

## Editors' Note

# RBP implements a new online submission system for manuscripts

Aiming to increase the quality of its editorial process,<sup>1</sup> RBP (Revista Brasileira de Psiquiatria) is implementing a new online manuscript submission system: ScholarOne Manuscripts, previously known as Manuscript Central. The new system is the same employed by the most important scientific journals in the world and is currently used by more than 3,000 publications. In addition to submission of manuscripts, ScholarOne Manuscripts has resources such as file conversion, correspondence between authors and editorial team, and automatic checking of references in the major indexation databases.

Another novelty of the system is that authors can now suggest potential reviewers, a procedure that will provide an expansion of RBP's body of reviewers. In the process of migration to the ScholarOne Manuscripts, RBP's authors and reviewers database has been already imported by the new system in order to ease the transition. Each user can access the system by using his/her electronic address as a unique identification and by inserting keywords corresponding to his/her areas of interest – the same procedure can be used by non-previously enrolled users who want to collaborate as RBP's reviewers.

The increased presence of RBP in the international scientific community, as evidenced by the growth of its impact factor,<sup>2,3</sup> has been accompanied by an increase in the number and diversity of submissions received by the journal. Furthermore, the process of indexing RBP in the literature's most important databases<sup>4</sup> has been also acknowledged as a model for other psychiatric journals from low- and middle-income countries.<sup>5</sup> All these achievements consolidate RBP as a Brazilian journal with worldwide penetration.

ScholarOne's user friendly interface and new resources will facilitate the job of authors, reviewers and editorial team, allowing for an even greater focus in qualitative tasks that increase RBP's content value. Thus, the new submission system joins other innovative measures, such as the fast-track evaluation request (in which all the reviewing process occurs within up to 30 days) and the ahead of print publishing process (by which articles are published online before being published in print), providing RBP more speed and accuracy in the peer-review system and attracting increasingly more high-quality manuscripts for the journal.

We invite everyone to visit the new system (<http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/rbp>), to register themselves and to participate contributing to raise even more the quality of our journal.

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