

Dear Readers,

I am pleased to mention that during the year 2019, all issues of volume 9 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.

Internal Medicine: Open Access (IME) successfully released issues with 45 abstracts. The submissions to the journal are subjected to peer-review process by the editorial board members or external subject experts. The complete editorial processing of the manuscript is done through the integrated online editorial manuscript submission and review system for greater transparency and faster article throughout. During 2019 around 54 articles were subjected to the peer-review process and 45 of those were accepted. In the volume 9 published during the year 2019, a total of 45 articles were published (at an average of 9 articles per issue) of which, 50 % articles were by foreign authors. A total of 236 research scientists from India and abroad reviewed the 45 articles published in volume 9. Average publication lag time of an article was further reduced to 6-8 months. I take this opportunity to acknowledge the contribution of Taro Shimizu during the final editing of articles published and the support rendered by the editorial assistant, in bringing out issues of IME in time.

I would also like to express my gratitude to all the authors, reviewers, the publisher, the advisory and the editorial board of IME , the office bearers and staff for their support in bringing out yet another volume of IME and look forward to their unrelenting support to bring out the Volume 10 of IME in scheduled time.

Mercy Eleanor,

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