

Editorial

A few months ago, TOG, “The Obstetrician & Gynecologist”, the official journal of the Royal College of Obstetrician and Gynaecology (RCOG) published an article by Jolly Joy and Neil McClure entitled “The art of reviewing a paper”. As an editor, I cannot overemphasize the importance of such an article. Despite the routine publication of peer-reviewed articles in all quality journals, there is no formal training for peer reviewers. The article by Joy and McClure takes you through the basic principles and responsibilities of the review process while emphasizing the importance of ensuring quality control in a fair and appropriate way that justifies the reviewer’s responsibility to the author as well as to the editor of the journal. The point that I would like to put across here is that every editor needs a strong team of reviewers who respond promptly and ensure that the submission is reviewed and returned within the stipulated time frame. An invitation to review an article is a recognition of your standing in your area of expertise and undoubtedly an honor. However, while recognizing the invitation as an honor, many practicing clinicians also consider it an unnecessary burden on their time, leading to inordinately delayed responses. Delays in the review process due to indifference of peer reviewers remain the bane of every editor. I would like to appeal to all reviewers to devote your time and expertise selflessly in the interest of raising the quality of our publications.



This issue of International Journal of Infertility and Fetal Medicine (IJIFM) has two review articles. The first one is an article by Dr Kamini Rao on “Fibroids and Infertility.” In a majority of cases, fibroids may not be the sole cause for infertility. However, available evidence suggests that submucosal, intramural, and subserosal fibroids interfere with fertility in decreasing order of importance. Myomectomy has been the procedure of choice, following which it has been shown to bring about significant improvement in pregnancy rates.

An original article one “Fetal middle cerebral artery (MCA) peak systolic velocity (PSV)” by Dr Sushil Kachewar from the department of radiodiagnosis demonstrates the normal changes that occur in the wave forms of MCA-PSV in an Indian setting. It also emphasizes that fetal anemia can be accurately predicted only if the MCA-PSV is scientifically measured and compared with normal values in a given setting. The second original article by Dr Sonal Panchal is on “Correlation of Ovarian and Stromal Volumes to Fasting and Postprandial Insulin Levels in PCOS patients.” The result of this study strengthens the hypothesis of positive correlation between insulin resistance and stromal excess.

Another article by Asokan Keloth Manapatt et al has studied the “Pattern of Prolactin Secretion after Normal Vaginal Delivery and in Cesarean Delivery.” This study attempts to show that mothers who delivered by cesarean section had decreased prolactin levels than those who delivered normally, which may have a significant role in establishment of breast feeding. We also have an interesting article on “Single Incision Gasless Laparoscopic Surgeries” which is an attractive and low-cost alternative option to evaluate infertility, especially in rural settings.

“The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little extra”—*Jimmy Johnson*

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