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Dear Reader,

Welcome to the final issue of *European Journal of Drug Metabolism and Pharmacokinetics* for 2021.

I wish to reflect on this year's achievements, and to thank all those who have contributed their time and effort to guarantee the quality of the content published in the journal.

In 2021, over 70 articles have been published. The most popular of these in terms of downloads from SpringerLink have been:

- Deb S, Arrighi, S. Potential Effects of COVID-19 on Cytochrome P450-Mediated Drug Metabolism and Disposition in Infected Patients. *Eur J Drug Metab Pharmacokinet* 46, 185–203 (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13318-020-00668-8>
- Rubino CM, Onufrak NJ, van Ingen J, et al. Population Pharmacokinetic Evaluation of Amikacin Liposome Inhalation Suspension in Patients with Treatment-Refractory Nontuberculous Mycobacterial Lung Disease. *Eur J Drug Metab Pharmacokinet* 46, 277–287 (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13318-020-00669-7>
- Veillette JJ, Winans SA, Maskiewicz VK, et al. Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacodynamics of High-Dose Piperacillin–Tazobactam in Obese Patients. *Eur J Drug Metab Pharmacokinet* 46, 385–394 (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13318-021-00677-1>
- Haider MS, Ahmad T, Groll J, et al. The Challenging Pharmacokinetics of Mitotane: An Old Drug in Need of New Packaging. *Eur J Drug Metab Pharmacokinet* 46, 575–593 (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13318-021-00700-5>
- Würthwein G, Lanvers-Kaminsky C, Siebel C, et al. Population Pharmacokinetics of PEGylated Asparaginase in Children with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia: Treatment Phase Dependency and Predictivity in Case of Missing Data. *Eur J Drug Metab Pharmacokinet* 46, 289–300 (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13318-021-00670-8>

The high quality of content published in *European Journal of Drug Metabolism and Pharmacokinetics* has been reflected in the most recent impact factor of 2.441 and CiteScore™ of 4.1. Further, *European Journal of Drug Metabolism and Pharmacokinetics* has published content in a timely manner, with an average time from submission to first decision of 28 days.

The COVID-19 pandemic has continued to present many challenges and I would like to thank all who have contributed to ensuring the journal has thrived despite the ongoing issues.

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- Tarek M, Savarino A. Pharmacokinetic Basis of the Hydroxychloroquine Response in COVID-19: Implications for Therapy and Prevention. *Eur J Drug Metab Pharmacokinet* 45, 715–723 (2020). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13318-020-00640-6>
- Thémans P, Belkhir L, Dauby N, et al. Population Pharmacokinetics of Hydroxychloroquine in COVID-19 Patients: Implications for Dose Optimization. *Eur J Drug Metab Pharmacokinet* 45, 703–713 (2020). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13318-020-00648-y>
- Deb S, Arrighi, S. Potential Effects of COVID-19 on Cytochrome P450-Mediated Drug Metabolism and Disposition in Infected Patients. *Eur J Drug Metab Pharmacokinet* 46, 185–203 (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13318-020-00668-8>

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Returning to *European Journal of Drug Metabolism and Pharmacokinetics*, the editorial program for 2022 is well under way, and I am looking forward to bringing you many high-quality and authoritative articles over the coming year.

I thank you for your continued support.
With best wishes,
Jasbir Singh