

# Age Year One of the Open-access Journal: *The Taiwanese Journal of Psychiatry* in Retrospection

## Two Kinds of Publishing Model for the Scientific Journals

Scientific journal publication used to have only “traditional scholarly publishing model.” In this model, the authors write up their hard-earned data into scientific papers and pursued to get them published through peer-review process to those journals such as *the American Journal of Psychiatry*, *British Journal of Psychiatry*, *Psychiatry and Clinical Neurosciences*, *Australian and New Zealand Journal of Psychiatry*, among others. The authors do not need to pay any fee for their papers published in those journals. But the readers (sometimes, the authors themselves included) are not accessible to read those full-length papers unless the readers work in an institution that offers access to those articles, or the readers can pay for their owns [1] at a rate of about US\$30.00 per downloaded article [2]. Consequently, about 75% of the published articles are not read due to restricted access [1].

The other model in publishing scientific journals is “open-access publishing model.” In this business model, all readers can have free access to read or to download any scientific published papers without any fee. But the authors have to pay an “article-processing fee” for peer review and page-making into the journal article. The examples for those successful journals include *Public Library of One* (San Francisco), *BMC Psychiatry* (London), *Neuropsychopharmacology Reports* (Tokyo), etc. At this moment, the average price for the article-processing fee of open-access journals runs at around US\$2,000 per submitted manuscript. This is the price to pay for 100% by the authors for unrestricted availability for any reader. In this case, all peer-reviewed articles published in an open-access journal are free to access, reuse, and redistribute ([www.plos.org/](http://www.plos.org/)).

## *Taiwanese Journal of Psychiatry* Has Been an Open-access Journal for one Year

Effective March 2019, *Taiwanese Journal of Psychiatry* (Taipei) started to sign up with Medknow of Wolters Kluwer India Pvt. Ltd. (Maharashtra, India) through the help of FlySheet Company (Taipei) for the open-access journal. In the first year of open-access publication in 2019, we published 43 (5 editorials, 6 reviews, 16 original articles, 7 brief reports, and 9 letters-to-the-editor) articles in volume 33 (with 4 issues and 228 pages) in *the TJP*. In the editorial office, we conducted the business as usual with the same standard of blind peer review, copy editing, obtaining signed copyrights transfer from the authors, etc.

The only thing different is that we did not use a local print shop in Taipei, but we turned the job for page-making and posting on the website at [www.e-tjp.org](http://www.e-tjp.org) at Medknow through FlySheet, Inc. Through the contract, *the TJP* has learned to print ritually the complete information of institutional review board review (with study protocol number at individual IRBs, date of approval, and presence/absence of obtaining informed consent from study subjects), financial support and sponsorship, as well as disclaimers of conflicts of interest of all articles published in *the TJP*. But we did not give the information of the IRB reviews in the columns of editorials and reviews because new clinical studies on the human subjects were not done.

At this moment, the *TJP* waives collecting “article-processing fee” for all the authors who are submitting manuscripts for being considered for publication in the *TJP*. After receiving the peer-review, all accepted revised manuscripts are posted free of charge for open-access publication. Taiwanese Society of Psychiatry, the owner of the *TJP*, decides to foot all expenses for all articles published in the *TJP* now.

## My Gratitude to Readers, Authors, and Reviewers

Thanks for the help of expertise blind reviewers. The *TJP* has continued to be kept as a decent readable scientific journal. Fiona Huang at *TJP* office and journal production staff (Selena Kao and Emily Hsu at FlySheet Company) have been instrumental to help adhere with the journalist style of *the TJP*. We also finished one-year printing of hard copies for *the TJP* as a weaning period as the transitional period from hard copy publication to entire website publication at [www.e-tjp.org](http://www.e-tjp.org). Now, we can download all published articles of *the TJP* since 1987 when it was originally launched.

As stated in my 2019 editorial [2], I thank again our devoted tireless contributors for their writing all kinds of interesting papers to allow us do peer review and to publish them in 2019 of *the TJP*.

I need the continuous support from all members ( $n = 1,600$ ) of the Taiwanese Society of Psychiatry as well as faithful readers and potential authors for *the TJP*. I am looking forward to the pleasure of receiving your submitted manuscripts.

The names listed in the table of the following page are those who functioned as blind reviewers in 2019. As the editor-in-chief of *the TJP*, I appreciate their time and efforts of those royal experts to keep *the TJP* in good scientific standard.

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