

EDITOR'S PAGE

Treatments for erectile dysfunction in spinal cord lesioned patients. Are there alternatives to phosphodiesterase type 5 inhibitors?



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This is the last issue of *Spinal Cord* in 2015. Here you will find interesting original manuscripts on different topics. Carroll *et al* made a systematic review on SCI without radiologic abnormality in children. Lombardi *et al* reviewed eventual alternatives of treatment of erectile dysfunction with phosphodiesterase type 5. Wong *et al* reviewed dietetic services in SCI centres in UK and the Republic of Ireland. Yasar *et al* studied the effect of functional electrical stimulation cycling on late functional improvement in individuals with chronic incomplete SCI. Rahnama *et al* evaluated if religious coping and spirituality have a moderating role on depression and anxiety in SCI individuals.

This issue also includes the remaining case reports accepted into *Spinal Cord* earlier this year. All submissions of case reports and small series studies thereafter have been rejected and reconsidered for our sister journal, *Spinal Cord: Series and Cases*.

Also, letters to the editor are included and the book review of the *ISCoS Textbook on Comprehensive Management of Spinal Cord Injuries* (editor H Chhabra) published this year.

For the year to come the restructuring of the editorial process of both journals will continue, all aiming at making *Spinal Cord* better, with an increasing number of manuscripts cited more often by others and publishing the most interesting new data in the SCI field, and including *Spinal Cord: Series and Cases* in search engines as Pubmed and others.

This year has already seen much improvement thanks to the assistance of many: authors, reviewers, members of editorial boards, Liesbet at SC Office Antwerp and you, the readers.

Unfortunately there also have been (rarely) unethical findings with submissions, such as plagiarism. We also have experienced a problem with fake reviews: email addresses are reported as belonging to some of our high level reviewers, who remain completely unaware of the fact that a review was requested. From these email addresses, unknown people send very good comments and suggestions to accept the paper.

You know of course that there are several guarding mechanisms to prevent these things to happen. They also are improved all the time. Irregularities mean rejection or taking out the published items immediately.

Next year the printing of the journal will continue as requested by a substantial number of you. Changing from print to online-only gives a lower membership fee of ISCoS.

I want to wish you all the very best ending of 2015 and a good start of 2016, in happiness with those you love and satisfied in what you do.

Looking forward to work with you all and with a lot of new people next year.