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Readers will have noticed that between mid-June and early August 2007, no articles have been available on the website. This has been due to technical problems, which unfortunately have taken some time to resolve. We are pleased to announce that the website is functioning again (www.ppdjournal.com).

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doing this are quite simple. The aim of the journal has always been to improve the management of drug therapy in paediatric patients of all ages and we have felt that this has been best achieved by ensuring the information in the journal is disseminated widely to health care professionals throughout the world.

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