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# Manuscript Processing

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The Processing Department has been very active for the year 2000. At the beginning of year 1999, Saudi Medical Journal has made a big leap from its commitment of publishing from bi-monthly to monthly. This only means an increase in demand for more manuscripts to cover the requirements of being published monthly. It does not only calls for the quantity but more importantly the quality of manuscripts being published.

With this commitment, the year 2000 has been successful for Processing Department enabling us to meet the demands of publishing monthly. We had an increase in our manuscripts received, Subscribers and Reviewers who play a vital role in attaining the goals of Saudi Medical Journal.

## OBJECTIVE AND OUTCOME FOR 2000

Our main objective for the year 2000 for Processing Department is to shorten the processing time of manuscripts for 3 months from Received date to Acceptance date and 6 months from Acceptance to Publication date without affecting the quality of each manuscript. In 2000, we were able to attain this objective as shown in *Figures 1 and 2 and Table 2*. We have successfully reached our aim of shortening the time frame of processing each manuscript. Despite of this, we have attained the quality control that each manuscript has to go through resulting to expeditious processing with high-impact articles.

**MANUSCRIPT STATUS.** Manuscripts received in 1999 were 209, while 378 in year 2000, indicating an increase of 29%. Accepted manuscripts in 1999 were 150 while 218 for year 2000, with rejection rate from 24% in 1999 and 29% for the year 2000. These figures exclude Letter to the Editor, Correspondence and Clinical Note (*Table 1*).

**TABLE 1: MANUSCRIPT PROCESSING 1999 & 2000**

MONTHLY SUMMARY	Manuscript Status (Original Articles, Review Articles, Case Reports)					
	Received		Accepted		Rejected	
	YEAR	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999
January	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000

**REVIEWERS.** Our Reviewers had enormously increased from the year 1999 to year 2000. As shown in *Figure 3* and *Table 3*, we have kept 84% National reviewers out of 1,522. These reviewers came from significant Institutes within Riyadh and the rest are from the different regions of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The number of reviewers from the National Institutes has consistently increased in year 2000 as shown in *Figure 4* and *Table 4*. International Reviewers register a 4% increased from 1999 to 2000.

Some Reviewers have reviewed a significant number of manuscripts for the whole year 2000 (*Figure 5 and Table 4*). **61%** of these reviewers have been consistently punctual in sending their comments while **6%** and **1%** have replied after 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reminders respectively. **32%** failed to reply which was usually deleted from our system (*Table 5*).

## OBJECTIVES FOR 2001

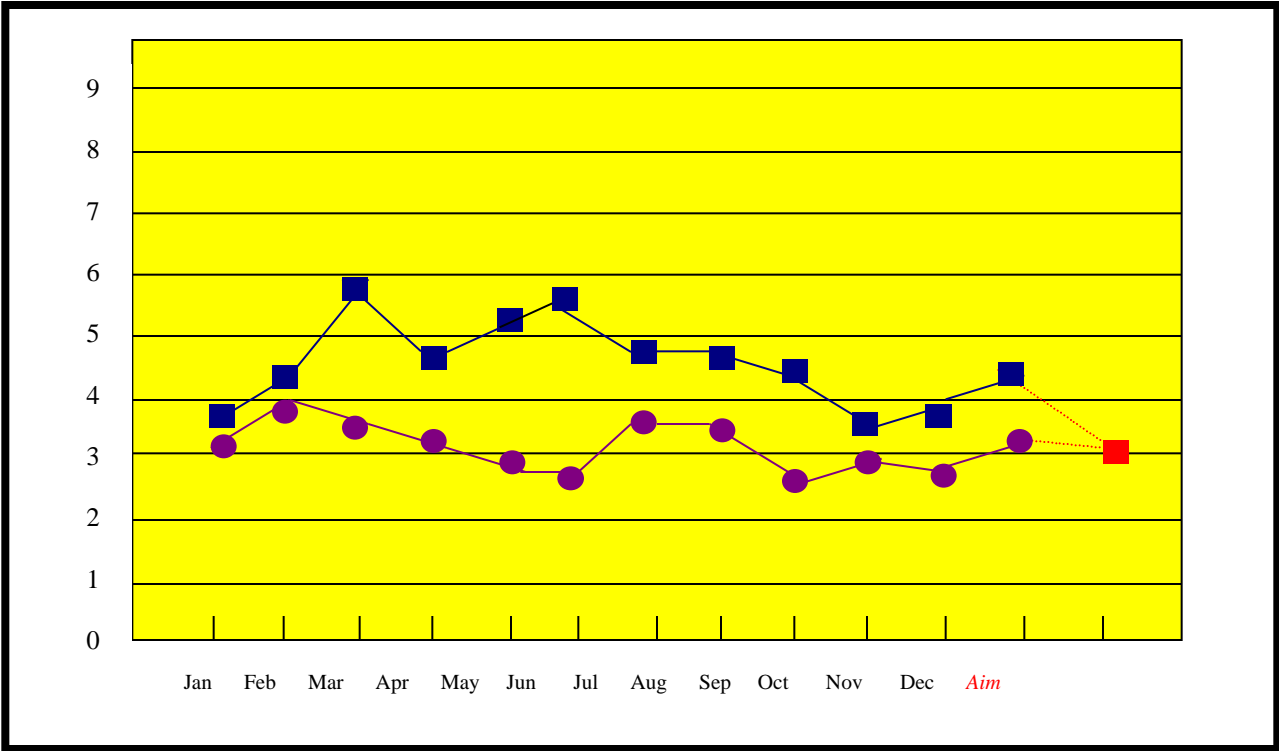
Due to the recent indexing of Saudi Medical Journal in Index Medicus, Pubmed and Medline, our aim for Processing Department for the Year 2001 is far-reaching yet would definitely be rewarding to meet.

