As we begin a new year, I would like to notify the readers of a few changes to Stroke’s editorial board. Bo Norrving has stepped down as senior consulting editor to assume the editor-in-chief position of the new European Stroke Journal and will be replaced by Michael Brainin. Ajay Wakhloo will move from section editor to consulting editor. Gillian Mead will replace Peter Sandercock as Cochrane corner editor. Wende N. Fedder, Janice L. Hinkle, Elaine T. Miller, and Sue Pugh have been added to the masthead as state-of-the-science nursing review editors. I would like to thank all of them for their service to Stroke. I would also like to thank all of our reviewers for their excellent help in reviewing manuscripts during 2015.

Stroke has been granted an increase in resources, so I am pleased to announce that the word limit for original research articles will be increased to 5000 words and to 2000 words for brief reports. The instructions to authors will be modified to reflect these changes as of January 1, 2016, so please pay careful attention to them. I expect the increased word limit will allow authors to present their data more completely. However, if authors have additional material that does not fit into this expanded word limit, the use of data supplements remains an option.

There are a few noteworthy updates on journal metrics for 2015. As of November 1, 2015, our overall acceptance rate of original articles was 16.5%. The time from acceptance of an original research article to electronic publication was 35 days and to print publication, it was 62 days from acceptance.

Finally, a readership survey was conducted recently, and additional changes to the content may occur to reflect our readers’ preferences and feedback. This is an exciting time in the stroke field with many innovations and advances happening at an increasingly rapid pace. Stroke remains committed to disseminating new information as quickly as possible and to providing our readers with expert commentary and interpretation of important advances in the field.

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