

## Editorial

As we complete a very challenging year fighting this pandemic, making decisions based on sound scientific research has never been more important. We as an ENT community, ably represented by our college, have taken an exemplary role in recommending a comprehensive guideline document which incorporates a good balance of personal safety and patient care whilst dealing with infected pandemic patients. We have also seen innovation regarding limiting operator exposure during aerosol generating procedures which has been duly recognised.

This year, we have also seen an increase in case reports and research articles along with some interesting letters to the editor. We also have an original research article based on a local invention which will greatly help laryngectomy patients with speech at a fraction of the cost.

Although it is pleasing to note an increased participation from our consultant community, it is a concern that our postgraduate trainees have not taken this opportunity to further enhance their portfolio. Online submissions to the journal were not as high as we expected as most submissions were directly emailed to the college. We have also noted that despite having clear guidelines regarding submission technicalities and even an online workshop on how to submit articles to our platform, many who submitted blatantly ignored the formatting and reference styles required for articles. Some articles were clearly not proofread and had to be sent back to the original author for resubmission. To this regard we, as a community, have a long road ahead of us.

To those who unfortunately were not successful in getting published this time around we are introducing a supplement to this year's journal (Issue 2) to include all vetted abstracts, we can include revised articles if they are of sufficient standard (subject to the usual review process of course)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the editorial board for taking the time and the effort to provide insight on the submitted articles which had an enormous impact on their form and content. Despite facing enormous challenges in delivering optimum patient care, it is imperative that we continue evolving our practices and strengthening our resolve; the virus will never rest and neither should we.

As always, we have the potential; it is imperative that we let the world know it. Keep Publishing!

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