

Thank you to our authors, reviewers, and readers

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A year has passed since Andrology Open Access opened for submissions. We'd like to take this opportunity to look back on the past year and thank all those who have contributed to the journal.

For the editorial staff of Andrology Open Access, the year since we opened for submissions has passed in a blur. We've received more than 15 submissions and, although many of our papers are still making their way through the peer review process, we have already published well over 7 papers. Meanwhile, we are busy working toward the goals set out in our launch editorial: to be an inclusive, multi-disciplinary journal for all andrologists and to provide the best author service we possibly can.

We are happy to say that we are on the right track. Our published papers represent the breadth of Andrology—from Erectile Dysfunction to Semen Analysis, urology to Testicular Cancer, and much more. Our in-house editors and Editorial Board Members have worked hard to meet our goals of delivering timely decisions and maintaining communication with our authors throughout the editorial and review process. And where we have fallen short of our goals, we strive to do better.

But we wouldn't be anywhere today without our authors, reviewers,

and readers. We have had the privilege to publish truly outstanding, high-quality papers that, judging by the response of our reviewers and readers, are important contributions to their respective fields of research. We want to take this moment to thank all of our authors for entrusting us with their discoveries.

We are grateful to the more than 55 individual reviewers who have contributed to the success of our journal and the quality of the final published papers you read on our pages. Our reviewers, like our authors, come from all over the world—representing more than 20 countries—and all career stages. We believe that to truly have an inclusive journal, our reviewers and editors should reflect the broader scientific community, and we keep this guiding principle in mind in everything that we do. Our editors consider all forms of diversity when inviting potential reviewers and routinely ask invited reviewers to consider gender balance, ethnic and geographical diversity, and career stage diversity when suggesting alternative reviewers if they must decline our invitation. Despite these efforts, we find that only 26% of our reviewers are women; we are actively working toward increasing this proportion. As part of this effort, we call on our authors to consider diversity when suggesting reviewers for their submitted papers.

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