

From the Desk of the Editor

## 2020 - The Year That Was!

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The year 2020 was an unprecedented one. It took the world by surprise when on the eve of New year, on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019, the WHO (World Health Organization) declared the worst pandemic in 100 years - 'The COVID-19'. What happened thereafter was a real shocker and brought back the dark memories of the great Spanish Flu of 2018 -19. In this challenging time, the scientific commune across the board did their bit to tame this dragon, which unfortunately is still at large.

We at ADR publications in general and the '*Journal of Advanced Research in Medical Science and Technology*' in particular tried our best to keep pace with the challenging time and changing researching dynamics. We put our best foot forward to strengthen the hand of our researching brethren.

In this eventful year, we dedicated our Vol. 7, No. 3 to COVID-19 where diverse issues like physical distancing, hand hygiene, and masks; the role of FAR UVC in pandemic containment, issues relating to surgical backlog because of the pandemic, current scenario of COVID-19 related activities in tertiary care hospital, geopolitical fallouts of the pandemic found their way. Besides that, regular articles were touching on issues concerning COVID 19; be it the social, economic, geopolitical impacts, use of traditional techniques like the effect of medicinal smoke for mass fumigation using 'hawan techniques' for SARS-CoV-2, exploring the impact of webinar learning, studying multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children and adolescents with COVID-19, etc.; an effort was made to keep no stones unturned.

We were well aware of our responsibility to other issues in medical sciences and advancement in the field of technology, the 'thematic area' of our journal. A couple of articles on the latest medical technology, i.e., use of AI (Artificial Intelligence) in research like stacked bi-directional LSTM layer-based model for prediction of possible heart disease during lockdown period of COVID-19, were also published. There were articles on the fundamentals of research, sample size issues, and motivational reviews on researching techniques to encourage physicians to embrace and enrich the researching commune. Articles on mental health, geriatric health, the impact of human factors on safety of operation theaters, novel distant education and training model, and a book review on 'health management' were other prominent publications.

We offered a publication platform to international researchers via quality research articles like 'Assessment of Microbial Characteristics of Processed Palm Weevil by RCT (Randomized Control Trial)' in Nigeria and an illustrative essay discussing community and public health in Iraq.

In this year, there was the induction of eminent researchers, scientists, and clinicians from the international and national arena as board

members and reviewers that enriched the journal credentials.

All these efforts put together were rewarding and bought us laurel. Our citations doubled in just a year, and ICV (Index Copernicus Value) gained over 10 points to the previous years and reached a respectable value of 77.24.

We are quite hopeful that the momentum is going to intensify further with the active participation of our stakeholders.

I, on behalf of my entire team from ADR publications, express our sincere gratitude to the authors, reviewers, editors, advisors and other stakeholders who helped us in this enduring journey.

We will be looking forward to continuing our association and ensure delivering quality research outputs in the years to come.

Wishing all a CORONA free, happy and prosperous Christmas and Fabulous 2021.