

FROM THE EDITOR

A Thank You Note From The Editor**Elmahdi A. Elkhammas**

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We have come to the end of 2009 with a well-received journal. I would like to start by thanking our reviewers. We elected to choose senior academic, experienced reviewers from the beginning. I have received very few regrets or notifications that our reviewers would be unable to review articles. We were able to gather a wide base of reviewers from different specialties and countries. All were very cooperative and agreed to review for a new journal. Their efforts have been outstanding. Some of the manuscripts required several revisions. Some needed major help with language. Others required almost rewriting of the references because they were not organized in Vancouver style. Many senior academic reviewers were busy to start with yet took the time to review for our new journal.

I am very impressed with the junior reviewers too. They were able to learn and assist at the same time. It was pleasing to watch the growth and maturity of these junior reviewers who quickly learned their role. In the beginning, many reviewers were tasked too often yet completed their requests without complaining.

We started with one copy editor. She did an outstanding job and continued to do so. Now we have few others who are doing a great job too. Copy editing is a lengthy process and requires dedication. We are fortunate to have this dedicated

team. For people who are familiar with copy editing, it really is a challenge to edit a manuscript written by authors for whom English is not their primary language.

We do not have many proofreaders but the few we have did a great job and remained busy for much of the time. They are tasked to the maximum. We are looking to get them help soon.

Our members of the editorial board were certainly the backbone behind launching the journal. Most of them have worked very hard to inform colleagues about the new journal and called for manuscripts. Several of them have done the initial reviews and have helped me with editorial process. I know they have done that in addition to their busy work duties. Some have been busy and were unable to help which was understandable, and their support is much appreciated.

I would really like to thank all of the above and other supporters for their dedication and hard work. I would like to renew the commitment of the EIC, Deputy Editor, Associate Editor, and the Editorial Board for helping authors globally as well as for recruiting and training future reviewers.