

Editorial

Alpha Psychiatry completed 1 year in publishing

We continue at full speed on the path that we excitedly started a year ago. In the year that has passed quickly, we have completed a very difficult transformation. I would like to report a few events that are important for recording the early stages of *Alpha Psychiatry*. First, we published the articles we took over in order of acceptance. In addition to the stylistic corrections, we were involved in the translation of some of them into English. Meanwhile, as a new journal, we started to receive articles from various countries of the world.

Since the name, style, and presentation change in *Alpha Psychiatry* negatively affected the recognition and awareness of our journal, we carried out comprehensive work on making the journal known and promoting it. We are still actively announcing developments related to *Alpha Psychiatry* electronically. In addition, we try to be active on Twitter and increase the number of our followers day by day. We are now trying to make our website more informative, not just as a submission page, but by announcing important meetings and conveying important news about psychiatry.

We have established our editorial board with our scientific perspective, and we are constantly trying to expand it. In addition to our biostatistics editor, İlker Ercan, and our ethics editor, Berna Arda from Turkey, there were other participants in the scientific editorial board. These esteemed scientists include Drozdstoj Stoyanov from Bulgaria, Sergio Machado from Brazil, Diane B. Boivin, Seithikurippu R Pandi-Perumal, and Steven Taylor from Canada, Fernando Lolas Stepke from Chili, Bao-Liang Zhong and Xiaohua Liu from China, Michel Bourin from France, Michael Noll-Hussong from Germany, Om Prakash Singh from India, Mohammad Ahmadpanah from Iran, Geraldine Leader from Ireland, Domenico De Berardis, Francesco Bartoli, Gianluca Serafini, and Massimo Pasquini from Italy, Seon-Cheol Park, Ki Woong Kim, and Woojae Myung from Korea, Ng Chong Guan from Malaysia, Hans M. Koot and Sinan Gülöksüz from the Netherlands, Jerzy Leszek from Poland, Francisco López-Muñoz from Spain, Hsien-Yuan Lane from Taiwan, Köksal Alptekin from Turkey, and John F Gottlieb, Kenneth Blum, and Shikha Verma from the United States. Finally, Wai Tong Chien from Hong Kong, China has been appointed as Associate Editor. We constantly inform the valuable scientists on the editorial board about the developments regarding our journal, and we carefully consider their suggestions. We aim to go further with their scientific presence and the feedback they will provide us.

Last year passed in the shadow of Covid-19, and we were also affected by the explosion of publications about this pandemic and its effects.¹ We continued to publish articles related to this field that contributed scientifically to the literature. On the other hand, huge migrant movements and related psycho-social effects, which are another important global problem but felt much more intensely regionally, took a serious place in the last year. It is obvious that scientific studies will be conducted on this important subject. With its stance on these issues, *Alpha Psychiatry* will be a suitable address for these studies.²

As of December 2021, the number of articles submitted to *Alpha Psychiatry* in the last 12 months is 399. By distribution, it spreads to 28 different countries. It is seen that 33 of them were accepted, 290 were rejected, 13 of them are still in revision, and the rest are suspended, withdrawn, and deleted articles.

We attach great importance to the rapid evaluation of articles, which is one of the most important issues for authors. We try to make the first evaluation, that is, the decision to send



to the reviewer or reject it, within 7 days. It was determined that the average evaluation period for manuscripts rejected before the review was 3.2 days. This average value shows that we managed to make a quick evaluation in the first place. On the other hand, the average evaluation period is calculated as 85.4 days for accepted articles and 45.4 days for rejected articles after revision.

We will continue to work with the same enthusiasm in the coming years. Thanks to the authors who had made valuable contributions

to science and the reviewers who had evaluated their articles. We will continue to contribute to the scientific literature together.

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