



Dear colleagues and friends,

## The voice of European gastroenterology

I am absolutely delighted to celebrate with you **UEG Journal's new Impact Factor of 6.866**. This is a major milestone in our rapid journey to position UEG Journal as an authoritative, high-quality and trusted portal for European digestive health.

As the voice of European gastroenterology, we aim to meet the need for high quality publications of clinically relevant scientific information across the whole spectrum of gastroenterology, rather than limiting ourselves to specific areas. Nevertheless, we are committed to maintaining high standards and selecting only high-quality research.

I invite you, the **myUEG community**, to make UEG Journal your trusted source for clinical and translational science. Benefit from **open access** that allows you to read and share all articles and visual abstracts for free and without the need to set up an account.

In UEG Journal you will find excellent **researcher-initiated studies** with important **clinical guidelines** to help you make decisions in your daily practice and improve patient care. We have also been privileged to publish **research from national groups and national database analyses** using artificial intelligence, meta-analyses and systematic reviews.

With particular interest we welcome the younger generation of gastroenterologists perform **translational science in different domains** such as biomarkers, outcome modifying strategies, new diagnostic tools (point-of-care), or studies that explore alternative treatment approaches. In addition, we invite leading experts in each field to submit **relevant reviews on current topics**.

Read our **latest issue** which has been published earlier this month and includes highlights such as the following:

- **Gut inflammation induced by drugs: Can pathology help to differentiate from inflammatory bowel disease?**
- **The risk of hepatocellular carcinoma in cirrhosis differs by etiology, age and sex: A Swedish nationwide population-based cohort study**
- **Development and evaluation of a deep learning model to improve the usability of polyp detection systems during interventions**

## Contribute by sharing your science with UEG Journal

We are pleased to receive high quality science from excellent authors and want to honour them accordingly. During June, the editorial team and I will select one article among the best submissions of the last 12 months, which is then awarded the **UEG Journal Best Paper Award**. In 2021, Nicholas Richard won this prize, and I invite you to watch the recording of **The UEG Week Tonight Show** in which he presents the paper and is handed the award.

Become part of UEG Journal and **share your science with us** and the myUEG Community. This clearly comes with benefits to you. We work with you to spread the word. We provide **search engine optimisation**, so that your article stands out in the crowd. We try to package your message so that it is being seen and appreciated by your peers. We create a **visual abstract** with each article, and we use our **social media channels to publicise your work**. These efforts have resulted in an increasing number of citations for our articles and a steady rise in our journal's impact factor.

If you don't have any experience in writing an article yet, I encourage you to look at the resources of the UEG's first **Career Development**. I was involved in this pilot course as an expert myself – it has been a rewarding experience for both the experts and the participants. There are also other resources in the **UEG Library** that contribute to this topic, I hope you find them helpful.

[Submit your paper](#)

## New ways of science communication

In 2022, we see again a steady upward trend in the quantitative metrics used to assess the impact of the journal. Engagement with the website is increasing, we have made significant progress on social media and our **Twitter handle @UEGJournal** has become very popular with more than 7,400 followers. We have learned that it takes fresh ideas and sometimes an unconventional approach to be successful. One of the most important changes for the journal has been the inclusion of **Trainee Editors**. Being involved in the decision-making process, they learn from the senior editors, but also show us how new formats can help **increase the visibility and popularity of the journal**. An example is the relatively new **UEG Journal podcast**, and you can soon look forward to more new formats of science communication.

As editors, we have learned how important it is to work as a team. The UEG Journal is carried by **ambitious people** and together with the outstanding scientists who send us their articles, and the readers who benefit from, apply and share the research results, we contribute to UEG's mission to improve the prevention and care of digestive diseases in Europe and beyond.

Kind regards,

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