

### Dear Readers

I am pleased to mention that during the year 2019, all issues of volume 81 were published online well within the time and the print issues were also brought out and dispatched within 30 days of publishing the issue online. IJPS during this year also brought out a supplement to Jan-Feb 2019 issue, which consisted of 151 abstracts of an international conference on public health and hygiene. Besides IJPS also brought out an online special issue in 2019. The JCR Impact factor of IJPS for the year 2018 was 0.634, while the current SJR index dropped to 0.256. The H-index of the journal, however, increased to 50 and IJPS ranked first among all journals in the field of Pharmaceutical Sciences published in India, 2nd in Asia and 48th in the world.

During the calendar year 2019, IJPS received a total of 1680 papers, out of which 1520 articles (90%) were rejected in the preliminary screening due to plagiarism or being out of the format. During 2019 around 168 articles were subjected to the peer-review process and 164 of those were accepted. In the 6 issues of Volume 81 published during the year 2019, a total of 144 articles were published (at an average of 24 articles per

issue) of which, 50 % articles were by foreign authors. A total of 236 research scientists from India and abroad reviewed the 144 articles published in volume 81. Average publication lag time of an article was further reduced to 6-8 months.

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