

What's Up?

Soon after we decided to cease paper-based publishing of *The IJOEM*,¹ we applied for the *PubMed Central*[®] (PMC) for archiving the Journal contents. Our application has fortunately been accepted and PMC, the free digital repository of biomedical and life science scholarly publications at the US National Library of Medicine, will archive all the articles so far published in *The IJOEM* within the next few months.

Use of altmetrics now becomes an important part of modern journalism. They indicate who is talking about your research. Emphasizing the capabilities of the digital publishing, we added a plugin to our Journal Web site to evaluate and report the PlumX[®] metrics for each article published since January 2015 in the Journal.² These altmetrics provide useful information about the influence of each article.

A couple of weeks ago, many parts of Iran were struck by a devastating flood. It brought profound sorrow to millions of Iranians. This environmental disaster might be a consequence of the global warming. This issue is discussed in an Editorial in the current issue of the Journal.³ We will try to provide more details in forthcoming issues of the Journal.

Many journal editors incline to publish articles with positive findings (*ie*, with significant p values) rather than those with non-significant p values.⁴ This would result in publication bias—an important problem for the credibility of systematic reviews, as it would lead to overestimation of the effects and may suggest existence of a non-existing effect.⁵ *The IJOEM* will publish all articles as long as their research question or hypothesis is sound and the methodology used is correct, no matter the results obtained are statistically significant or not.

We have adhered to this policy since the very first issue of the Journal. In this issue of the Journal, for example, an article with non-significant p values, reports the effects of low-level occupational exposure to ammonia on kidney function.⁶

We will work hard to publish quality articles worth our readers' time. In this effort, I trust we are not alone; we count on each of you and look forward to receiving your fruitful feedbacks.

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