The Portuguese Journal of Pediatrics (PJP) has been taking several steps to improve its quality. The objective of the PJP to become a scientific reference at the national and international levels remains the same. This has been widely discussed by various PJP stakeholders, including the Portuguese Society of Pediatrics, and the editor of PJP1,2,3.

The current issue marks a turning point in improving the editorial process. The PJP has a new publisher, namely, Permanyer, which has extensive experience in publishing scientific journals and books.

With the support of this new publisher, the PJP Editorial Board considers reducing the time between manuscript submission and article publication, making the review process more agile and friendly for editors and reviewers, improving English editing, allowing encoding of articles in XML language by enabling the indexing on more recognized scientific databases (a long-awaited goal), and promoting the publication of more articles ahead of print. Finally, all these changes will be associated with reducing costs by bringing together some of the referred services that were dispersed among different providers.

With this further step, we are committed to pursuing the complete indexing dream.

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