



Editorial

Journal of Diabetes and Endocrine Practice—Five Years On!

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Welcome to the last issue of the year. This a very special one as it marks the journal completing 5 years of its life. It also marks the end of my second year in office—an honor and a commitment that coincide with my personal conviction in the need for developing regional high-quality medical journals in all subspecialties to fight back against the rise of predatory publishing¹ and address the needs of the regional professions whose needs may be missed or overlooked in the international scene.² The journal has progressed steadily since its inception, with a relentless rise in the number of issues, pages, and articles (► **Table 1**). Our vision has not changed from that in the founding editor-in-chief's opening editorial 5 years ago.³

This issue is numerically small in the number of articles. However, our authors have addressed physicians' and patients' perceptions and practices concerning antithyroid drug-induced agranulocytosis.

In the annual report on the State of the Association, the leadership of our association provides an update on the

association in its 11th year of age. The issue is completed by the abstract book of the free communications of the Gulf Association of Endocrinology and Diabetes (GAED 2022), Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, November 3–5, 2022.

“Is your journal indexed?” I get to asked this question repeatedly for this journal and another one with which I am associated. I tend to give a short answer as the correct answer is very long, tortuous, and may not be easily answered in a politically correct manner. The straight answer to this question for this journal is not “No” but “Not yet.” The longer we persevere and improve, the more likely we will get indexed. Some questioners are unfamiliar with the policies and practices of indexation. A journal would take 12 months to be eligible, although many journals do not attempt an application before passing the 2-year mark. However, it is the help, support, and trust of regional professionals that fill the pages of a journal with good quality material that convinces a literature selecting com-

Table 1 The progressive rise in issues and articles of *Journal of Diabetes and Endocrine Practice* over the last 5 years

Year; volume	Number of issues	Articles						
		All	Review	Original	Cases	Editorial	Comment	Others
2018; 1	1	5	1	0	2	1	0	1
2019; 2	1	4	0	3	1	0	0	0
2020; 3	3	11	1	5	2	1	0	2
2021; 4	4	41	8	17	4	4	5	3
2022; 5	4	33	4	9	5	4	7	4
All	13	94	14	34	14	10	12	10

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mittee to list it.² So, please keep this good material coming. We will always be there when the right time for the application comes.

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