

WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE NEW EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Dear authors, reviewers and readers of Malaysian Journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences (MJPS),

As I am honoured to take over the duties of Editor-in-Chief of MJPS, it gives me a great pleasure to welcome you to the latest edition of MJPS.

The journal publishes high quality pharmaceutical sciences research, namely, pharmaceutical technology, pharmacology, pharmaceutical chemistry, and pharmacognosy. Furthermore, the journal will continue to receive original research articles in pharmacy practice, public health, pharmacoepidemiology, and pharmaco-economic studies. Considering the diversity of medical literature, articles complied to reporting standards guidelines such as PRISMA, CONSORT, STROBE, and STRAD. Taking into consideration the validity and reliability of conclusions attained from reports, authors are encouraged to follow these standards.

Submitted articles to MJPS will be subjected to peer-review process. Although it delays the publication and some articles gets rejected, accepted articles will be improved after considering the comments and criticism by reviewers. Hence, this eminent process keeps the quality of publications as high as possible.

In MJPS, blinding of both the reviewers and authors is taken into account to assure the reliability of peer-review process. However, even the best clinical research publications, subjected to close scrutiny by peer review, often have weaknesses. Here editorials and commentaries play a key role in exploring more contentious issues in a balanced way, allowing the reader to make an informed decision on how or whether their clinical practice should be altered.

It is important we have a good balance of different article type within the journal. I am keen to encourage publication of high-quality evidence-based guidelines in MJPS. Such articles can have major impact on clinical practice.

Lastly I should thank all our submitting authors, who wanted to share their work and have chosen MJPS as the journal they would like to publish in.

I look forward to working with all of you in your role as an author, reviewer or editor to bring about new achievements for Malaysian Journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences (MJPS). As an Editor-in-Chief, I welcome suggestions, discussions and thoughts from the authors and readers to help me to understand and rectify any problems with the Journal.

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