Editorial Note: Internal Medicine: Open Access by Markku Savolainen

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Editorial Note

I am pleased to mention that during the year 2019, all issues of Internal Medicine: Open Access(IME), volume 10 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. The objective of JPM is to publish up-to-date, high-quality and original research papers alongside relevant and insightful reviews. Impact factor of IME for the year 2018-2019 was Index Copernicus Value (ICV): 86.47,

As such, the journal aspires to be vibrant, engaging and accessible, and at the same time integrative and challenging. Each issue of the journal contain different types of papers, mostly the first, Regional Spotlights; provide a short contemporary and provocative "opinion piece" on an issue in the field of Physical Mathematics. The second, Critical Reviews, provide a critical and concise yet comprehensive and contemporary review of a particular theme specific to the Internal Medicine. The third type of paper, Research Papers, was more traditional in form and demonstrated a sound theoretical and/or methodological underpinning and a clear contribution to knowledge in the field.

In order to publish up-to-date, high-quality and original research, IME aspires to coin a special issue-2020 on Coronavirus disease pandemic. Therefore, Editorial Board members of IME are decided Upcoming special issue title as "Diabetes Research". The topics to be covered under this are

- Latest Research on Diabetes
- Advanced Type 1 Diabetes Treatment
- Advances of Diabetes Cure
- Obesity and Diabetes

• Pathophysiology of Diabetes

During the calendar year 2019, IME received around 400 papers, out of which 300 articles (80%) were rejected in the preliminary screening due to plagiarism or being out of the format. During 2019 around 100 articles were subjected to the peer-review process and 40 of those were accepted in Volume 9.

40 articles published during the year 2019, of which, 70% articles were by foreign authors. A total of 80 research scientists from India and abroad reviewed the 40 articles published in volume 10. Average publication lag time of an article was further reduced to 6-8 months.

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