### MANUSCRIPT PROCESSING:

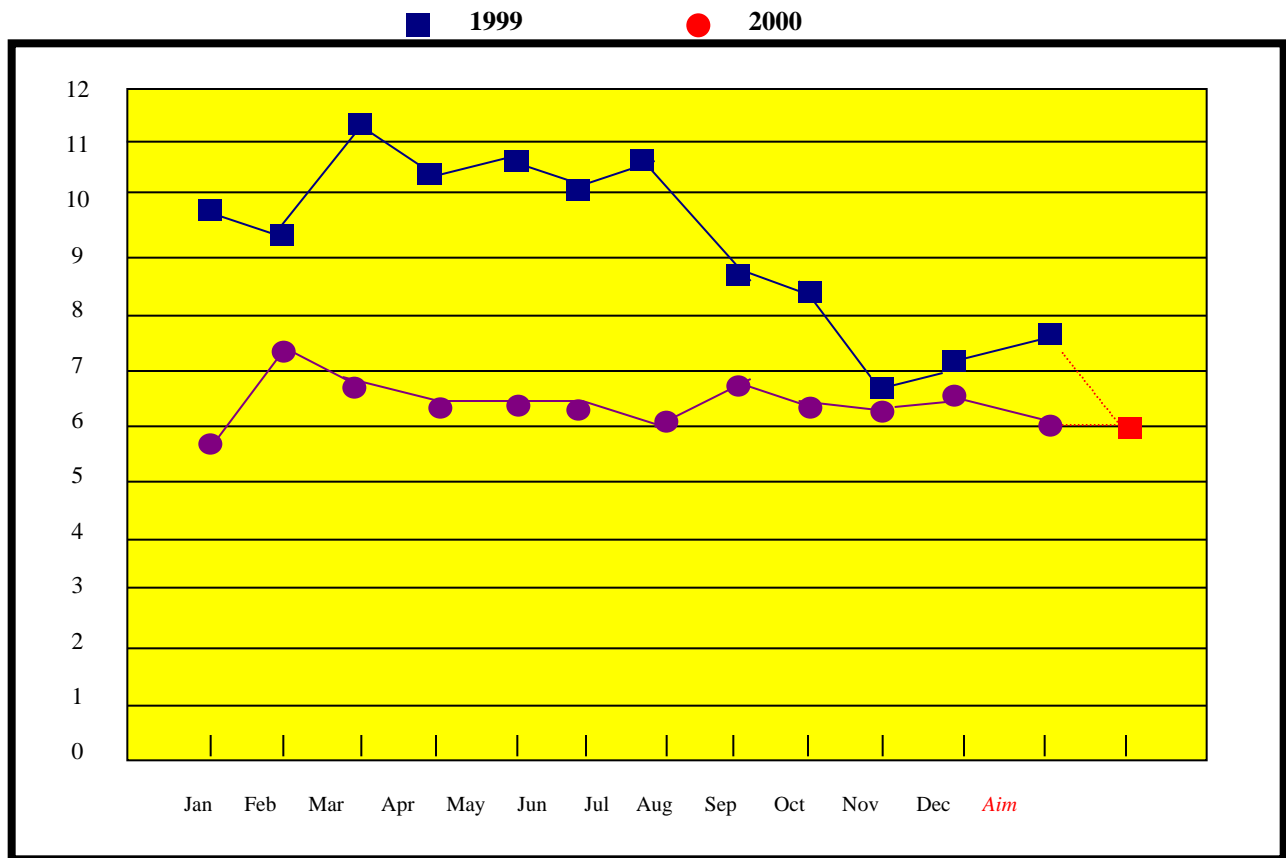
- To maintain the processing time frame of 3 months from the Received date to Acceptance date and 6 months from Acceptance to Publication date without affecting the quality of each manuscript.
- To increase rejection rates to be able to publish more “high-impact” articles, and maintain a high standard feature of the Journal.

**TABLE 2: THE AVERAGE PROCESSING TIME FRAME OF A MANUSCRIPT FROM RECEIVED DATE, ACCEPTANCE AND PUBLICATION IN COMPARISON WITH YEAR 1999 AND 2000**

