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Editor's note

As we move into the New Year 2018, *JGH Open* will change to a bi-monthly schedule starting from February. I hope by doing this, we will be able to consolidate the journal by having more articles per issue.

I am happy to confirm that article processing charges will be waived for the whole of 2018. Meanwhile, applications will be made to Pub Med Central and the *Emerging Sources Citation Index* (ESCI) in the first quarter of 2018. These will be our first steps in the long journey to gain ISI citation.

The JGH Open has been pleased to accept several cascaded articles from the JGH but we look forward to more direct submissions from researchers and clinicians across the Asian Pacific region and throughout the world. In 2018 we will strive to have more leading articles, every issue, written by eminent key opinion leaders from the region. I hope these articles, which will be on cutting-edge and/or pertinent topics to our clinical and scientific practice, will prove attractive to our readers.

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