

It is our differences that make us similar

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It has been a year since we first published our journal "Annals of Clinical Neurophysiology (ACN)". During the past year, ACN has published 2 issues, presenting manuscripts spanning a variety of topics in the field of clinical neurophysiology, including reviews, original articles, and case reports. Additionally, since the 2nd issue of Volume 19, ACN has started to publish guidelines for clinical neurophysiology procedures as special articles by the educational committee of the Korean Society of Clinical Neurophysiology.

Over the past year, ACN has published articles detailing a host of cutting-edge techniques in clinical neurophysiology, including novel methods for testing axonal excitability, functional neuroimaging, neuromuscular ultrasonography, as well as advances in conventional electromyography and electroencephalography. This third issue of ACN will continue this trend, presenting important articles on conventional and applied topics of clinical neurophysiology.

When I look over the list of authors that have published in past issues of ACN, the list includes researchers from neurology, clinical neurophysiology, neuroscience, and beyond. Even more impressively, the majority of our authors in ACN are clinicians actively working to diagnose and treat patients with disorders including ranging from neuromuscular and seizure disorders to movement and cerebrovascular disorders. As such, the work published in ACN represents a variety of perspective from basic neurology, neuroscience, as well as clinical neurophysiology.

In addition to helping to clarify the core principles involved in human physiology, one of the greatest contributions ACN can make the field of clinical neurophysiology is providing clinicians with the knowledge they need to diagnose neurological disorders accurately, and clarify the pathophysiology involved in specific neurological diseases. With this in mind, the majority of articles published in last two issues have focused on these topics. It is our hope that researchers focusing on therapeutic topics in clinical neurophysiology will consider submitting their work to our journal.

This invitation covers the spectrum of specialties and subspecialty that fall under the scope of ACN, including researcher involved in more heterogeneous work in this area. While this broader scope may be somewhat different from the traditional view of this journal, keeping pace with the rapid advances in basic and clinical medicine will require convergence from various fields.

In closing, I would like to emphasize the definition of clinical neurophysiology set forth by the International Federation of Clinical Neurophysiology^{1,2} and restate my hope that researchers from a variety of disciplines will consider submitting their interesting and insightful articles to our journal.

“A medical specialty, or subspecialty, concerned with function and dysfunction of the nervous system, caused by disorders of brain, spinal cord, peripheral nerve and muscle, using physiological and imaging techniques to measure

nervous system activity.”

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