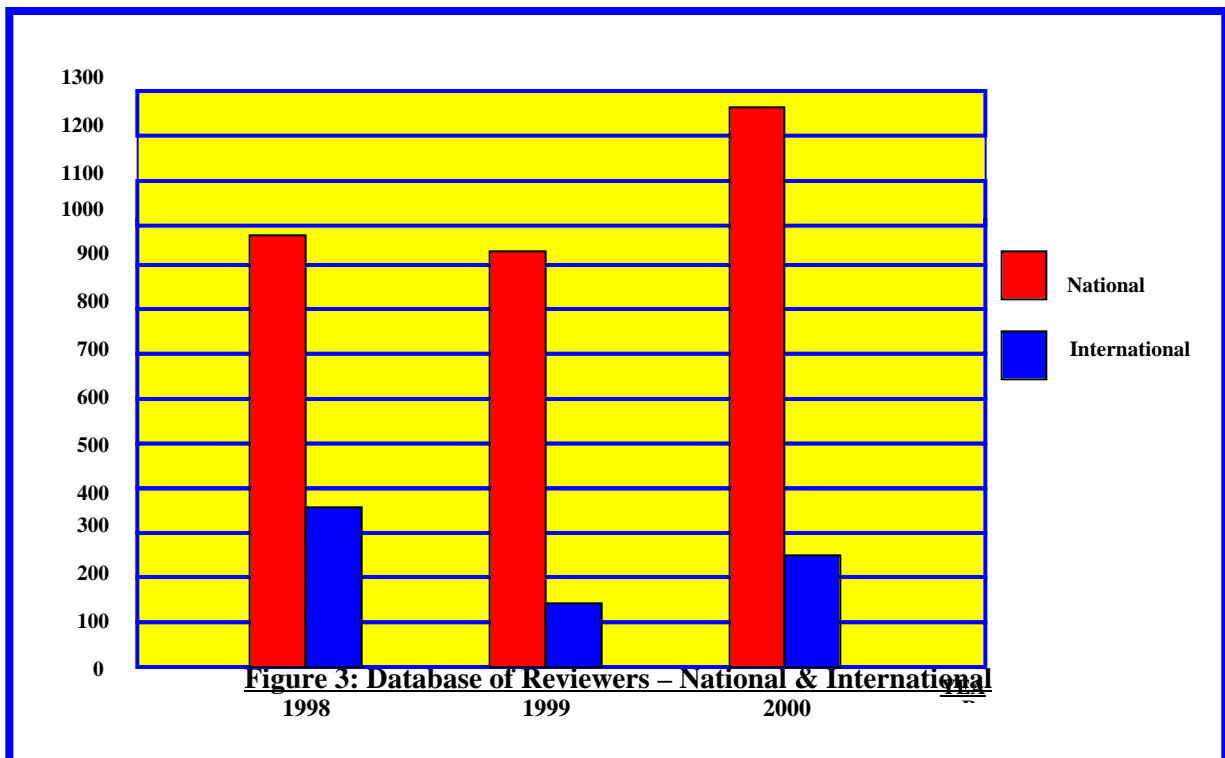
MONTHLY SUMMARY	Average Processign Time Frame from received date, acceptance and publication.			
	Received – Accepted Mean		Received – Published Mean	
Status YEAR	1999	2000	1999	2000
January	3.7	3.0	9.3	5.9
February	4.5	3.5	9.2	7.3
March	5.9	3.4	11.5	6.7
April	4.7	3.0	10.2	6.3



**Figure 1: Number of Months from Received Date to Acceptance Date**



**Figure 2: Number of Months from Acceptance Date to Publication (Mean)**



**Figure 3: Database of Reviewers – National & International**

**Table 3: Total No. of Reviewers – National & International**

	1998 (%)	1999 (%)	2000 (%)
<b>National</b>	<b>987 (75%)</b>	<b>942 (88%)</b>	<b>1,271 (84%)</b>
<b>International</b>	<b>329 (25%)</b>	<b>111 (12%)</b>	<b>251 (16%)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,316 (100%)</b>	<b>1,053 (100%)</b>	<b>1,522 (100%)</b>

**Table 5: Reviewers who reviewed 3 or more articles for the Year 2000**

<p><b>A</b>ba Alkhail, B.  Abomelha, M.  Al Amri, S.  Al Asiri, R.  Al Dawood, K.  Al Hajjaj, M.  Al Mazrou, Y.  Al Rajhi, A.  Al Rikabi, A.C.  Al Shahri, A.  Al Sufyan, H.  Al Turki, S.  Al Zaben, M.  Algwiser, A.  Amono-Kuofi, H.</p> <p><b>B</b>akhotmah, M.</p> <p><b>H</b>abbab, M.  Hallworth, M.</p>	<p><b>J</b>acobs, S.</p> <p><b>K</b>abiraj, M.U.  Kargwell, H.  Krimly, A.</p> <p><b>M</b>ufti, M.  Mesleh, R.</p> <p><b>N</b>awaz, S.</p> <p><b>O</b>soba, A.</p> <p><b>R</b>addadi, A.A.</p> <p><b>S</b>aeed, A.</p> <p><b>T</b>aha, S.  Tariq, M.</p> <p><b>W</b>arsy, A.</p>
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**Table 6: Reviewers' Reply for the Year 2000**

Reviewers' Response	No. (%)
<b>Reply</b>	<b>537(68%)</b>
<b>Before Due Date</b>	<b>480 (61%)</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reminder</b>	<b>50 (6%)</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reminder</b>	<b>7 (1%)</b>
<b>No Reply</b>	<b>256 (32%)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>793 (100%)</b>

**SUPPLEMENT 1**

*Reviewers who have participated in the excellent review of manuscript for the year 2000.*

Aba Alkhail, B. *	Al Jurf, M.	Asindi, A.	Hamza, M.	Mikkonen, P.
Abdullah, S.	Al Kattan, K.	Aslam, M.	Hanash, K.	Miola, UJ
Aba Alkhail, M.	Al Kawan, R.	Assaf, H.	Hantirah, S.	Mitwalli, A.
Abdulsalim, K.	Al Khader, A.	Aughsteen, A.	Haque, K.	Mofti, A.
Abanmi, A.	Al Khaldi, Y.	Awad, A.	Harakati, M.S.	Moghraby, S.
Abbad, M.	Al Khalifa, I.	Awada, A.	Hashem, F.	Mohareb, J.
Abd El Bagi, M.	Al Khodair, I.	Azher, M.	Hashim, T.	Monteiro, J.
Abdalrahim, M.	Al Kuhaymi, R.		Hilal, M.	Mosli, H.A.

