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Editorial

A journey of the Journal of Clinical Orthopaedics and Trauma

Journal of Clinical Orthopaedics and Trauma (JCOT) is an official publication of the Delhi Orthopaedic Association (DOA) and was started in 2010, on the encouragement and valuable guidance of Professor Sudhir Kapoor and leadership of Professor Lalit Maini, as the founder Editor of JCOT. It has seen remarkable growth since launch, and especially after its inclusion in Scopus and Pubmed (in 2012). The number of articles and issues per year of JCOT has seen tremendous growth since its inception. From two issues per year initially, now there has been a threefold increase in less than a decade (Fig. 1). It is regularly published by Elsevier on a quarterly basis, with its complimentary copies posted to all the members of DOA and online access to all the user of Science Direct, Clinical Key and Journal-cot.com. Due to the continuous increase in the popularity of JCOT, the number of submission and readership has risen significantly (Fig. 2). In first three quarters of 2018, the total number of submissions have reached to around 400 (and it is expected to cross 500, by the year end) and its online usage in the same duration has reached to around 38,000 (and is expected to cross 50,000 by the year end). A total of 654 papers have been published in JCOT since 2010, and these papers have been cited 790

times. The present H index of JCOT, as calculated on the SCOPUS database is 10. The Cite score of JCOT has recently surpassed that of other major Orthopaedic journals published from South Asia including Indian Journal of Orthopaedics (IJO), Journal of Orthopaedic Surgery (Hong Kong) and Chinese Journal of Traumatology (Fig. 3).

With the contributions from leading clinicians and researchers around the world, JCOT aims to provide its readers not only the latest clinical and basic research but also informed opinions that shape today's Orthopaedic practice. It thereby provides an opportunity to practice evidence-based medicine and an international perspective to help advance knowledge of the musculoskeletal system. More than 2/3rd of contributions in JCOT are in the form of either full-length original research or review articles on burning and hot topics related to Orthopaedics, with the maximum contributions and readership of JCOT, originating from India, the USA, and the UK (Fig. 4).

We believe that several factors, viz editorial efficiency, publication of articles of clinical relevance and presenting special issues on hot and burning topics, etc. have contributed to the steady progress

Fig. 1. A trend of publication of the Journal of Clinical Orthopaedics and Trauma.

ScienceDirect Usage: Top 5 Countries Last Year (2017)

Fig. 2. The country wise usage of Journal of Clinical Orthopaedics and Trauma.

Fig. 3. A comparative, graphic demonstration of the growth of important Orthopaedic Journals of Asian countries.

of JCOT. The present editorial speed of JCOT is superior to most of its competition journals, with the submission of first decision in 9.3 weeks and 15.8 weeks for a final decision (Fig. 5). So far, many special issues have been published in JCOT viz. “Restore cartilage to save a joint,” “Arthroplasty,” “Arthroplasty,” “Traumatic Spine Injuries” and “3-D Printing”. We have also planned many mini-symposia to be published regularly in the forthcoming issues,

from the top class researchers from across the world. We strictly follow the norm of having at least two good peer reviews for each manuscript, and the present rejection rate of JCOT is around 60%.

The journal has a fantastic ever growing editorial family which embraces new enthusiasm and carries on board all the earlier founders. The JCOT has three editors, which gives the journal a

Fig. 4. The top contributors (country wise) for the Journal of Clinical Orthopaedics and Trauma.

Fig. 5. The recent Editorial outcomes of Journal of Clinical Orthopaedics and Trauma.

phenomenal strength and the process of the Editor in Chief is at the helm for six years, provides a constant possibility of growth. During the journey of JCOT, several changes have taken place. Recently, the Editorial Board has been restructured with the inclusion of 70 well known Editorial board members, with 50% are from abroad. The JCOT has recently applied for the impact factor in March 2018 and hopes to receive a favorable result. To meet the increasing demand

for publication in JCOT by the authors from all over the world, we now propose to bring six regular issues per year, as against to four issues presently (Fig. 1). JCOT is committed to help and promote research and has therefore established a Dr. P.D. Vaishya's best paper publication award and a regular scientific writing course (since 2017). This journal also has its unique website www.journal-cot.com, which is very popular.

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