

EDITORIAL

The Journal of Interdisciplinary Medicine after 3 Years

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At the end of 2018, the Journal of Interdisciplinary Medicine (JIM) celebrates its 3rd successful year of publication. JIM was launched in 2016 in an attempt to provide new interdisciplinary insights into various fields of medicine, and since its first appearance, 217 articles were published in 11 issues and 4 supplements of the journal, which shows a great interest from the scientific community for this publication.

In the editorial of the first issue, we defined one of our main goals – to reflect the power of knowledge in medical life.¹ I sincerely believe that after the first 15 issues released and more than 200 articles published, we succeeded to demonstrate that cooperation between disciplines is a key element for medical progress, and that real professionalism cannot be stopped in its evolution.

The articles published in JIM reflected interdisciplinary approaches between various medical fields: cardiology, imaging, hematology, orthopedics, dermatology, surgery, dental medicine, pediatrics, nutrition, gynecology, intensive care, critical care etc. All these medical specialties were present in the journal in various associations (cardiology/imaging, cardiology/hematology, dermatology/surgery etc.), reflecting the current need for an interdisciplinary approach in many complex pathologies.

One major advantage of publishing in JIM is the great variety of the article types accepted. Besides reviews, original research, and case reports, which represent the majority of articles published in the journal, different types of scientific communications have also been published in the last 3 years, such as case series, editorials, clinical updates, letters to the editor, highlights, book reviews. Starting with 2018, the journal started to accept new article types such as study design or experimental update, demonstrating its ability to adapt to the current trends in scientific publications. The distribution of the type of articles published in the journal is presented in Figure 1. The fact that 70 original research articles were published in the journal is encouraging, reflecting a real interest for doing real research.

In the 15 issues released so far, the journal published articles from different centers such as Tîrgu Mureş, Timișoara, Iași, or Braşov, but also from abroad (USA and Japan), showing promising geographic variety. In the last 2 years, the

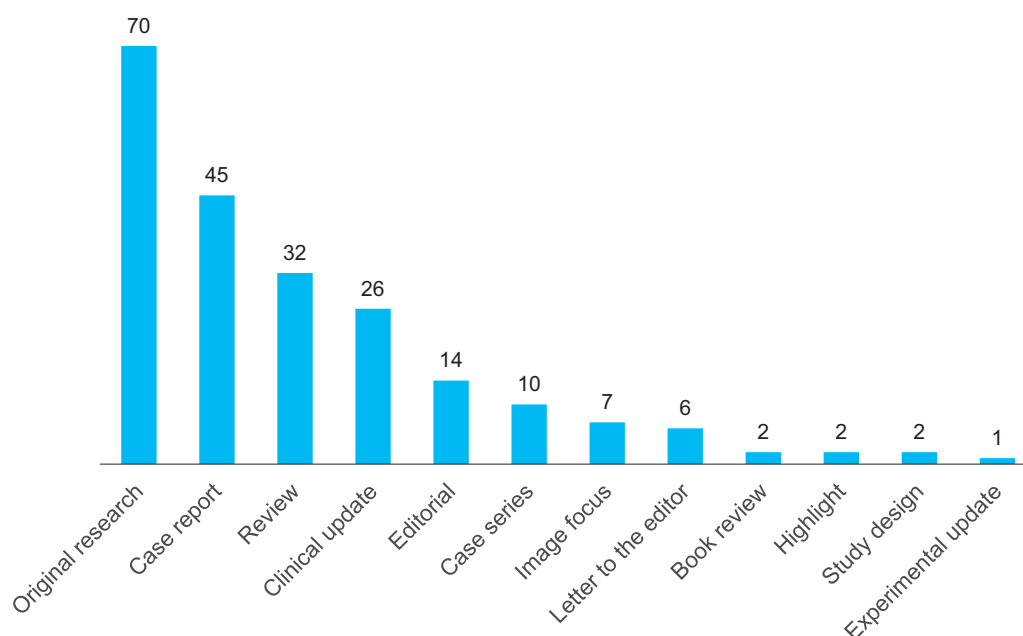


FIGURE 1. JIM – Article types in the first 3 years: 2016–2018

journal published four supplements dedicated to orthopedics, dental medicine, and hematology, with a significant contribution of invited guest editors. These focus issues significantly contributed to increasing the visibility of the journal among various medical teams.

JIM enters 2019 with great expectations. There are several new challenges that the members of the Editorial Board will face in their efforts to increase the visibility and the quality of the journal. Firstly, JIM will restructure the review process, aiming to attract new reviewers from other medical centers in order to expedite the review process in parallel with ensuring a careful review of all the articles submitted. This will help to make sure that only very high quality articles will be published in the journal. Secondly, JIM will re-enforce its dissemination campaign, increasing its presence at medical congresses and in social media. One of the targets of the journal for 2019 is to increase the geographical variety of the authors who publish in the journal, and this can be achieved by an appropriate dissemination strategy. And last but not least, like any scientific publica-

tion, the journal needs citations. But we should not forget that the most effective way to get citations is to publish high-quality articles, which will reach the proper audience and will be cited as a result of their quality.

On behalf of the Editorial Board, I would like to express my best wishes for the New Year to all collaborators of JIM (editors, technicians, reviewers, and authors) and to thank them for all their hard work, which significantly contributed to the development of our journal.

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nothing to declare.

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