Abdel Rahim, S.I.  
Abdul Jabbar, A.  
Abdullah, A.M.  
Abdullah, A.  
Abdullah, A. S.  
Abolfotouh, M.  
Al Amro, Abdullah  
Abomelha, M. \*  
Al Anazi, M.  
Abu Aisha, H.  
Al Ansari, A.  
Abu Daia, J.  
Abu Ghazzeah, Y.  
Abu Sabaa, H.  
Aburawi, S.  
Ahmad, R.  
Ahmed, M.M.  
Akinola, S.  
Al Aameri, A.  
Al Amri, S. \*  
Al Arfaj, A.  
Al Arifi, A.  
Al Ashieka, A.  
Al Asiri, R. \*  
Al Aska, A.  
Al Awamy, B.  
Al Awdah, S.  
Al Bassas, A.  
Al Binali, A.  
Al Bozom, I.  
Al Bunayan, M.  
Al Dalaan, A.  
Al Dawood, K. \*  
Al Eissa, E.I.  
Al Eissa, Y. A.  
Al Eithan, M.  
Al Fadel S.M.  
Al Faleh, F.Z.  
Al Faraidy, A.  
Al Farhan, A.  
Al Faris, E.  
Al Frayh, A.  
Al Gari, M.  
Al Gazali, L.  
Al Ghamdi, S.  
Al Ghamdy, Y.  
Al Gari, M.  
Al Habdan, I.  
Al Hajjaj, M. \*  
Al Halees, Z.  
Al Hamad, A.  
Al Hassam, S.  
Al Hathloul, A.  
Al Hawas, F.  
Al Hedaidhy, M.  
Al Hedaithy, S.  
Al Herbish, A.  
Al Himaidi, A.  
Al Hindi  
Al Jhdali, H.  
Al Jarrallah  
Al Jaser, A.  
  
Al Jubair, K.  
Al Jumah, M.

Al Mahim, F.  
Al Mane, K.  
Al Mayouf, S.  
Al Mazrou, Y. \*  
Al Moamary, M.  
Al Mobeireek, A.F.  
Al Momen, R.  
Al Mutairi, S.  
Al Nabulsi, J.  
Al Nasir, F.  
Al Nasser, A.  
Al Nasser, H.  
Al Nowaiser, N.  
Al Omair, A.  
Al Omar, A.  
Al Omar, B.  
Al Qattan, M.  
Al Rajhi, A. \*  
Al Rashed, R.  
Al Rayess, M.  
Al Raymoony, A.  
Al Rikabi, A.C. \*  
Al Saleh, S.  
Al Sewairi, W.  
Al Shahrani, A.  
Al Shahri, A. \*  
Al Shammari, S.  
Al Shareef, Z.  
Al Shehri, A.  
Al Sheikh, O.  
Al Shethry, A.  
Al Shimemeri, A.  
Al Shora, H.  
Al Sufyan, H. \*  
Al Sughayir, M.  
Al Sulaiman, A.  
Al Sulaiman, M.  
Al Sultan, S.  
Al Swaid, A.  
Al Swailem, R.  
Al Teimi, I.  
Al Thakafi, T.  
Al Tirrafe, I.  
Al Tufail, M.  
Al Turki, S. \*  
Al Yahya, A.  
Al Zaben, A. \*  
Al Zahrani, M.  
Al Zaid, A.  
Al Zaiem, M.  
Alamoudi, O.  
Algwiser, A. \*  
Ali, Ashraf  
Ali, Sulafa KM  
Amono-Kuofi, H. \*  
Amr, S.  
Anad, F.Y.  
Ansari, S.  
Arafa, M.  
Archibong, E.I.  
Arif, M.  
Arya, S.  
Ashoor, M.  
Ashwal, A.

Ba'Aqeel, H.S.  
Babay, HAH  
Babay, Z.  
Badr, M.  
Bahammam, A.  
Bakarmann, M.  
Bakhiet, A.  
Bakhotmah, M. \*  
Bakhsh, E.  
Bakhsh, K.A.  
Bakhsh, T.  
Bassiouny, H.  
Batieha, A.  
Bazarbashi, M.  
Bener, A.  
Bessisso, M.  
Bharthuar, A.  
Bindayna, K.M.  
Bucur, I.  
  
Canniff, B  
Chandran, U.  
Chavez-Carballo, E.  
Crankson, S.  
Cupler, E.  
  
Dafallah, A.  
Dagher, J.  
Dahduli, S.  
De Castro, R.  
Dhaliwal, J.  
Douglas III, L.  
Driver, B.  
  
Ekwere, P.  
El Asrar, A.  
El Boghdadly, S.  
El Freihi, H.  
El Khizzi, N.  
El Mouzan, M.E.  
El Solh, H.  
El Tomey, A.  
Elamin Ali, M.  
Elzubier, A.  
Erwa, H.  
Ezzat, A.  
  
Faisal, A.  
Fawaz, I.  
Fawzi, M.  
Fayed, H.  
Fisher, J.  
Fouda, M.  
  
Galal, H.M.  
Ghanem, A.N.  
  
Habbab, M. \*  
Habiballah, J.  
Haider, S.S.  
Hainau, B.  
Haleem, A.  
Hallworth, M. \*  
Hammami, M.

