

From the Editor

Changes afoot: Open access, DOI, remote work, and more!



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Another reason to celebrate is the publication of the 2022 update to Good Publication Practice (GPP 2022) guidelines (p.6).⁴ Congratulations to the International Society for Medical Publication Professionals (ISMPP) for this major milestone in scientific communications and the biomedical industry as a whole.

Finally, I would like to thank Archana Nagarajan for compiling this amazing issue on remote work. The pandemic unprecedentedly changed our ways of working. But the basic principles of medical and scientific communications remain the same.

So go forth and write whenever you want, wherever you are! Words have no temporal or spatial boundaries.

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Welcome to the autumn issue of *Medical Writing* (MEW). We are excited to highlight two new features of our publication.

Open access

MEW online is now fully open access. What does this mean? Previously, feature articles were available to the general public whereas the regular sections (and the articles therein) were only accessible to EMWA members. Since June 2022, MEW and all its sections are fully open access. EMWA members retain their privilege to receive the paper copy of the journal. We thank the EMWA executive committee for endorsing this initiative.

DOI

A Digital Object Identifier (DOI) is “a unique alphanumeric string assigned...to identify

content and provide a persistent link to its location on the internet”.¹ Most style manuals, including the APA and AMA recommend to include the DOI in the reference list entries.^{1,2}

A *PLoS One* research article reports that the use of digital identifiers like the uniform resource locator (URL) or the DOIs in data availability statements for publications was positively associated with data accessibility and availability over time.³

In this issue, we are pleased to now be assigning DOIs to our articles. I would like to give full credit to Sampoorna Rappaz for doing all the DOI research and planning and to Vicki White for bringing our plans to fruition.

Having an official publication that is open access, with DOI for each article, highlights EMWA's commitment to transparent communication.

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