

Annals of Pediatric Cardiology: A new look and a new outlook

Annals of Pediatric Cardiology (APC), established in 2008 as the official journal of the Pediatric Cardiac Society of India (PCSI), has grown leaps and bounds over the years. The journal has acquired a new online avatar since January 2023.

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The new version of the website is designed to be more user-friendly, with the ability to publish and access multimedia content alongside journal articles. The online experience is enriched with article content available in a rich full-text format, along with PDF downloads and a variety of personalization options. The responsive mobile version of the website, made for current-generation smartphones, is easily optimizable based on the users' device preferences. We are using Wolters-Kluwer's e-Journals new platform (eJP). Using the eJP's intuitive editorial tools, we now have the capabilities to build additional content around the articles. We plan to have custom content collections, blogs, podcasts, and standalone-video libraries around the key articles. The new site can be accessed at <https://journals.lww.com/AOPC/Pages/default.aspx>. We sincerely hope that the readers like the new website along with its enriched contents.

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In 2021, we had reviewed the progress made by APC over the years and had spelled out a vision for the future.^[1] There is a continuous increase in the quality and quantity of manuscripts that we are receiving. Consequently, the publication frequency of APC has steadily increased from two issues a year in 2008, three issues in 2014, four issues in 2020, and five issues in 2022. We are aiming to publish six issues in 2023. Along with this, we are planning to launch an offshoot journal: "APC – Case Reports" – which may be launched in early 2024.

The readership of APC is steadily increasing. Among the two key initiatives spelt out in the vision statement,^[1] some progress has been made. The first objective was to improve the quality of original articles and publish the state-of-the-art review articles from the key opinion leaders. Overall, the quality of the article is very difficult to assess, and one simple metric could be the

number of citations. On that metric, the "make in India" issue (July-September 2021) with 30 citable articles has 92 citations (source: Google Scholar) till date. With this kind of progress, the impact of the journal would increase and we may soon apply for the coveted impact factor.

Pediatric and Congenital Electrophysiology Society (PACES) had published the "2021 PACES Expert Consensus Statement on the Indications and Management of Cardiovascular Implantable Electronic Devices in Pediatric Patients: Executive Summary" in APC,^[2] simultaneous with other international pediatric cardiology journals. It vouches for the growing acceptability and reach of our journal. From PCSI, we had published guidelines on the timing of intervention^[3] and guidelines for physical activity in children with heart disease^[4] recently. We have published state-of-the-art review articles on difficult and unusual topics.^[5-10] We would focus on more systemic reviews in the coming years.

A conscious effort was made to increase the number of original research publications from India. We have published 43 original articles from India in the last 3 years, which constitutes more than half of all the original articles published. More importantly, we have original research submissions in the areas of pediatric cardiac surgery,^[11-19] intensive care,^[20,21] and anesthesia^[22-24] from India. Some good quality multicentric Indian data are also published.^[25-30] Almost all the editorials in the last few years were India-centric. We tried to address some of the pertinent Indian problems, including the impact of COVID-19 on Indian pediatric cardiology,^[31] minimum requirements for pediatric cardiac interventions,^[32] fetal cardiology in India,^[33] interventional cardiology,^[34] research and key publications from India,^[35] and Indian pediatric cardiology conference.^[36]

With the involvement of the next generation of experts, we are able to reduce the review times and first decision times. However, publication times are still long as per the current standards. With increasing publication frequency to 6 issues per year, we will try to reduce it significantly. The journal is yet to make a strong social media presence. This would help to further expand the visibility and readership of articles published in the journal. These will be the priority areas to address for the editorial board in the next coming days. We also hope to come up with supplementary issues that will be focused on specific themes.

In this process, I thank all the readers, authors, and reviewers for wholeheartedly supporting all our endeavors.

“Setting goals is the first step in turning the invisible into the visible.”

–Tony Robbins

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