Hill, P.D.  
Hokail, A.  
Huraib, S.  
Hussein, I.  
  
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Kambal, AM  
Kandil, M.  
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Karim, A  
Kashoggi, T.  
Kerr, R.  
Kfoury, H.  
Khalil, M.S.  
Khan, S.  
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Khattab, M.S.  
Khauli, R.  
Khawaja, S.  
Khuroo, M.  
Koutoby, A.  
Kreml, M.  
Krimly, A. \*  
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Kudwah, A.  
Kuruvila, S.  
  
Lwaleed, B.  
  
Ma'aita, J.  
Maddah, J.  
Majeed Saidan, M.  
Makhseed, M.  
Mansoor, I.  
Maqsood, A.  
Marouf, R.  
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Shammas, A.G.  
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Sobki, S.  
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Sporrang, B.  
Stigsby, B.  
  
Tabbara, K.  
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Taha, S., \*  
Taher, S.  
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Tariq, M. \*  
Twum-Danso, K.  
  
Warsy, A. \*  
  
Yaghan, R.J  
Yousef, H.

*\* Reviewers who reviewed 3 or more articles for the year 2000*

- With the current indexing of Saudi Medical Journal in Index Medicus, we expect countless manuscripts to come our way. In anticipation, coming up with a 24 issues per year would be a great possibility.

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- To widen and accelerate communication with our reviewers, International from Arab & Gulf countries as well as national reviewers by means of electronic mail;
- To refrain from sending a second reminder to reviewers whose deadline to review manuscripts have lapsed.
- To keep a systematic updating status of Referee in our database to have only the best and active reviewers. Reviewers who are inactive will be deleted from the system.

Looking ahead, we aim to reach our objectives to make Saudi Medical Journal a profitable venture for the coming years.

# Copy Editing & Typesetting

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The year 2000 for Saudi Medical Journal was in many ways eventful and also marked by several achievements. We achieved important results in three key areas such as:

- The launch of Saudi Medical Journal Website ([smj.org.sa](http://smj.org.sa))
- The Indexing of Saudi Medical Journal in medical databases such as: Index Medicus, approved listing in the National Library of Medicine which makes the Journal available via MedLine and PubMed.
- Investing in the latest up-to-date Macintosh computers for our Typesetting Department and up grading our Desk Top Publishing program.

## Objectives and outcome for 2000

### Publication time

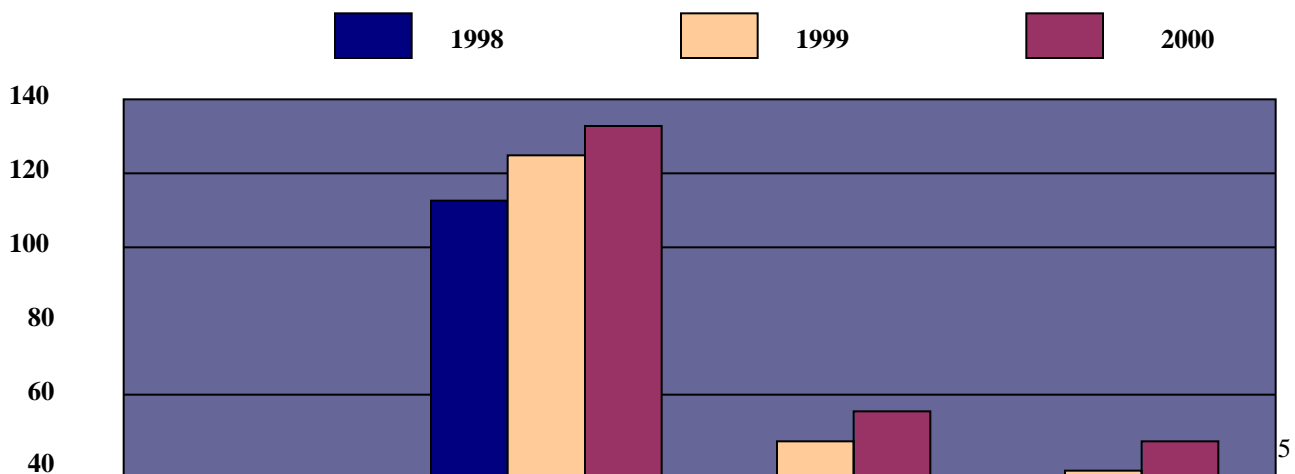
Last year Saudi Medical Journal made a firm commitment to reduce the delay time of publication to less than 6 months, which was successfully fulfilled.

