foreseeable future. We have summarized the achievement as highlights of the year 2010 [Table 1]. We are very thankful to Medknow Publications and Media Pvt. Ltd. for their excellent work in making our journal reach good heights.

**Table 1: Highlights of the year 2010**

- PubMed indexing
- Online manuscript submission system (Journalonweb)
- Articles published in multiple format
- Issues are now available in eBook format
- References are downloaded in different citation format
- New page layout and journal cover
- New Editorial Board
- Inclusion of more than 200 new reviewers, etc.
- Speedier publication process
- Swift decisions and faster peer review

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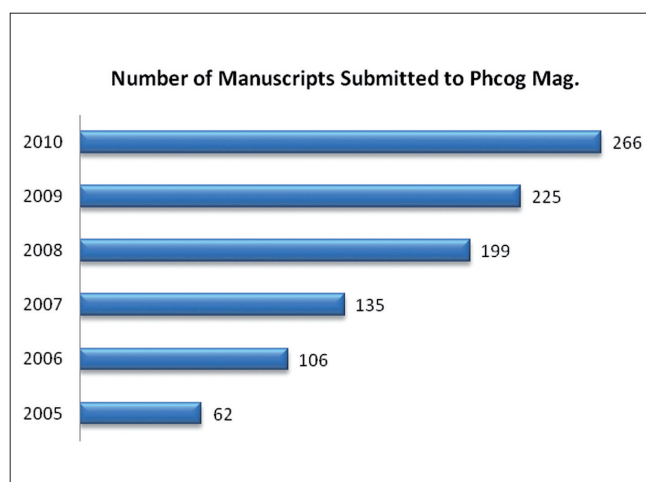
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## QUALITY ARTICLES

We hope you enjoyed reading the articles published last year. We already have enough leading articles for 2010. We had a successful year in 2009, with over 266 submissions. The number of submissions is increasing year by year [Figure 1]. These articles of course will be available online well before their print publication date. Phcog Mag. is known for publishing the issue on time. Our article has passed the litmus test and it is now indexed in most of the databases such as CAB Abstracts, Caspur, Chemical Abstracts, CSA databases, DOAJ, EBSCO Publishing's Electronic Databases, Excerpta Medica/EMBASE, Google Scholar, Hinari, Index Copernicus, Indian Science Abstracts, Journal Citation Reports, OpenJGate, PrimoCentral, ProQuest, PubMed, Pubmed Central, Science Citation Index Expanded, SCOLOAR, SCOPUS, SIIC databases, Summon by Serial Solutions, Ulrich's International Periodical Directory, Web of Science, etc.

## PEER REVIEW PROCESS

On behalf of the Editor-in-Chief and editorial board members, I would like to thank all the reviewers who have



**Figure 1:** Number of submissions in the past 5 years

helped us in refining the papers submitted to Phcog Mag. We acknowledge them fully for their contribution and we have published a list of all of our reviewers in page 81. Table 2 summarizes the acceptance/ratio percentage. Performance of our reviewers is included in Table 3. We are constantly adding new reviewers. Hopefully, we will have large number of active and dedicated reviewers by this year end. Our reviewers review the papers for us on time. Not all the time, our reviewers' response toward my invitation is fruitful. Most of our reviewers remain busy with their busy research or academic schedules. We are extremely thankful to them for spending their precious time in refining the articles of Phcog Mag.

## PROCESSING TIME OF MANUSCRIPTS

The manuscripts are now peer reviewed using the powerful manuscript handling system, Journalonweb (Courtesy: Medknow Publications). The processing time of the manuscript is improving day by day. As can be seen in

**Table 2: Number of Articles submitted along with accepted/rejected ratio during the year 2010**

| Article type        | Submitted | Accepted | Rejected | Under review |
|---------------------|-----------|----------|----------|--------------|
| Editorial           | 8         | 1 (13)   | 7 (88)   | 0 (0)        |
| Guest editorial     | 1         | 1 (100)  | 0 (0)    | 0 (0)        |
| Letter to editor    | 3         | 2 (67)   | 1 (33)   | 0 (0)        |
| Original article    | 240       | 68 (28)  | 136 (57) | 36 (15)      |
| Short communication | 14        | 2 (14)   | 10 (71)  | 2 (14)       |
| Total decisions     | 228       | 74 (32)  | 154 (68) |              |
| Total articles      | 266       | 74 (28)  | 154 (58) |              |

Courtesy: Journalonweb, Figures in parentheses are in percentage

**Table 4: Submitted to first decision for the year 2010**

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| Number of articles submitted                    | 266             |
| Days to suggest reviewers                       | 7.63 (0, 51)    |
| Days taken by reviewers                         | 21.44 (1, 42)   |
| Days taken by the Editor for decision           | 7.50 (0, 78)    |
| Days until paper is under review                | 36.57           |
| Revisions for the year 2010                     |                 |
| Days from first decision until revision arrives | 14.82 (0, 79)   |
| Days for the Editor to take decision            | 1.00 (0, 1)     |
| Days to send revision decision by the Editors   | 1.00 (0, 1)     |
| Days from revision receipt to revision decision | 2               |
| Accepted papers for the year 2010               |                 |
| Days from first submission to acceptance        | 106.40 (0, 198) |
| Days from acceptance to publication             | 56.35 (9, 119)  |

Courtesy: Journalonweb

Table 4, the number of days to suggest and add reviewers is within a week's time. Table 4 also shows the Editor's response toward the reviewers, author's reply, and the publication time. The number of days utilized for a paper is now approximately around 106 days from the time of submission. The total period of publication time from the time of submission is now approximately 56 days. We will try to reduce the time in the coming years by speeding the pagination and editorial/peer review process.

Table 5 summarizes the number of authors registered in manuscript submission site. As can be seen, more and more papers are being submitted from abroad

## CHALLENGES AHEAD

We are constantly working on the quality of articles published in each issue. From January 2011, we have restricted to publish the content covering preliminary studies, etc.<sup>[1]</sup> Further, based on authors' need, we have included many article types from this year.

There is a drastic rise in the article downloads from the website and we are expecting that more number of articles will be cited in this year. Phcog Mag. SNIP value for the year 2009 is 0.260 (Courtesy: SCOPUS). It is likely to have Scmiago Journal Ranking (SJR) as we are already indexed in SCOPUS and we are also expecting to have an Impact Factor at the end of this year and I would like to list here the most cited articles from 2008.<sup>[2-25]</sup> Finally, I would like to inform that the publishing cost is very high. As we are

**Table 3: Reviewers' performance for the year 2010**

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Total referees                           | 167        |
| Number of reviewers used (/article)      | 122 (2)    |
| Number of reviewers responded (/article) | 101 (1)    |
| Reviewers on time                        | 135 (111%) |
| Returned late                            | 67 (55%)   |
| Never returned                           | 46 (38%)   |
| Required reminders                       | 0          |

Courtesy: Journalonweb

**Table 5: Results for the year 2010**

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Total number of authors registered with the site              | 337       |
| Number of authors who have submitted manuscripts              | 215       |
| Number of authors who have submitted more than one manuscript | 10        |
| Number of manuscripts from abroad                             | 143 (54%) |
| Number of original articles from abroad                       | 134 (56%) |

Courtesy: Journalonweb

not still self-sufficient to cover the cost, we request all the authors to subscribe the journal and strengthen us financially.

I wish you a Happy New Year!

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