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EDITORIAL:

Who Profits from *Paediatric and Perinatal Drug Therapy*?

It is three years since this journal was launched. In that time we have progressed from a publication with review articles to a journal containing both review articles and original research. We have established a small but committed audience who wish to use medicines in children more effectively and safely.

We have been fortunate in that we have established an Editorial Board of both undoubted international repute and commitment to the journal. We have also been fortunate to have acquired the services of LibraPharm Limited as publishers. They have given us appropriate advice and expertise, while at the same time giving the Editors and the Editorial Board full control over both the content and style of the journal.

Abstracts are now indexed in Embase and this is a tribute to our many contributors who have written for the journal. We thank all of them for their time and effort. Over the course of the

next 18 months we will be moving to a quarterly publication schedule and we felt it important to explain to our readers why we have chosen to do so. Quarterly publication is more likely to appeal to libraries and other institutions to formally subscribe. It also enables us to publish more information over a period of 12 months, and encourages the submission of original research and correspondence.

The aim of the journal has never been primarily commercial. Contributors, editorial board members and editors all give their time and effort voluntarily without financial reward. As we move to a quarterly journal we value comments and suggestions from our readers. The aim of the journal remains to improve the understanding of the relationship between medicines and children of all ages. Our hope is that it is health professionals and children who have profited from *Paediatric and Perinatal Drug Therapy*.

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