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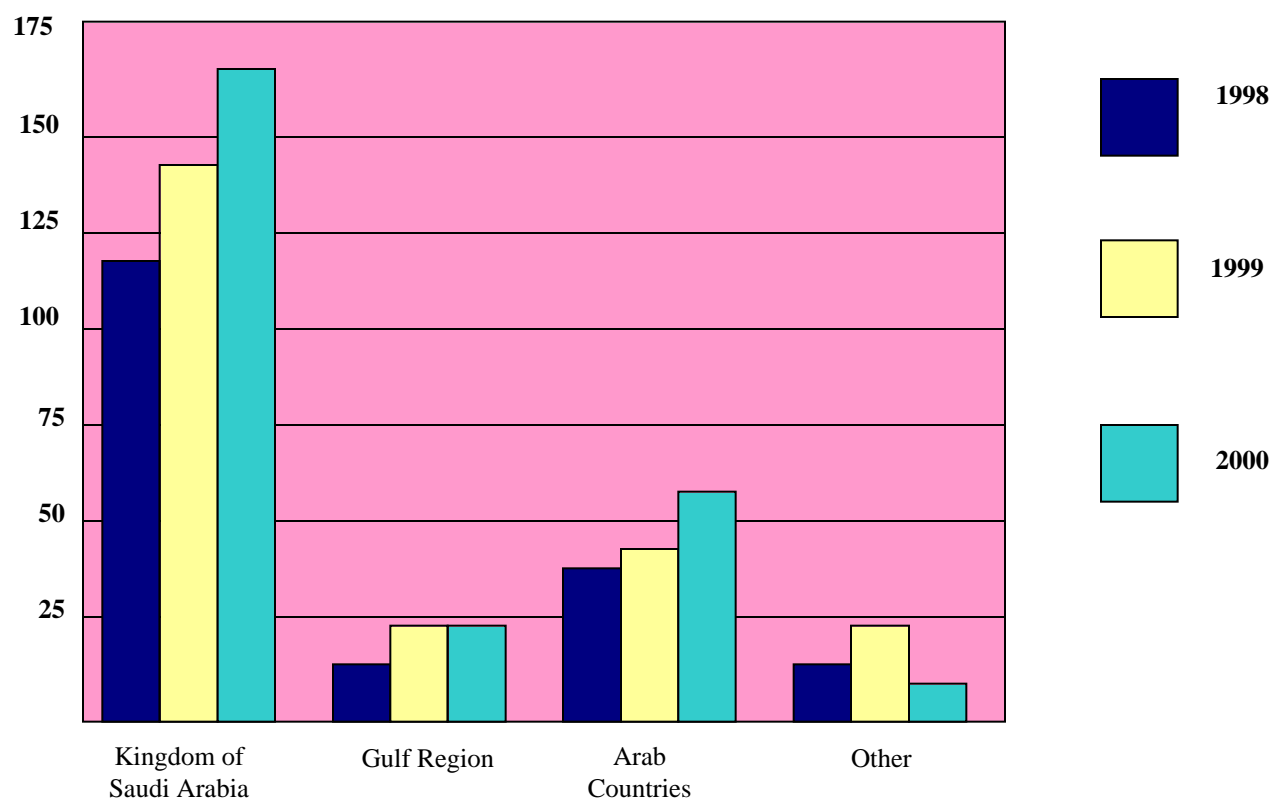
During 2000 all articles published received authors consent. Each typeset manuscript was sent to the corresponding author, who was required to sign on each page of the proof as an indication that they agreed that any Editorial changes made to their paper didn't actually change the meaning of their article.

### Figures & illustrations

During 2000, we improved the quality of figures and illustrations. Saudi Medical Journal now only receive high contrast prints during submission of articles which give substantial results after the scanning process for publication. We also accepted and published more color figures than previous years.







**Figure 2** – Country or origin of manuscripts published in SMJ in 1998, 1999 and 2000.

**Table 2** – Country or origin of manuscripts published in SMJ in 1998, 1999 and 2000.

Country	Number of Articles for 1998 (%)	Number of Articles for 1999 (%)	Number of Articles for 2000 (%)	Change %
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	122 (67)	146 (65)	168 (66)	+ 13%
Gulf Region	17 (9)	23 (10)	24 (9)	+ 4%
Arab Countries	32 (17)	36 (16)	54 (21)	+ 33%
Others	13 (7)	20 (9)	10 (4)	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>184 (100)</b>	<b>225 (100)</b>	<b>256 (100)</b>	<b>+ 12%</b>

At the moment, we still receive most manuscripts on floppy disk. All articles published continue to have the agreement and approval from authors as previously mentioned. We still experience a few communication problems with countries such as Iraq and Libya however with our new electronic system in place, these authors and many more will be able to send their approved proofs by electronic mail which should in turn eradicate this problem and prove to be more effective for all authors and the Journal. The online Journal contains full content of each monthly issue, including all figures and tables. In addition, the full text is searchable by keywords, author etc.

The Journal staff have all proved to be radical performers throughout the year 2000 however, there has been a few occasions where errata notices have been published. Although it is disappointing, the Saudi Medical Journal is quick to accept responsibility and acknowledge the fact that there is always room for improvement. Throughout the year of 2000, Saudi Medical Journal have printed errata notices quite freely and remain to keep an open mind throughout 2001.

Due to our strategic planning, there has been a substantial increase in the number of articles published as compared to previous years. Saudi Medical Journal published 256 articles throughout the year 2000. This is more than we published in the year of 1998 and 1999 as can be seen from Table 1 and Figure 1. The origin of these figures can be found in Table 2 and Figure 2. Of these pages, 1215 were of English text and 240 were of Arabic text. The volume of Saudi Medical Journal has increased by 21% over the last year. The contents were evaluated and a special score was developed for the best articles. (Supplement 1).

## Objectives for 2001

### Circulation time

We aim to have each monthly issue published, printed and distributed so that our subscribers will have received their copy by the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month.

### Publication time

Saudi Medical Journal always aims for achievement. Throughout the year 2001, we intend to reduce the delay time of publication to less than 3 months.

## **Proof of Manuscripts**

We aim to send proof of manuscripts to all authors by electronic mail. At the moment, all contact is carried out by telephone, fax and express mail. Sending each article via e-mail will speed up the entire publishing/distribution process.

