

From Editor's Desk

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Wishing all our KOA members a very Happy New Year. It gives us immense satisfaction to bring you a new issue of KOA Journal for the year 2020. We had an eventful year 2019 with two issues with a number of informative articles from our esteemed members. We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to all our KOA members for their valuable support in submitting scientific articles which made this current issue possible.

The core aim of scientific writing is to communicate new and novel developments and justify existing regimes which adds on to progress in our orthopaedic field. Authors, reviewers and editors of scientific journals share a common responsibility for the quality of writing in original articles. [1] It is heartening to see an increase in the number of manuscripts being received from all over the state. Unfortunately, many of these papers are being rejected purely on technical grounds like grammar and syntax errors, poor quality images and illustrations.

All journals come with clear and standing instructions for the authors which ensure the quality of scientific articles and maintain the journal's position and stature. [2] This attract authors with considerable experience and reputation. Hence it is vital for us to maintain a standard which is reflected in the language, title, layout, references as demonstrated in the instruction for authors. [3] This journal, which is the educational arm of the KOA, has a significant role in orthopaedic education in our state in a scientific language. Like all Journals, we follow a pattern of style which best suits our reader and helps in our objective of communicating novel information to our members and therefore it is necessary for authors to first read and understand our journal's style and to follow the instructions for authors. [4] Our reviewers continue to point out on the lacklustre quality of writing which has a significant volume of technical and language errors in composition and style. Perhaps a major reason for this could be a lack of formal training in prose and style for scientific writing as it is not included in our current medical education curriculum. The authors can read a select few succinct instructions on scientific writings from literature as suggested [1-4].

The Editorial team hopes to receive thought provoking scientific work for future publications from our members and readers as we push our journal for wider acceptance not only from our members but also from our fellow brethren from other state and national orthopaedic associations.

Thanking you all and wishing once again a very prosperous year ahead.

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