



Systematic Reviews in Pharmacy – A vision forward

It is with great enthusiasm that I introduce the third issue of Journal of Young Pharmacists, which was officially launched during June 2009 (both online and print) and received enormous response worldwide. We have received a very positive response from the pharmacy community with the launch of the new journal, and I invite you to read through the inaugural and present issue, which is filled with a diverse set of exemplary papers.

The field of pharmacy continues to expand exponentially. Thus, it is becoming increasingly difficult for educators, researchers, and pharmacists to keep up with and assimilate new knowledge into their areas of interest. One mechanism that is helpful in this regard is the scholarly review article. Most major journals have “Review” sections that serve as a forum for this type of work.

Unfortunately, topics are infrequently the subject of reviews in these as well as other journals. On the basis of this and the high level of interest by InPharm members, the leadership of J Young Pharm (www.jyoungpharm.in) met and decided to launch a new journal covering “Review Articles” titled “Systematic Reviews in Pharmacy” (Sys Rev. Pharm, www.sysrevpharm.org).

We anticipate that this will be a regular feature of the journal. We are seeking scholarly and comprehensive yet focused reviews on areas of interest to pharmacy as well as to others seeking authoritative reviews on drug discovery and pharmaceutical research/education topics. A wide range of topics is eligible for this forum including reviews related to education, research, and pharmaceutical care. Emphasis should be placed on more recent developments (e.g., the past 5-10 years) and reviews should be scientific

and well referenced.

You are invited to write a scholarly review article based on your areas of expertise and encouraged to forward submissions through our website [www.journalonweb.com/srp]. All submissions will be peer reviewed and decisions concerning acceptance will depend on the usual review process. Authors who would like to submit a review are encouraged to write to me (srp@inpharm.org) in advance of a submission to discuss the content of the proposed manuscript in order to review its appropriateness for the audience of Pharmacy. As a result of the creation of this new Review Articles Journal, we hope that Sys Rev Pharm will provide its readers with an ongoing series of scholarly, comprehensive, and timely papers that will enhance their understanding of the recent advancements and knowledge in pharmaceutical field. Read instructions from www.sysrevpharm.org, which will help you in writing the review as per the journal style, the scheduled launch of this journal will be on Dec, 2009. J Young Pharm and Sys Rev. Pharm will operate independently and will have different editorial team as well.

The successful launch of J Young Pharm has been made possible by the efforts of many people working as a team. I thank Dr. DK Sahu and his team of Medknow Publications for their tireless, behind-the-scenes efforts to bring the journal online quickly, smoothly, and successfully.

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