## **Reprints/Off-prints**

We wish to increase the number of requested reprints. The author does have a moral commitment to be able to provide copies of their article on request. As a result of the lack of response, Saudi Medical Journal sent out a questionnaire to all authors to gain feedback and to establish a plan to encourage future orders for reprints. The results of which can be found on the sample questionnaire. (Figure 3). Having the Web site and electronic mail will make it easier and more convenient for authors to contact us and will increase the number of requests.

## **Issue Contents**

Now that Saudi Medical Journal is well established as a Medical Journal, we can become more stringent with the rejection of articles. We aim to improve the merit of articles and so therefore improve the quality content of the Journal. Presently, each monthly issue is sent out to two Reviewers for comments and opinions with regards to Journal articles and layout presentation.

## **Origin of Articles**

With each passing year the articles received and published are increasing. More and more articles are being received from within the Kingdom. We aim to publish more articles from the Middle East region, the Gulf region and increase publication from international countries also.

The Journal has been in circulation since 1979. We have progressed smoothly from bi-monthly to monthly. The Journal is not only well-read and respected nationally and throughout the Middle East but is also well recognised in many International countries.

Saudi Medical Journal is one of the most influential Middle Eastern Medical Journals that continues to maintain its reputation of excellence.

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**Figure 3** – Questionnaire for re-prints.

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**HAMEEDA H. EL-GEBALI, SALAHALDIN A. TAHIR, SYED S. HAIDER, MUSTAFA M. EL-FAKHRI**

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NAHED H. KOURA

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MOHAMMED H. MUFTI

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KUKUVAYIL R. DEVI, SARAH KURUVILA, MOHAMED M. MUSA

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DAAD H. AKBAR, SIRAG A. MIRA, TAREEF H. ZAWAWI, HUSSEIN M. MALIBARY

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AHMED M. AL-HADRANI

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TALAL J. HASHIM, SALMA A. MOAWED

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# Marketing & Advertising

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## Marketing Update For 2000

2000 has been a busy year for Saudi Medical Journal in every aspect of the Journal and this includes the Marketing Division.

We would like to thank our publishers, Al Obeikan Investment Group for all their help and tremendous support over the past year. We look forward to working with them in the coming year.

- ❖ **Advertising.** During 2000, the following companies advertised in the Journal and we would like to thank them for their great support, Janssen-Cilag, Ferring Pharmaceuticals, SPIMACO, Parke-Davis, Novartis, Wyeth-Ayerst, Saudi British Bank and Awalnet. We look forward to working with them in the future.

- ❖ **Subscription.** During 2000, we have not pursued vigorously the subscription fee for the Journal. We have continued to add to the subscribers list, all the authors who are published in our Journal together with all those who request to be added. Although not many have not paid for subscription we have not penalised them and they remain on the subscribers list. We presently have 7,660 subscribers from all different countries, which you can see in Figure 1.
- ❖ **Symposia.** Many symposia were attended during 2000, in hospitals within Riyadh, including Riyadh Armed Forces Hospital and King Faisal Specialist Hospital & Research Center. These were successful in obtaining more subscribers, reviewers and in promoting the Journal in general.
- ❖ **Saudi MedBase.** Sales of the CD Rom were steady during 2000. However more and more people are requesting the New Edition which has information from 1979-1999.

In summary, 2000 has been a steady year for the Marketing Division, we have concentrated on keeping the companies we have for advertising by offering attractive and competitive rates. Promoting the journal at symposia within Riyadh has been successful and we will continue and expand. Subscription fees are essential for the Journal and these will be brought in and will be compulsory in the future.

### **2001 Plan For Marketing**

We are expecting 2001 to be a very busy and active year for the Marketing Division and we will be concentrating on different aspects of Marketing during 2001. Due to the excellent achievements of Saudi Medical Journal during 2000 with the inclusion in Index Medicus and going online we are expecting more demands to be put on the Journal and for the profile to be raised.

- ❖ **Advertising.** In 2001 we will concentrate on approaching new companies, especially local companies such as Riyadh Pharma, Tabouk etc to advertise in Saudi Medical Journal. Of course as new companies are amalgamating (e.g. Glaxo-SmithKlein), we are keen to attract these companies to advertise with us as well. We will endeavour to keep the companies we have and attract new companies to advertise with us through offering competitive and attractive advertising rates.
- ❖ **Subscription.** During 2001 we will be working very hard to encourage subscribers to pay the fee of 300 SR. This fee includes copies of the printed version of the journal, access to the journal online, access to Saudi Medbase which is a search engine for articles published by Saudi journals from 1979-1999. From 2002, the journal will only be sent to paying subscribers and anyone not willing to pay the fee of 300 SR will be taken off the Subscribers list.
- ❖ **Symposia.** From 2001 we plan to expand and our aim is to attend not only symposia within Riyadh but also outside, i.e. Jeddah, Dhahran and in time attend symposia outside

of the Kingdom, within the Gulf States and Arab countries. We are always looking at the best possible ways to promote the Journal and this seems to work very well.

- ❖ **Saudi MedBase.** We will finalise the New Edition of the Saudi MedBase CD Rom in 2001, this will contain information from 1979-1999. We have had many requests for the more up-to-date version and look forward to successfully promoting the CD Rom when it goes on sale.
- ❖ **Re-prints.** As of 2001 we plan to send the Arabic section in re-print format to medical schools, universities and other educational institutes.

During 2001 we plan to work vigorously to promote the Journal in every way we possibly can. We look forward to the challenges ahead and hope to achieve even greater things for the Journal. With the accomplishments of 2000, we feel sure the journal will continue to grow even bigger and better.

