

Editorial

With the publication of this issue, MJMHS has completed three years of its life. It is time to assess whether the journal has achieved its aim - for researchers to share their findings by publishing their work in a peer reviewed journal of high quality. The answer is an unqualified yes.

The journal has survived its infancy. It has increasing readership, both national and international, as judged by numerous articles sent for publication from abroad and other institutions within Malaysia. The reviewers are all experienced in their fields mostly from other institutions within Malaysia.

Yes, there have been hiccups. It could be published more regularly. For this the editorial board needs your cooperation to send in more manuscripts such that there is a steady bank of manuscripts waiting to be published.

To survive we need to grow. In due course we plan to increase the frequency of publication from the present twice a year to thrice a year. The aim is to maintain and even to augment the high standards already set. Content of the journal demands careful thought.

We encourage all young researchers to send in even more manuscripts for publication. It takes an enormous effort to write a scientific manuscript but it can be made easy when we follow the advice of the experts. Construct short sentences that are easy to read and to comprehend. Use simple words, don't use – “to ambulate” when “to walk” is good enough, or “radio-carpal joint” when the “wrist joint” is perfectly adequate. Always use past tense as you are reporting what has already happened. Avoid rhetoric. Avoid using adjectives if possible. Be brief – don't you use two words if one would suffice. The editors are there to help you polish the paper in terms of the language and to point out if there are any flaws in the methodology and analysis. But the most important element of any scholarly paper is the scientific rigour of the article. Only you as the writer can ensure that and we will do the rest to ensure the paper is published. So we look forward to receiving more papers from all of you.

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