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In this the final issue of *The Patient* for 2014, the editors and production staff at Adis would like to take the opportunity to look back on all that has been achieved in the last 12 months and to thank the people who have given their time to ensure we continue to bring you world-class content.

We are pleased to advise you of a number of positive developments involving the Adis journals in 2014. This year saw the journal portfolio increase in size with the transfer of a number of existing Springer journals into the Adis portfolio, as well as the launch of two new open access titles: *Drugs—Real World Outcomes* targets research involving the use of real-world data to evaluate health outcomes and inform healthcare decision-making, with a particular focus on healthcare-related 'big data'; and *Drug Safety—Case Reports* publishes reports of any unintended or adverse effects following administration of a medicinal product, as well as cases involving 'near misses' or a lack of efficacy.

This year saw a healthy gain in the ISI impact factor for *The Patient—Patient-Centered Outcomes Research* to 1.957. Our sister journal *PharmacoEconomics* also saw a rise to 3.338. We look forward to building on these gains in 2015.

This year saw the first book published in our Adis health economics and outcomes research book programme. We are developing a great pipeline of new titles, involving top authors from around the globe and welcome any suggestions for new titles. We have also appreciated the many topical proposals submitted to date. Please contact chris.carswell@springer.com for further information.

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We hope that you have found the articles published throughout 2014 to be both interesting and informative. The editors have appreciated the high quality of content contributed to the journal this year and look forward to keeping you up to date with topical issues in the field of patient-centered outcomes research in 2015.

With best wishes from the staff of *The Patient*, the Department of Health Policy and Management at Johns Hopkins School of Public Health and all at Adis Publications.