The delight of opening a new pursuit, or a new course of reading imparts the vivacity and novelty of youth even to old age,” remarked the renowned British writer and scholar, Isaac Disraeli. Today, science is advancing at a dizzying pace. As the digital revolution spreads across the globe, there is a push towards integrating scientific literature throughout the world in order to make it freely accessible to everyone. Cancer research and research on gastroenterology (including hepatology) are two areas in medicine with the largest number of research articles in recent years. A search of the Scopus database (http://www.scopus.com/home.url) reveals that over 100,000 articles containing the word “cancer” have been published each year since 2009. This is an increase of nearly 39% in the number of articles in the field of cancer research when compared with the year 2004 (a mere five years earlier). In comparison, between 10,000 and 12,000 articles containing any one of the key words “stomach,” “gastric,” “intestine” or “colon” are published each year. Between 2,000 to 5,000 articles each containing the word “esophagus,” “duodenum,” “jejunum” or “rectum” and over 40,000 articles containing the term “liver” are published. This list is by no means exhaustive but implies the amazing pace at which our knowledge of the gastrointestinal system and the biology of cancer is advancing. This expanding volume of knowledge means that there is an ever growing need for a platform for clinicians and scientists to share their findings in a manner that is visible to a large audience. With this need in mind, I discussed with Dr. Ahmed, SciBiolMed.Org the publishing of over a dozen other journals and a good friend of mine, the idea of an open access online journal for publishing high quality articles in the fields of cancer, gastrointestinal diseases and hepatology research. From this discussion, the idea of Oncology, Gastroenterology and Hepatology Reports (www.oghreports.org) was born. OGH Reports aims to act as a platform for both basic scientists and clinicians to submit their original works. The categories of articles are broad and include research, review articles, short communications, protocols, case reports, clinical images, microscopy images, practice guidelines and book reviews. The journal at present has not placed a restriction on the number of pages, words, figures or tables in any category of submission. Dr. Mueen Ahmed has also kindly provided support to the journal to help us waive any fee from the submitting authors for the first two years of our publication. The submissions will be through the electronic manuscript submission system. The heart of any scientific work is review by peers. To assist in this enormous responsibility, we are quite honored to have a highly motivated and qualified team of associate editors. Each associate editor is an expert in their field with a proven publication record.

Typically, an article submitted to the journal would take between 2–3 weeks from submission to first decision. For the first year, the editors would be accepting articles by invitation only. Authors who are interested in submitting their work outside invitation may choose to do so by emailing the manuscript to the editor-in-chief (editor@oghreports.org) or one of the associate editors. We have a self-explanatory website that is designed to be user-friendly and provides an in-depth information on various aspects of the journal. It can be accessed at http://www.oghreports.org.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce our distinguished associate editors. They, together with our expert editorial board members form a core team whose
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Albert von Szent-Gyorgy, the scientist credited with the discovery of vitamin C and the winner of the Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine in 1937 had said “Discovery consists of seeing what everybody has seen and thinking what nobody has thought.” Indeed, today more than ever, we are seeing a fervor for discovery sweeping across the globe. The emphasis is on getting the “big picture,” or the “bird’s eye” view of things and connecting the proverbial “dots.” In this climate of scientific excitement, it gives me immense pleasure to welcome you all to OGH Reports. We look forward to being a platform for you, the enthusiastic researchers, scientists, clinicians and students to share your work, views and observations in the fields of cancer biology, gastroenterology and hepatology with the rest of the scientific community.
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