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As we reach the final issue of *Drugs* for 2017, I wish to reflect on another successful year's achievements, and to thank all those who have contributed their time and effort to guarantee the high quality of our content.

2017 was a successful year for *Drugs*. Over 150 articles have been published, and as of the end of October, 28 of these have been downloaded from SpringerLink over 1000 times. Topics covered by these popular articles included the language of biosimilars, targeting of new signalling pathways in asthma, immune disorders and cancer, appropriate use of anti-epileptics, proton pump inhibitors and antimicrobials, chimeric antigen receptor (CAR)-T cells, nanobiotechnology in pain management, and new developments in the drug treatment of diabetes, psoriasis and hepatitis B.

Social media sharing of information is becoming more important and is another metric with which to measure the reach of articles. This year several articles published in *Drugs* scored over 20 on the Altmetric system.

The quality of articles published in the journal is also reflected in its most recent (2016) impact factor of 5.000 (up from 4.883 in 2015).

Other journals in the Adis Premier Journals Portfolio (<http://www.springer.com/gp/adis>) continue to prosper, and this year has seen the successful launch of *PharmacoEconomics - Open*, the newest journal in the portfolio. The journal has published a full volume of 30 articles in its first year, plus many more online first. Following in the steps of Adis' flagship subscription journal in the field, *PharmacoEconomics*, the new open-access journal focuses on cost and health outcomes associated with drugs, devices and other healthcare interventions.

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I hope that you have found the articles published throughout the year in *Drugs* to be interesting and informative. The editorial schedule for 2018 is well under way, and the Section Editors and I are looking forward to bringing you many high-quality and authoritative articles over the coming year.

With best wishes  
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