

Dear Readers,

I am pleased to state that during the year 2018, all issues of volume 80 were published online well within time and the print issues were also brought out and dispatched within 30 days of publishing the issue online. IJPS also brought out a supplement to Jan-Feb 2018 issue, which consisted of abstracts of an international meeting held in China. The JCR Impact factor of IJPS for the year 2017 remained at 0.66, while the SJR index increased to 0.434. The H-index of the journal stood at 47 and IJPS ranked first among all journals in the field of Pharmaceutical Sciences published in India, ranked 2nd in Asia and 46th in the world.

During the calendar year 2018, IJPS received a total of 1460 papers, out of which 448 articles were rejected in the preliminary screening while the rest were subjected to suitability evaluation and further processing. During 2018 around 104 articles were sent to reviewers and each article was sent to 4-6 reviewers. In the 6 issues of Volume 80 published during the year 2018, a total of 147 articles were published (at an average of 24.5 articles per issue) of which, 37.5 % articles were by foreign authors. A total of 240 research scientists from India and abroad reviewed the 147 articles published in volume 80. Average publication lag time of an article is slightly reduced to 8-11 months as against 10-12

months during 2017. Efforts would continue to reduce the average publication lag time to less than 6 months.

As the number of articles published per issue increased the number of total pages published has significantly increased and the total number of pages published in Vol 80 was 1176 as against 1029 pages of Vol. No 79 and 854 pages of Vol No 78. This has caused a substantial increase in the printing and postal/courier charges for IJPS. Hence, it became inevitable to increase the publication levy that IJPS charges only for those papers that were accepted for publication. Please refer to the new publication levy charges in IJPS online website, <http://www.ijpsonline.com/instructions.html>.

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