

EDITORIAL

From the editor,

Dear authors, readers, dear colleagues of the Journal of Psychiatric Nursing,

We are happy to deliver you this spring issue of the thirteenth year. The Journal of Psychiatric Nursing has come a long way since its first publication; it started as a national journal and has become a scientific journal with a respected place within its field that reaches readers globally. Our journal, a publication of the Association of Psychiatric Nurses, has enriched its editorial team, expanded its international scientific advisory board, and updated the journal's principles in accordance with scientific and publication ethics. Our work on this issue continues to improve. In this process, the field of scientific journal publishing all over the world has undergone great changes and still continues to evolve.

Today, the existence and subsistence of a scientific journal depends on several conditions: Firstly, an editorial board consisting of qualified members with a solid scientific basis, and an unbiased scientific advisory board with sufficient academic experience who take voluntary duties for development of the academic field are required. A second condition is a publishing team with sufficient technical equipment and facilities in the field of publishing is. The last and possibly the most important criterion for the continuity of a journal is having good readers. All scientific journals present the scientific evidence and share their data for the use of the experts in the field who can evaluate the scientific quality of research. Readers also determine the scientific level of the article and therefore the journal by citing their findings.

However, there are some actual problems in this area. The academic and clinical usefulness of articles published in many popular and widely cited journals may not always be superior to those of less popular journals. In particular, the difficulty of conducting evidence-based studies in fields such as psychiatry, clinical psychology, psychiatric nursing, and psychotherapy, and the fact that most of the findings are obtained by subjective methods, raises concerns that the experiential/qualitative studies in this field will not contribute to the popularity of the field and will not be sufficiently valued by editorial boards who focuses on scientific competition. This situation often drives clinicians/authors working in this field into frustration and lead them to conduct studies on popular topics by using quantitative methods. One of the factors that increase the competition between journals is the determination of the level of journals depending on the number of citations and over time, the evaluation of all academicians according to these criteria. When the advancement of science and the academic promotion of scientists are subordinated to scientific journals, this creates the risk of prioritizing the studies that meet the criteria. However, the task of scientific journals should be to deliver to the readers each article that reports well-designed and executed studies on the basis of sound scientific knowledge.

Our journal welcomes all studies prepared with this perspective in the field of psychiatric nursing, and prepares articles for publication with the contribution of unbiased referee evaluation processes. However, at this stage, an important problem is being experienced regarding the referee processes. Paid referee pools, which most journals have to use today, turn unbiased peer review into a professional job, while for the journals that continue with the scientific advisory board, article processes gets elongated because of the referees who rejected the article stating that they "do not have time to evaluate the article".

The coming days will bring important changes in the field of publishing. It is our biggest goal to carry out up to date publishing and to keep our line without compromising our principles. I would like to express my endless gratitude to the Association of Psychiatric Nurses who supported and financed our journal, to all our editorial board and scientific advisory board members who did not spare their efforts, and to our publishing house that made our journal visible with their devoted efforts.

I would also like to thank our invaluable writers and readers who enrich our journal with their articles, and let you know that we look forward to all your articles that will contribute to the field.

Chief Editor

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