

A note from the Editor's desk

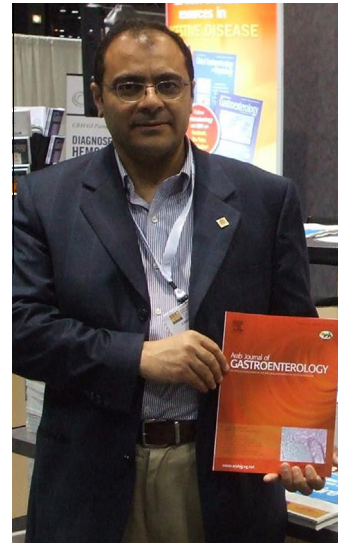
## Arab Journal of Gastroenterology: A rising star

Dear colleagues,

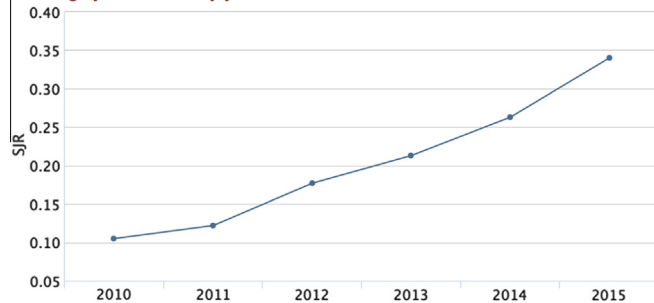
In spite of unprecedented challenges in the last years, the Arab Journal of Gastroenterology is not only moving forwards but is emerging as a rising star among gastroenterology publications. The Journal is receiving manuscripts from even more countries, our readers are increasing in numbers and our peer reviewers are coming from all continents of the world.

Bibliometrics reflect the leaps the Journal has made in the last few years. Figs. 1 and 2 show the continuous progress of the Journal over the last years according to bibliometric criteria.

In the June 15th, 2016 update of the Journal Citation Reports (JCR<sup>®</sup>) of Thomson Reuters the Journal has been given its first Impact Factor ever, which is 0.64. These data reflect the ambitions and determination of gastroenterologists in the region to pursue superb clinical practice, valuable research and fruitful international collaboration in spite of all difficulties for the sake of all patients and for the progress of gastroenterology worldwide.

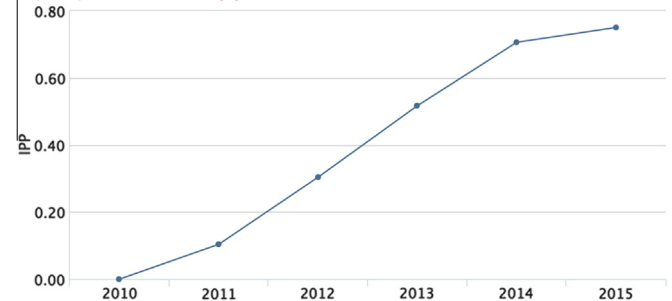


SCImago journal rank by year



**Fig. 1.** SCImago journal rank by year. It is weighted by the prestige of a journal. The value of a citation is influenced by the subject field, quality and reputation of the journal. Source: Scopus<sup>®</sup>.

Impact per Publication by year



**Fig. 2.** Impact per publication by year (IPP). It measures the ration of citations per article published in the journal. Source: Scopus<sup>®</sup>.

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