



Continuity, change, and the road ahead

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Dear IJDVL'ites,

As I take over the editorial responsibility of IJDVL, it not only gives me immense joy and a sense of purpose, but also presents to me with enormous challenges to continue the good work of my predecessors who have taken our journal to great heights in terms of its wide readability, credibility and citability.

I feel that the quality of a journal is not just a reflection of the progress that the specialty has made, but a projection of its relevance in the real world in being able to treat ailments and heal patients. If the information obtained from a scientific publication is unable to achieve this irrespective of its publication metrics, it has not fulfilled its goal.

Therefore, it becomes imperative that we continue to publish well researched articles that are clinically meaningful to our Dermatology community.

As we stride on this path, I feel that there is a lacuna in publication of good epidemiological studies including community-based studies, multicentric and translational research studies on various dermatoses from our country and region, that needs to be encouraged and such studies

should be published. Since we are primarily an image-based specialty, we must ensure that the quality of images published in our journal are of the highest standard for other journals to emulate.

I am also of the opinion that well designed, well conducted and adequately powered negative studies are of as much significance as studies showing positive results, in order to enhance scientific integrity and avoid publication bias and reproducibility crisis. Their publication must be encouraged. We all know that “to err is human” and constantly learning from our mistakes makes us a better clinician. We also recognise that similar mistakes can be made in the scientific community. Hence, we are introducing a section on “Mistakes made, Lessons learnt” in order to address this issue.

I feel extremely fortunate to be part of a like-minded, scientifically inquisitive, industrious and a dependable editorial board.

I hope that in the coming years, IJDVL continues to enjoy the same respect, admiration and interest as before.

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Editor-in-Chief

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