

A walk on the road leading to science



Dear colleagues,

When Organic Communications (OC) started to be published by ACG Publications in 2008, we were aware of a difficult and challenging road ahead. It would be really difficult to take place among the eminent journals, where the most popular researches of organic chemistry are conducted. However, the editorial team of OC was determined to walk on this rough road, as their main goal, in a situation where subscription to scientific journals is increasingly difficult, was to provide the researchers with a serious, high quality and open access publishing portal. On the other hand, to reach this goal was very difficult. While the databases demanded certain number of articles to be published, expected the authors to have excellent scientific record and asked the submission of high quality of articles, the authors wanted their articles published in journals recognized by scientific databases. This was a paradoxes and vicious circle.

Among the supporters of OC, there were no other than the idealist editorial team and volunteer authors, OC did not have any support of well-known publishers having international power. In addition, with the negative effects of the academic promotion criteria of the countries, it became more difficult for OC to breath. Some so called scientists, whom we call “opportunists”, aimed to benefit out of this problem and attempted to publish their plagiarized or unimportant works in OC. Obviously, we did not give any opportunity to such attempts and kept our scientific view we have had from the beginning; sometimes publishing a single of article in some issues. During this time, we had the idealist scientists, who did not leave OC alone and OC went on breathing with their support. OC thanks to them once more.

So far, Chemical Abstracts Service, EBSCOhost, ProQuest, Index Copernicus, SCOPUS, ESCI Web of Science by Clarivate Analytics (formerly Thomson Reuters), TÜBİTAK ULAKBİMTR Index, *i*-Journals and *i*-Focus databases and indexing organizations showed us their trust. With this trust, initially SCOPUS and then ESCI paved the way to OC to meet with World scientists. Today, as of March 28, 2020, without any speculation and any self-citation by editorial team, OC has found its place in the world literature with a citation record of 0.63 by Web of Science and 0.66 by Scopus Citescore.

OC regrettably observed that some journals, which started their publication life after OC, were recognized more quickly by both authors and indexing organizations. That is because they became part of large cartels, having global organizational capabilities. Despite all these difficulties, OC and other ACG Publications journals, both nationally and internationally, are continuing on the path they believe in. They will continue to walk on this long path, proving that there is no need for companies and fake data to be of good quality.

OC believes that it will continue to have the support it deserves from both scientists and indexing organizations. We would like to thank once more to all supporters.

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