


# EDITORIAL

## Editorial

There are only a few scientists work in the field of history of medicine in Western Asia and we had only two journals in this field, when research office for the history of Persian medicine established in 2010, we started with a simple pamphlet, published in a regular base to introduce different aspect of Persian history of medicine to medical students and academic staff.

For more than eight century, western Asia was the origin of most novel innovation and also hosted many medical scientists who had impressive achievements in basic science and clinical work in medicine. They wrote their valuable books mostly in Arabic and Persian, so we initiated the RHM in three languages, English for international readers, Arabic and Persian for regional readers to enlighten medical historian with first handed documents from that period of time.

Perpetual chaos in this region, started with Arab Spring in 2010 spread so fast, followed by long lasting war in Syria and Yemen. It caused shut down of an old regional journal in the field of history of medicine, also some of the well-known medical historian from western Asia displaced, made catastrophic effect in research on medical history. RHM re-

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mained as the only specific journal for medical history in this region with more than 800 million peoples.

In scientific journalism we have two directional interactions with readers; every reader could be a potential author and maybe eligible reviewer for journal. Editorial member decided to change policy from regional journal and made RHM an international journal in 2016.

We also Changed RHM publishing language to English while we accept Arabic and Persian submissions for some of invited papers, translating them to English in RHM office. We also added more international medical historian to editorial board, presenting articles from other continents.

RHM published 350 papers in 48 regular issues in 12 years in different aspect of history of medicine.

First action was made in 24 hours, and thanks to our responsible reviewers, final decision were made in 110 days and accepting rate change from 72% in 2016 to 21% in 2023, using more than three independent peer-reviewers, with more precise review criterion. (Figure 1)

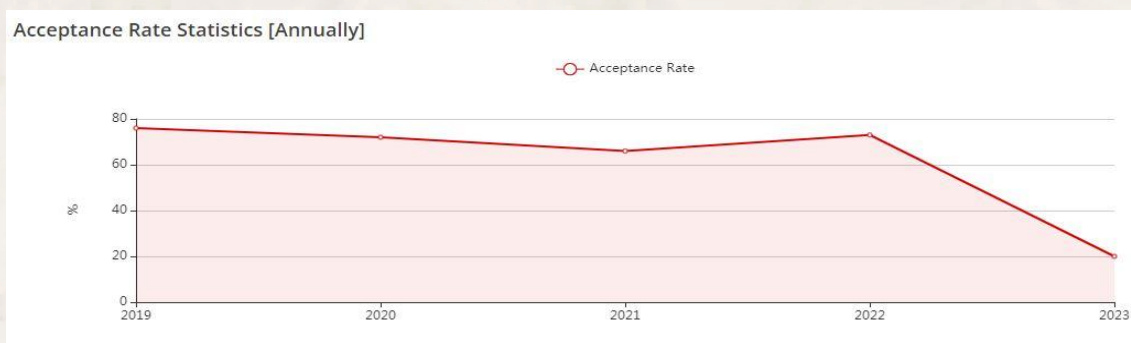


Figure 1. Acceptance Rate from 2019 to 2023

RHM website was viewed more than 230000 times and papers were cited 150 times in Scopus while our journal has not been indexed in Scopus till now.

RHM is an open access, free of charge publishing and I hope, we could continue this policy for next volumes.

Now RHM is an international journal for medical historians to discuss about philosophy, methods and new findings.

As the chairperson, I appreciate all readers, and wish RHM could serve better in 2024.

**Conflict of Interest**

None.

