Welcome to PRM+
Letter from Editor-in-Chief

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DEAR READER

This is the first Letter from Editor-in-Chief of the first issue of PRM+. While there are already several periodicals of high standing in the field of rehabilitation, I hope that our new journal will find its own place in a noble quest to promoting research in rehabilitation medicine. PRM+ is supposed to emphasize (more or less exclusively) quantitative approaches in rehabilitation research. Sample gathering, statistics, reporting, and most importantly suggestions to clinicians and policymakers are different in quantitative and qualitative research. While admitting the importance of qualitative research, I feel that its quantitative counterpart deserves to be presented separately at least in a single rehabilitation journal.

The great shift in medical research has appeared since the 1980s, and we are moving with growing accelerating towards evidence-based medicine, rehabilitation as its vital part. Whereas the expert opinion on a method superiority has previously been sufficient to stockholders and decisionmakers, today we have to support our suggestions by hard evidence. Resources allocated to rehabilitation measures are limited and we are seeking for those methods, which have the most evidence (usually expressed numerically) of their effectiveness and efficiency. Thus, the PRM+ welcomes papers with especially novel and statistically sophisticated methods of rehabilitation data analysis.

A journal needs four bases to success – enthusiastic editors, interested authors, dedicated peer-reviewers, and loyal readers. I hope that PRM+ will be able to build all these bases. The journal uses the Open Journal Systems software that has been on a market for a long time and it is reliable and easy to use. We have built the PRM+ site to make the submission, reviewing and production processes as easy as possible. Everything is ready and waiting for your new exciting manuscripts. The editorial team is going to need any help it can get. Please share your ideas and thoughts with us. Please contact us if you are interested in acting as a reviewer for our journal.

I hope that PRM+ has many productive years to come. Welcome again and I am looking forward to receiving your letters and manuscripts.

Sincerely

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