PROGRESS IN IJCB: ONLINE EDITORIAL WORKFLOW AND E-PUBLISHING

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It is indeed a great pleasure to bring forth the first ever 'Online' Issue of our very own Indian Journal of Clinical Biochemistry (IJCB). In my more than 30 years of constant association with the Association of Clinical Biochemists of India (ACBI), I have seen the most competent people at the helm, working hard to take the journal to greater heights. The zeal of these people motivated me to work to the best of my ability and attach another feather to the Journal. I believe each and everyone associated with the ACBI would be very delighted to know that IJCB is launching its very first Online Issue and from now on, each quarterly issue of the Journal would be available on our website (www.ijcb.co.in) as soon as it is published. Moreover, the ACBI life members will be privileged to access the publications without paying any extra fee. The Journal will also be available on Springer's content platform the Springerlink (www.springerlink.com), which is world's most comprehensive online collection of scientific, technological and medical journals, books and reference works. As we are all aware, Internet has made the world smaller and more accessible, therefore IJCB's multiple content Websites will be available in every corner of the world, attracting more academicians, scholars, researchers, young biochemists and students. The Journal's Websites will also be allowing wider coverage of population and hence tapping those readers who did not have access to the IJCB. In the last few years the Journal has changed for good and can proudly be rated among the best publications currently being published worldwide, with respect to the variety of its intellectual/scholarly input and stimulating content.

1. IJCB will henceforth use 'online manuscript submission, review and acceptance procedure'. This procedure would include multiple reviewing of a particular publication i.e. undergoing stringent content and quality review standards. The website would be serving as an editorial office on the web, providing individualized

password protected area of each authority (Author, Reviewer, Editor and Staff), Double-blind peer review, automated e-mail notifications and reminders. With this change, articles can be received and processed at any hour of the day, facilitating faster clerical work, reduced submission-decision time and allowing authors to keep a track of their submitted articles, with increased ease.

2. The entire online process is being managed in association with the Indian office of Springer. The author can submit his/her manuscript either by logging on to www.ijcb.co.in and clicking 'submit a manuscript' or can directly log on to www.editorialmanager.com/ijcb and submit their manuscript by following simple steps.
3. As we are aware that authors need the broadest possible audience to disseminate their findings and readers require widest possible access to the relevant literature database. Therefore, IJCB's initiative of providing online web-based publication is expected to be successful in its objective of faster dissemination of scientific information through expedited peer review, editorial and production work, and distribution. Further, IJCB's websites on <http://www.springer.com/12291> and www.springerlink.com would be providing various facilities such as search across the fullest text of multiple articles, to submit comments/remarks on published articles, referencing and external linking, linking from other sites and international norms in e-publishing.

I do hope the new functional changes will stand the test of time. I am sure that the ACBI esteemed membership including the Corporate Wing, would appreciate the changes being brought about. I am most grateful to the President, the Secretary and the Office Bearers who have consented to the changes. I am most thankful to the Associate and Assistant Editor who have relentlessly worked towards the fulfillment of this task. The Advisory Board and the Editorial Board will always be my guides. I hope that the Reviewers would also find the new system convenient for effective review process.

Let us all co-operate to make this journal better by using the facilities now available to us, and submit our best articles for publication in the print as well as online version of the journal.

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