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Education in Medicine Journal Grows Stronger and Stronger!

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We warmly welcome Mohamad Nurman Yaman and Siti Nurma Hanim Hadie as new associate editors of the *Education in Medicine Journal* (EIMJ). Through their presence, EIMJ will grow stronger and become more efficient in managing manuscript submission by providing faster decisions to authors upon submission. We also congratulate the newly appointed editorial board members for 2021–2022. We hope that they can provide check and balance to ensure the best quality of the articles that will be published in this journal. In addition, we thank the authors, reviewers and members of the Malaysian Association of Education in Medical and Health Sciences (MAEMHS) who tirelessly support this journal. We believe EIMJ will be nowhere without the support from everyone. Together we can make a difference.

The first issue was published in December 2009. The primary aim is to disseminate the best evidence and practices in medical and allied health education (1). It has become stronger and more visible over the years, as indicated by:

- a. The increased frequency of publication from one issue to four issues per year (2);
- b. EIMJ has received manuscripts from at least 25 countries (e.g., Malaysia, United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Singapore, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Australia, Japan, Netherlands, India, Indonesia, etc.) (2);
- c. EIMJ is ranked among the top 20 journals in MyCite and Google Scholar databases based on citation activity (3);

- d. EIMJ is published by Penerbit Universiti Sains Malaysia, an established publisher (4);
- e. EIMJ subscribes to the ScholarOne Manuscript (<https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/eimj>) to manage manuscript submission;
- f. EIMJ is the official journal of the MAEMHS (5).

Recently, EIMJ was accepted for inclusion in the Scopus abstract and citation database under Elsevier, one of the prestigious databases for scientific journals. The inclusion in the Scopus database is a great milestone for recognising the contribution of EIMJ in the scientific community as a global journal; locally established and globally recognised.

The EIMJ citation activity in Google Scholar has grown steadily over the years. The latest h5-index and h5-median were 11 and 18, respectively, which are higher than the values of four and six from 2014 (3). Also, the citation activity in the Scopus database has steadily increased from poor (2017) to moderate (2020), and the highest number of citations per document was 35, reflecting the quality of the content. We believe that, with the inclusion of EIMJ in the Scopus database, the number of high-quality submissions will increase. Therefore, this will improve the quality of the published articles. In order to improve the quality of accepted articles, starting from 1st March 2021, authors are now required to send their article to the professional English language editing services before publication. We hope that this initiative will help the journal to publish better quality English scientific articles, therefore, have a better chance of being indexed in other reputable databases such as Clarivate Web of Science and PubMed. At this moment, EIMJ does not impose any fees on the authors. However, to ensure the financial sustainability of maintaining the costs of managing the journal, EIMJ may impose affordable

submission fees and/or article processing fees over the next three to five years. With these plans in the pipeline, we invite feedbacks from authors, reviewers, readers, or anyone else to the journal so that we take those into account in our future decisions.

We appreciate the continued support of the medical and allied health communities with the submission of original articles, review articles, short communications, and other articles in order to elevate the EIMJ to a higher level as one of the main sources of evidence-based medicine and practices.

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