

Editorial

New Strategy and Scope of J—Multidisciplinary Scientific Journal

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Since the beginning of 2018, when the journal J—Multidisciplinary Scientific Journal was launched [1], this is the third volume we have published.

As the first multidisciplinary journal of MDPI, in the past few years J has been practicing and exploring how can we serve as an important supplementary to MDPI's journal service rather than as a competitor to the other journals, and at the same time, give full play to the advantages of the journal's multiple disciplines to become an indispensable member of MDPI's journal family.

J was launched as an experimental platform to publish all publishable research results, including some negative results and replication studies [1]. The practice in the past few years has made us believe that although we are trying to provide a platform for researchers to publish innovative research or negative results [1], scholars are more enthusiastic to publish positive and decent results. We can see that the publications in the last three years (18 in 2018, 33 in 2019 and 29 in 2020 so far [2]) are not in a healthy trend. This phenomenon forces us to rethink the most essential question: as a reliable scientific publication, what kind of content should we provide to the scientific community? After serious discussion, we have made a decision to reconsider the strategic position of J and would like to orient it to a multidisciplinary journal to publish invited high-quality papers in the coming years. At the same time, we have refined the scopes and would like to focus on all nature and applied sciences in the future.

As an advocator of open access publishing, MDPI has gradually established internationally renowned journals in many fields of nature and applied sciences, such as the *International Journal of Molecular Sciences* [3], *Sensors* [4], *Molecules* [5], *Materials* [6], *Cancers* [7], *Nutrients* [8], *Polymers* [9], *Agronomy* [10], *Microroganisms* [11], *Pharmaceutics* [12] and many others [13]. J has collaborated and will continue to collaborate with these journals to provide content of a high scientific standard. If you found that your submissions to these journals do not fit their scopes very well, you are welcome to transfer your paper to J directly, with the review reports if there are already some.

The updated scopes of J include:

- Biology and Life Sciences
- Chemistry and Materials Science
- Computer Science and Mathematics
- Engineering
- Environmental and Earth Sciences
- Medicine and Pharmacology
- Physical Sciences
- Public Health and Healthcare

As always, we will provide rapid yet rigorous peer review. We encourage you submit and publish with us, and join and contribute as reviewers, editorial board members, and guest editors with us to further serve the community in the name of J.

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