

COMMENTARY

The Ghana Medical Journal has made steady progress in increasing its visibility and the quality of manuscripts accepted for publication. The journal publishes articles of interest to general medical and dental practitioners as well as those in the medical scientific endeavor. The journal promotes the dissemination of research of relevance to the health of the populations in sub-Saharan Africa and similar geographic locations. Since 2005 materials published in the journal have been made available freely at the journal website – <http://www.ghanamedj.org> Submission and review of manuscripts is done through our online submission site at <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/gma-gmj.com>. All manuscripts are peer-reviewed by at least reviewers.

Our reviewers have increased from 118 in 2005 to 239 in 2013; and on average 22% are international. Table 1 shows some basic information about manuscripts received and final decision concerning acceptance. The journal is presently indexed in some of the major databases including Medline, Pubmed Central, African Journals Online, African Index Medicus and HINARI. This level of visibility tends to bring along submissions from various parts of the world. In 2013 the journal received manuscripts from many countries. The majority of manuscripts came from Ghana 64/148 (43.2%), Nigeria 47/148 (31.7%), India 17/148 (11.5%) and other countries, about 10 in number, made up the rest. The acceptance rate for manuscripts from Ghana, Nigeria and India were 36%, 11% and 6% respectively.

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The Ghana Medical Journal and the Editorial Committee is grateful to our reviewers whose contributions continue to contribute to the quality of the journal. The Journal is especially appreciative to the following who reviewed articles in 2013.

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Table 1 Trends in manuscript submission

	2005	2010	2011	2012	2013
# Manuscripts	58	103	104	123	148
Website submission (%)	97	100	100	100	100
Manuscripts From Ghana (%)	97	44	53	55	46
Overall Acceptance Rate (%)	48	49	38	33	24

Starting with this issue, Volume 48 Number 1, the journal will assign Digital Object Identifiers (DOI) to scientific articles published. DOI are used to provide current information on the published articles including their location on the Internet. Information about a digital object may change over time, including where to find it, but its DOI name will not change.

The system provides a framework for persistent identification, managing intellectual content, managing metadata, linking customers with content suppliers, facilitating electronic commerce, and enabling automated management of media¹. We continue to explore avenues for improving the contents and visibility of the journal.

We are very appreciative of the many authors who have the Ghana Medical Journal as a vehicle for disseminating the results of their research endeavours.

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