Editorial

2013: Starting a new publication year and new volume with a new issue of our young but promising Journal

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Journal of Experimental and Integrative Medicine: From Cell to System – From Mechanism to Disease: this title has started to appear among scientific periodicals two years ago, has been published regularly every three month since January 2011, and has already finished its second volume including a total of 8 issues and 96 articles. We are now happy to have a relative successful 2-year publishing history left and to be able to start with the third volume.

What means success in publication history?

-Throughout the past 2 years, the published papers were downloaded for nearly 30,000 times in the form of Portable Document Formats (PDF) via the internet.

-Within the 2 completed years of publication, articles published in the Journal of Experimental and Integrative Medicine received more than fifty citations from journals indexed by the Institute for Scientific Information (ISI) (also known as Web of Science; WoS); and more than sixty citations from journals using the Digital Object Identifier (DOI) system (detected via the CrossRef ‘Cited-By Linking’ function).

"Not everything that can be counted counts, and not everything that counts can be counted"; an aphorism generally attributed to the famous physicist Albert Einstein (1879-1955) [1], could be enounced for the speculative value of the ‘Journal Impact Factor’ [2-6], which is used for the evaluation of scientific journals/articles for the past 50 years [3]. During the early 2000s, some alternative journal ranking databases such as Google Scholar and Scopus have attracted attention [7]; however, their estimation methods for the impact of a journal or an article via citation count are almost the same. Actually, the ‘Journal Citation Report’ published by ISI every June, seems to be the gold standard for ranking scientific journals until a better and widely accepted method will be created.

According to the abovementioned means, there is no doubt that the Journal of Experimental and Integrative Medicine achieved a special place among the numerous other new journals in the field of biomedical sciences. We predict that both the number of downloads and the number of citations for our Journal will continue to grow up in future. On the other hand, acceptance of
submitted manuscripts will descend to lower rates. Taken together, the overall scientific quality of the Journal of Experimental and Integrative Medicine will rise more and more in a continuing manner and every year we will get closer to reach an outstanding value among all scientific sources of this field.

Taking a brief look to the highlights among the 52 published articles through the past year of the Journal of Experimental and Integrative Medicine as a kind of ‘2012: year in review’; two important papers are those by Mikulas Chavko and co-workers [8], a leading team for research in hyperbaric medicine, and the accompanying editorial by Haim Bitterman [9], another pioneer of this field. These articles represent an excellent duo providing important knowledge on the way to find out the ideal hyperbaric oxygen-breathing/air-break procedure for clinical cases. Another article which deserves to be emphasized is the invited review by Lamberto Re and colleagues [10], bringing the current problems of medical ozone therapy in front and suggesting some future perspectives in order to support the scientific value of this quite different therapeutic approach. Bernardino Clavo and Norberto Santana-Rodriguez [11] supported the ideas of Re et al [10] with some additional remarks. The outstanding review on the function of the pineal biomolecule melatonin in wound healing by Jacek Drobnik [12], and the comprehensive article by Ribeiro et al [13] comprising the entire mechanistic approach to cyclophosphamide- and ifosfamide-induced cystitis should also be mentioned. Finally, the hypothetical paper by Jian Lu [14] suggesting a new in vitro model for simulating the blood-brain barrier have also to be taken closer into account among all published papers in the Journal of Experimental and Integrative Medicine along 2012.

Using a new front cover, we now start publishing the third volume of the Journal of Experimental and Integrative Medicine with the expectation to climb some more steps in the ‘international scientific publications league’ and hope to find chance to publish more and more noteworthy papers of scientists and academicians from around the globe. Further, we wish our readers to enjoy monitoring the Journal of Experimental and Integrative Medicine.

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