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I am pleased to mention that during the year 2018, all issues of volume 8 were published online well within the time and the print issues were also brought out and dispatched within 30 days of publishing the issue online.

Human Genetics & Embryology during this year also brought out 10th International Conference on Human Genetics and Genetic Diseases proceedings, which consisted of ~ 20 abstracts.

The Journal Impact Factor HGEC for the year 2018 was 1.04 while the indexing of the journal was however, increased to Index Copernicus; Google Scholar; Sherpa Romeo; Open J Gate; Genamics JournalSeek; CiteFactor; RefSeek; Hamdard University; EBSCO A-Z; OCLC- WorldCat; Publons

During the calendar year 2018, HGEC received a total of 20 papers, out of which 8 articles (40%) were rejected in the preliminary screening due to plagiarism or being out of the format and peer review process. During 2018 around 20 articles were subjected for publication after they are accepted in the peer review process. In the 2 issues of Volume 8 published during the year 2018, a total of 8 articles were published (at an average of 4 articles per issue) of which, articles were published from authors all around the world. A total of 50 research scientists from all over the world reviewed the 8 articles published in volume 8. Average publication lag time of an article was further reduced to 2-3 weeks.

During the calendar year 2018, a total of 20 Editors, 50 Reviewers joined the board of HGEC and contributed their invaluable services towards contribution as well as publication of articles.

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