

## Editorial

### Editor's note

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How time flies! It has been 23 years since the Medical Journal of Indonesia (MJI) was founded by our founding fathers, Professors Abdul Bari Saifuddin, Sahala M. Lumbantobing, Arjatmo Tjokronegoro, and R.M. Susworo in 1992. Since the beginning, in days of struggling to get enough research articles worth publishing, we have been supported by our Faculty of Medicine, Universitas Indonesia, and also the Directorate General of Higher Education (DGHE), the Ministry of Education. We, the people of MJI are very grateful of the ongoing support given.

As for the struggle to reach more readers and authors, be they national or international, we have tried to be noticed by all through many ways. Besides trying our best to reach the standard of a worthy scientific journal, we submitted to several indexing companies such as the Pub Med, to no avail. We tried to convince DGHE to acknowledge the MJI as 'international', and was told to try to submit to SCOPUS. After studying the criteria, we finally gather enough courage to enlist to SCOPUS by the year 2011, but was turned down, and were kindly informed that it was due to 'weak' articles and lack of international authors and reviewers. It is not easy to obtain articles from internationally known authors since our journal was 'only' nationally accredited, which is one step below the internationally acknowledged journal in our country!

In the meantime, we did several internal changes, we rejuvenate our board of editors, add several professional administrative staffs, set up our electronic form of publishing using Open Journal System built by Public Knowledge Project (2013), applied the system for online submission, reviewing and editing. We were also indexed by DOAJ (Directory of Open Access Journals), Proquest, EBSCO, IMSEAR, and other indexing

systems. Besides, we have uploaded back issues till 1994. Through all the efforts, we can see from the citations taken from Google Scholar, our citations has risen two times annually. By February 2015, we tried approaching SCOPUS for the second time, and after a long wait of almost a year, finally, our very dedicated senior editor Prof. Hans Joachim Freisleben was informed that MJI is accepted to be indexed in SCOPUS, starting from first of December 2015! Thank God, Alhamdulillah! Everyone in MJI were very happy and immensely relieved! We pray that our founding fathers, some of them deceased, would be relieved and happy as well!

Along with what apparently seem as an improvement of recognition to our MJI, we fully realize that with the increasing acknowledgment we will (hopefully) receive more and even better quality articles from authors nationally as well as internationally. It means, we will have to increase the capacity of work by our board of editors and office, in article management, and keep on improving our system internally, to be able to give better service to our authors and readers specifically, and for the medical research and scientific world in general.

We would like to thank our partners, our fellow Indonesian medical journal society, the Asia-Pacific Association of Medical Journal Editors (APAME), our distinguished reviewers and friends from all over the world, Prof. Farrokh Habibzadeh, former president of the World Association of Medical Editors (WAME), Prof. Wilfred Peh, the secretary general of APAME, and many more. We look forward to future collaborations to further increase our journal's integrity, professionalism, and achieve a rightful place among world renown and prestigious medical journals. We also want to thank our honored reviewers, who is most

important to maintain the quality of this peer reviewed journal. We also thank the authors who have trusted their works to be disseminated by this journal.

Finally, we would like to thank and give appreciation to everyone in the MJI, to our editors, who are most deserving and hardworking and who serve the authors to disseminate their prestigious works and to assure readers that the articles are ethical, useful, and not misleading. And finally to our

very update young people, editors and assistant editors, especially doctors Felix Firyanto Widjaja and Laurentius Aswin Pramono, Ms. Devita A. Prabowo, Mr. Yudi Tarmizi, and Mrs. Khadijah Buyoyok, you are the future of our MJI, keep on improving! This is not the end my friends, just another beginning!

As another end of year is approaching, we would like to greet you all with a Happy Holiday Season and with hope for a bright, promising, productive, and peacefully Happy New Year 2016!

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