**Figure 1: Subscribers of Saudi Medical Journal  
In different countries**

<p><b>Regional Countries</b></p> <p>Saudi Arabia      47%</p> <p>Egypt                6%</p> <p>Iraq                   5%</p> <p>Gulf Area           4.7%</p> <p>Libya                 3.3%</p> <p>Iran                   3.2%</p> <p>Jordan               2.8%</p> <p>Syria                  2.5%</p> <p>Others                2.4%</p>	<b>5936 (77%)</b>
<b>Northern America</b>	<b>1026 (11%)</b>
<p><b>Europe</b></p> <p>United Kingdom    4%</p> <p>Others                1%</p>	<b>407 (5%)</b>
<b>OTHERS</b>	<b>291 (4%)</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7660 (100%)</b>

# Employees of the Year

All of the Editorial Staff deserve great thanks for all their hard work and effort throughout the year 2000. During this year, we achieved many goals. In particular, the Editorial Staff embarked on creating a Saudi Medical Journal Web page, now available online at [www.smj.org.sa](http://www.smj.org.sa). It was also during this year that Saudi Medical Journal attained establishment in respected medical bases and is now successfully recognised and cited in Index Medicus, MedLine and PubMed. It is with thanks to our Employees of the Year and of course the whole Editorial Staff for combining all their efforts and joining together as a team, that we managed to achieve such high objectives.

We would like to thank two staff members in particular.

**Gail C. Straub**, Copy Editor has been with Saudi Medical Journal for 4 years and been a tremendous support during this time, which has seen many changes occur and helped the Journal achieve many goals.

**Lesley Jordan**, Editorial Manager has been with Saudi Medical Journal for 3 years and has worked diligently helping promote the Journal.

Both these members of staff have been alert to the ever-changing needs of the Journal and their versatility and commitment to the Journal has made their contribution invaluable.

These two members of staff will be leaving Saudi Medical Journal this year and pursuing other goals and we would deservedly just like to thank them once again and wish them well in their future endeavours.

# **Editor's Conclusive Report**

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Editors

# Saudi Medical Journal

## *The New Century*

### *Editors*

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**T**he Saudi Medical Journal is entering the new millennium with a tone of optimism. After many strides in the last 10 years, the Journal has been able to achieve 3 major endeavors in the first year of the century.

**Indexing.** The Journal has now received approval for listing in the National Library of Medicine, and it will be available on MedLine and PubMed. This is an important step for the Saudi Medical Journal (Saudi Med J) as it will now be part of international literature, available worldwide. This has been carried out after thorough and prolonged improvement in the regular circulation of the Journal, speeding up of manuscript acceptance and publication, improving the style of presentation and the number of pages published yearly, as well as increasing the circulation of the Journal to monthly instead of bi-monthly. The Editorial Staff have worked diligently, attending to all papers submitted so as to appear in the best lay-out with minimal or no errors. Proofing of all articles is now mandatory in the Journal, and we use electronic media, express mail and faxing to publish all articles on time. Authoritative reviews and leading articles have been featured in all issues of the Journal. All the above endeavors have resulted in a most difficult task i.e. indexing of our Journal in Index Medicus. We applied for the indexing of Saudi Med J with the MedLine, and this was approved at the beginning of January 2000. We are also currently indexed in Excerpta Medica in EMBASE and cited in Current Contents, which is a component of the ISI Web of Science.

**Saudi Medbase.** The Saudi Med J has committed itself to protect all the literatures from different Saudi Journals and has produced the Saudi Medbase on CD Rom, which contains all the literature published between 1979 to 1995. We are currently updating this to include all literature published from 1979 to December 1999.

**Website.** We have established a Saudi Med J website ([smj.org.sa](http://smj.org.sa)) which will contain all the articles published from January 2000. This will be available for all our subscribers. It will have a research engine and it will protect all the SMJ literature for the future.

A revision for the Editorial Board has been carried out and renewal of about half of the Board has been finalized. We would like to take the opportunity to thank the members of the Editorial Board who have completed their terms and these include Abul Latif Al-Faraidy, Abdullah Al-Khader, Abul-Aziz Al-Nasser, Abdulrahman Al-Frayh, Samir Huraib, Abdullah Al-Dalaan, Mahmood Mafee, Ahmed Kissebah, Osman Al-Furayh, Moheeb Al-Abdullah, MUSAED EL-FEHAI, Gady Magbool, Sulaiman Fedail and Mohammed Abdul Jabbar. Their contribution has been invaluable and greatly appreciated and had a great impact on the Journal over the past years. As the Journal is now international, we have invited many national and international prestigious faculty members from the Kingdom and neighboring countries to join the Editorial Board and these include, Dirk Deleu, Abdullah Al Mobeireek, Bahaa AbaAlkhail, Menwar Anazi, Ahmed Kurdi, Syed Saleem Haider, George Araj, Hassan Bassiouny, Hatem El-Shanti, Ali Ibrahim, Youssef Comair and Tariq Noman. Also, we have established an Advisory Board from prominent faculty who have been an integral part of the Journal for a long time and whose knowledge and expertise is invaluable. These include Khalaf Al-Moutaery, Muhammed Al-Mufti, Mansour Al-Nozha, George Bruyn and Khalid Tabbara.

Our long-term objectives are very ambitious, and we hope to make Saudi Medical Journal an establishment of national pride for the Kingdom and one of the distinguished international media of medical excellence.