

Saudi Medical Journal

Perseverance

Saudi Medical Journal (SMJ) is welcoming the year 2007 with a new look but the same goal, maintaining success. The long strides and major achievements realized during the past years have made the Journal a paramount instrument of publication in the field of medical sciences, comparable with other major medical publications in developed countries.

There has been a great revolution in science and research in the last few years, and SMJ, as a general medical journal, continues to meet these developments in all medical fields. Despite the evolvement of many journals in the region, the majority of which are subspecialty journals, SMJ has maintained its success and popularity, and we cherish high hopes, aspirations, and vision for the future. This, however, is not enough to satisfy our ambitions of preserving SMJ as the leading medical journal in our region, and we are working hard to develop the journal to cope with the accelerating scientific developments in all fields. The high quality of the journal is achieved through the efforts of the dedicated editorial staff and the use of the latest technology. The fruit of this work is the continuous support of research and education in our region and beyond.

We are honored to work with our new distinguished members of the Advisory Board: *Abdulmohsen Al-Elq, Ammar Al-Rikabi, Abdullah Alabassi, and Sultan Al-Khenaizan* and for the Editorial Board:

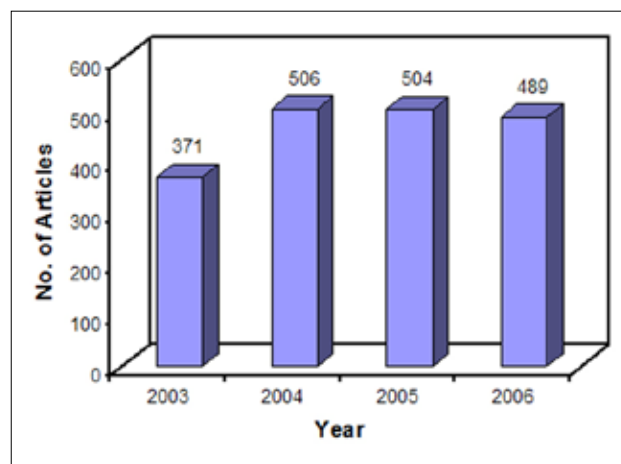


Figure 1 - Articles published.

Abdulrahman Al-Ajlan, Alp Bayramoglu, Cornelius Bello, Fahmi Khan, Fayek Al-Hilli, Hamdi Shelleh, Hani Najm, Lubna Al-Ansary, Mustafa Afifi, Nader M. Honjol, Noura Al-Nowaiser, Zbys Fedorowics, El-Harith A. El-Harith, and Stig Ingemansson. We are in debt to the previous members of the Advisory Board; *Ahmed Kurdi and Nayef Al-Rodhan* and from the Editorial Board *Ghazi Tadmouri, Maqbool Jafary, Nazeer Khan, Ali M. Shehri, Khalid Murshid, James Tumwine, Mohammad Takrouri, Siraj Zakzouk, Sana Al-Mutairi, Abdulrahman Al-Rajhi, and Muhammad Majeed-Saidan.* Their contribution has been invaluable and greatly appreciated and

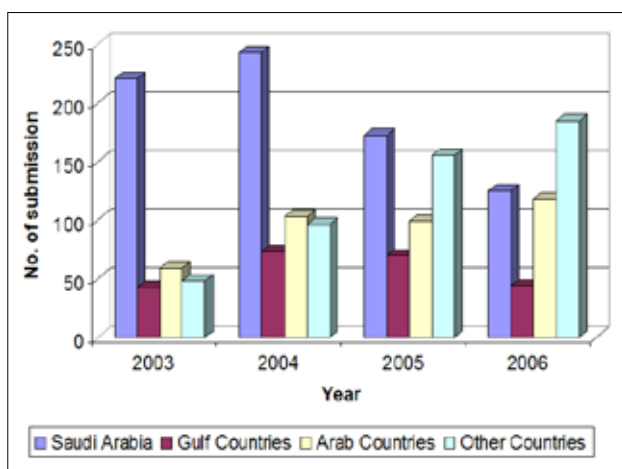


Figure 2 - Origin of articles.

had a great impact on the Journal over the past years. Saudi Medical Journal would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks for the invaluable contribution of our excellent reviewers. We thank you for your endless enthusiasm, commitment and effective participation.

This year we received 1,334 manuscripts averaging 111 manuscripts per month. We published 489 articles, with a total of 2267 pages and a rejection rate of 60% (Figure 1). We are pleased at the diversity of the countries of origin of the articles submitted to SMJ. We have received articles from Far East Asia such as Taiwan, China and Malaysia and other Asian countries such as Bangladesh and India. We also noted an increased number of submissions from the European Countries such as United Kingdom, Croatia, France, Ireland, Greece, Germany, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Russia, Switzerland, The Netherlands, and Turkey. We also have submissions from USA, Canada, Brazil, Jamaica, West Indies and from African countries such as South Africa, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Tunisia and Papua New Guinea. Despite this diversity, we have managed to keep the local flavor of the Journal with our submissions from countries of the Eastern Mediterranean, and Saudi Arabia (Figure 2).

In the future, one of our main goals is to enhance manuscript processing by upgrading our system to a more advanced web-based tracking system. The implementation of this technology will not only modernize submission, peer review, and manuscript tracking, but it will also ensure faster and more reliable manuscript processing.

We are looking forward to starting the New Year with enthusiasm and commitment.

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