Editorial

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The principal aim of the *JMG* is to publish high quality clinical and laboratory research papers and informative and relevant review articles. In order to attract the best submissions from potential authors, a journal should offer a fair and rapid review process and ensure that published papers are easily and widely accessible. Over the past year we have expedited the review and publication processes and our second objective has been to ensure maximum accessibility of the *JMG*. The growth of electronic publishing has facilitated information exchange, and geneticists are more familiar than most with accessing web based information sources. Hence, establishing an on line full text version of the *JMG* was a major priority for the editorial team and the BMJ Publishing Group. We are therefore delighted to announce the arrival of *eJMG*. This

premillennium baby is the source of much pride and joy and will be of great value to *JMG* authors and readers.

The new *eJMG* site (www.jmedgenet.com) includes a fully searchable archive from January 1999 and abstracts and contents from earlier issues. High quality printouts can be obtained from PDF files and an email contents alerting service is available. Other important features include the ability to link from items in the *eJMG* reference lists to their Medline entry. Access to *eJMG* is included in all personal and institutional *JMG* subscriptions. In addition, it is possible to subscribe to *eJMG* alone or to download specific articles on a pay per service basis. *eJMG* is part of the HighWire press stable, a division of Stanford University's Green Library, which includes many important medical and scientific journals. Soon it will be possible to perform searches on multiple HighWire journals simultaneously.

The immediate advantages of *eJMG* are clear, but in the long term we will develop features that will exploit the unique opportunities offered by electronic publishing. Thus, we anticipate the ability to provide access to large amounts of supplementary information (for example, detailed experimental methods, clinical descriptions, or images) in an electronic only format. We expect the *eJMG* to evolve and become the primary version of the *JMG*, and we welcome comments and suggestions for future developments from our authors and readers.

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