

A Prefatory Note

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Editorial

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Otolaryngology Open Access Journal (OOAJ), as an academic journal, opens up a new medical channel for original research, rare case reports, mini-reviews, systematic reviews and clinical communications. Given the contemporary indices and matriculations which assess today's journals, OOAJ aims at achieving gradually, yet steadily, an impressive impact. To do so, the OOAJ is dedicated to publishing perfectquality articles which address the pressing needs and the recent stances in the trail of Otolaryngology.

Revisiting the medical literature and fathoming the cytogenetic and molecular events on the wide variety of head and neck pathoses can help us grope our way into discovering effective therapies using non-invasive treatment modalities. As to the essential surgical intervention, introducing new surgical techniques does always get our priority. OOAJ hopes to explore genuinely the central topics of otology, rhinology, allergy, laryngology, bronchoesophagology, ENT histopathology, facial plastic surgery, oral oncology, thyroid disorders, salivary gland diseases as well as head and neck surgery.

Unlike the several journals which deactivated their policy of publishing case reports, OOAJ, as an otolaryngological edifice, fosters publishing cases with unusual representations and rare incidence. This

emanates from our deep credence that such occasional events of rarities help us link the dots in order to get the big picture. However, the authors should discuss fully the atypical presentations, diagnostic challenges/pitfalls and differential diagnoses. Systematic reviews and meta-analyses allow researchers to comprehensively view the established facts about the discoursed diseases and so do the evidence-based studies. However, OOAJ does encourage authors to summarize the purport of their manuscripts in a box for highlighting the take-home-lessons.

More important, consideration of medical ethics, soundness of methodology, proper linguistic performance, novelty of representing data and statistical tests validation cannot be re-emphasized. Authors and editors must check these parameters meticulously.

At last, we would love to express our deep gratitude to our eminent authors, reviewers and editors for co-building an authentic corpus of Otolaryngology which would be mined for getting reliable open-access data by readers, practitioners and specialists worldwide.

— Ebtissam Alerraqi
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