

## EDITORIAL

# Ibnosina Journal of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences Moves House but Maintains Same Editorial Philosophy and Publishing Strategy.

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Over the first 8 years of its life, Ibnosina Journal of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences has been totally managed and produced in-house and also funded by the its editorial team. The team shouldered the whole publication process starting with establishing of the website and performing the whole editorial process from receiving the submissions, managing the peer-review process, taking and communicating the editorial decisions and ending with producing all the metadata and the articles with unusually heavy copyediting and layout editing tasks for many of the submissions whose authors are not native English speakers.

Eight volumes were published including over 2210 pages by the sheer perseverance of the editorial team. We can proudly state that the first article of all the issues were released online invariably within 1-2 days of the due date. Additionally, the journal has been truly open access for both authors and readers.

Our sincere thanks go to the authors for their unlimited support. This journal was initiated for the purpose of additional support for international authors to expose their medical research to English speaking communities. Our reviewers have given so many hours of their precious time to perform the needed reviews (1). The review process is known to be very demanding and time consuming and done without much rewards. Million thanks go to our reviewers. Our copy editors, layout editors, and proofreaders have done outstanding job and their efforts are highly appreciated.

The co-editors and copy editors spent tremendous amount of time to finalize difficult manuscripts. Such are those extracted by authors from their post-graduate research thesis. This is really one of the reasons for initiating the journal. We are very much interested in helping international authors with their manuscripts to mature them and make them ready for reviewers.

The current issue will be the last issue to be published directly by Ibnosina Medical Association. In the last couple of months the Association has signed up for the publication of the Journal to be managed by the global publisher Med Know. We feel that this will free more time to the true editorial processes and delegate the production process to the editorial staff of the publisher. Being on the list of journals published by this international publisher, will give IJMBS a wider dissemination and hopefully, be able to get the journal listed on many more indexes.

However, the editorial team remains committed to the true spirit of open access (2). We will stay committed to the pledge of mentoring and supporting young authors particularly from the developing parts of the world. We will maintain the journal's truly open access for both authors and readers in the foreseeable future. We will maintain our tolerant copyediting and layout editing practices, realizing that many authors all over the world may not have the necessary high level command of English to produce readily publishable manuscripts. Nonetheless, the selection process will of course remain dependent on the usual blind peer review processes. We affirm our pledge to the journal's mission and we look forward to your continued interest and support.

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