

Dear readers,

I wish to take this opportunity to introduce the first issue of a new Medical Journal of Malaysia Case Reports (MJM Case Reports Journal). Medical Journal of Malaysia (MJM) has been published since the 1960s. Case reports were previously published alongside other research articles in the bimonthly MJM. With the publication of MJM Case Reports, this journal will be able to exclusively focus and highlight the educational and learning qualities case reports can offer. This journal is an online open access journal with a double-blind peer-review process by external reviewers following an internal review by section editors. It is exclusively published in the English language. MJM Case Reports, follows the Vancouver numbered referencing style. In our opinion Case Reports are important scientific documentation of a single clinical observation and have a rich convention in medicine and scientific publication. Case reports represent a relevant form of advancing medical scientific knowledge especially of rare diseases or conditions. They are important learning resources for doctors. They are usually the first encounter that trainees or residents will have in their early career. It will serve as a platform for them to write and learn the technique of scientific writing. Grooming of young talents is essential for the sustainability of the medical profession. It may also be a platform for the senior doctors too busy to do comprehensive research, to contribute their expertise in order to maintain their intellectual productivity. Authors are encouraged to describe the novelty of the case report, its scientific merit, learning outcome and implication for clinical practice.

The decision to publish case reports separately from the MJM is based on the following reasons. Case reports are usually not often cited and this affects the citation index of journals publishing them. Due to this, many journals published by international medical associations have taken the steps to

either stop accepting and publishing case reports or have established a separate journal specifically for case reports. During the last several years, the MJM has strengthened its presence not only in Malaysia but also the region. They also play a role in nurturing and improving the skills of junior doctors, general practitioner, clinicians and academics in successful publishing. By doing this, we can enhance the standing of MJM and at the same time allows dissemination of clinical knowledge via case reports in MJM Case Reports. We welcome submissions from around the region and world. In this first issue you can find reports on various specialties covering subjects related to cardiology, infectious and endocrine diseases, blood disorders, unusual primary and secondary tumours of head and neck as well as reproductive systems, medical together with surgical interventions and pregnancy. Of note, the report of a new generation drug-eluting stent in treating coronary artery disease and the treatment of unusual infections attributed to *Mycobacterium avium* complex or *Pseudomonas oryzihabitans* urosepsis would be appealing to most readers. We encourage you to submit case reports of rare or unusual disease, unexpected or unusual presentation of a common clinical condition, new or unreported adverse event and continuous medical education discussing case reports in all aspects of medical therapy and surgery.

We believe, if all the aforementioned responsibilities as authors, reviewers and editors have been carried out, we will achieve our goal to bring your research and clinical experience to a broad range of medical professionals besides contributing to the knowledge pool of evidence-based medicine.

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