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## Abstract 21

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| Journal Poster Abstract | : | The aim of this abstract is to highlight the development of the *Sultan Qaboos University Medical Journal* (*SQUMJ*), which is an internationally double-blind peer-reviewed journal founded in 1999 under the original title of *Journal for Scientific Research Medical Sciences* and renamed in 2005. Based in Muscat, Oman, *SQUMJ* aims to be a leading regional medium of medical and scientific communication. From 12 articles published in one issue during its inaugural year, *SQUMJ* now publishes four times a year with an average of 25 articles per issue. By August 2015, 33 issues had been published with approximately 781 |

articles. The number of manuscripts submitted is growing exponentially. In 2014, there were 342 submissions, which was a 20% increase on 2013 (285 submissions). By mid-August 2015, there have been 250 submissions so far this year (approximately 32 manuscripts per month); this is an increase of approximately 23% per month over 2014. *SQUMJ* continually strives to increase its publishing standards, ambitiously aiming to meet those of prestigious medical journals in the international arena. The overall rejection rate is 65%. Each year has seen a huge leap forward in indexing and quality improvement activities. *SQUMJ* had an impact factor of 0.82 and an H index of 8 for the year 2014. The journal places an emphasis on international collaboration; this trend is demonstrated in both the review process and the region of origin of published articles. In 2012, 12% of published articles had authors from different countries; by 2014, this had increased to 14.9%. More than 804 experts from 59 countries
reviewed *SQUMJ* manuscripts in 2014 (a 79% increase on 2013). As a medical journal with a focus on Oman, the Arabian Gulf and the wider Middle Eastern/Central Asian region, *SQUMJ* brings a unique geographical and cultural perspective to the international scientific literature.

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