

## From Editor's Desk



It is indeed a pleasure to present before our readers the inaugural issue of Annals of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine (APALM); an open access, peer reviewed, international, free online Journal. It is a matter of great achievement to reach this milestone in such a brief time, all thanks to our esteemed editors, reviewers and wide audience who have provided us with their valuable work.

### **The Current Status:**

The journey so far has been very enriching and satisfying. Within a short span of three and half months of its inception (APALM was launched on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2014), Annals of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine has marked its presence internationally. Audience from all across the world has visited the Annals of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Journal site, giving it a truly international character.

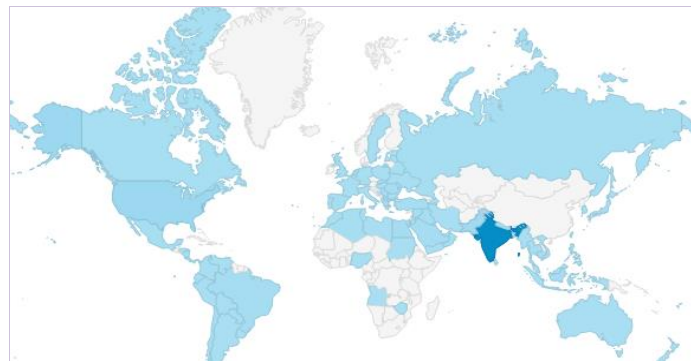


Figure 1: Sources of web traffic to Annals of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine website (source: Google Analytics)

Submissions have been received from affiliated of premier institutes from across the globe, thus vindicating our philosophy of making Annals of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine a premier reference journal in its category. At Annals of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, we make all efforts to reduce the turnaround time of article publishing process to the shortest possible, without compromising with the quality of peer review process.

Annals of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine is really fortunate to have some of the brightest academicians of this field in its panel of reviewers, who have painstakingly reviewed the articles, submitted by the most scientific oriented minds of the society, and constantly motivated us with their prompt response to the requests for review and quick correspondence during the review process.

I would also like to thank our esteemed Associate Editors, Editorial Board and our Advisory Editors, who did the preliminary screening of

the papers submitted with Annals of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine. We thank them for their precious feedback and valuable advice.

Through our team of acclaimed editors and reviewers, we have tried to maintain high standards of quality and academic excellence in our published articles. Without their efforts and interest in this Journal, we could not have achieved such brief turnaround time for processing of our articles. The current average turnaround time of 2.5 days for first screening by the editors and 12.5 days clocked by our esteemed reviewers is one of the shortest in the industry and I believe any time lesser than that cannot be possible without compromising the quality of the review.

I would also like to thank the authors, who have provided us their valuable research for publication in the inaugural issue of Annals of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine. Without their active contribution, we would not have been in a position to celebrate this momentous milestone. These authors have highlighted various aspects of pathology and laboratory medicine.

Bhagat et al highlighted the importance of cyto-morphology of carotid body tumor which is still the cornerstone in the field of pathology for reaching final diagnosis. Chowdhury et al discuss cytology, histopathology and immunohistochemistry of myeloid sarcoma without blood or bone marrow involvement presenting as orbital mass. Khubchandani et al concluded in their study that there is a need for monitoring serum aminotransferase level in patients of epilepsy and mania receiving sodium valproate. Khan et al concluded that Doxycycline can be used as an effective therapeutic agent in multidrug resistant *Acinetobacter baumannii*. Rational and appropriate use of antimicrobial agents is of paramount importance to minimize the risk of resistant organism. Khemka et al established the relationship between platelet volume indices and hyperlipidemia and concluded that estimation of these indices can be

considered as an early, economical and rapid procedure of identification of complications in hyperlipidemic patients. Biswas et al presented a rare case of steroid-resistant refractory extra-nodal Rosai-Dorfman disease of cheek. They also concluded that an early diagnosis by pathologist is very important to obtain proper treatment decision and to improve the quality of life in patients of such a rare presentation. Ramachandra et al reported a case of actinomycosis of the ankle joint with synovial involvement which resisted the usual treatment. Many thanks are also due to our peers and international audience. Their trust and worthy encouragement for our journal has been overwhelming motivating.

I would like to particularly thank the publishers, Pacific Group of e- Journals (PaGe) and specially Dr. Prashant Goyal, my colleague and Co-Editor-in-Chief (Annals of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine), for their painstaking work in the short time that we managed to bring out our first issue within three and half months of setting up the Journal.

#### **The Way Ahead:**

Annals of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine is in the process of getting itself indexed with the major databases of the world. I welcome your comments and suggestions on Annals of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine and as its Co-Editor-in-Chief, I am fully committed to make Annals of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine a reference journal in the field of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine. For this I would request the authors to submit more good articles in form of original articles, case report(s), review articles, letter to editor, images etc. It will help improve the stature of the Journal and credentials of the authors.

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