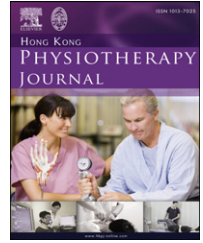




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EDITORIAL

A new beginning

I am sure you have noticed the new look of the journal. This is done to signify a new beginning, as the Editorial Board will be implementing a series of new plans to raise the standing of the journal. First, we are going to invite more internationally renowned researchers to serve in our Editorial Review Board. It is hoped that, through their expertise in different sub-specialties, the quality of the manuscripts published in our journal can be further enhanced. Second, it is important that our journal be included in the Science Citation Index, so that an impact factor can be assigned to our journal in the future. The journal impact factor is a commonly used index to indicate the standing of scientific journals. Obtaining a decent impact factor is instrumental in attracting more good-quality manuscripts. Rest assured that the Editorial Board will be working very hard towards

achieving this goal. Third, to improve the “visibility” of our journal, it is important that our journal appears on major databases, such as MEDLINE or PubMed. Again, the Editorial Board will look into this and take appropriate actions to make this happen.

I, hereby, beg for your continual support to the journal. We encourage you to contribute to the journal and the advancement of our profession by submitting your research reports to us.

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