

A Public Tribute to the Editors and Publishers of *Digestive Diseases and Sciences*: Personal Experience with Authorship of 43 Publications in this Journal During the Last 29 Years

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To the Editor:

I am hereby writing an unsolicited, public thank you and tribute to the editors and publishers of *Digestive Diseases and Sciences*. I have a relationship with this excellent gastroenterology journal that encompasses 43 publications in the Journal authored or coauthored by me during the last 29 years. My public tribute is precipitated by the recent publication of a case report in the Journal on endoscopic and radiologic findings with a severe complication of laparoscopic adjustable gastric band (LAGB) surgery [1], in which I, the first author, was treated with great consideration and courtesy, as follows: (1) peer review of this case report was accomplished within 2 weeks; (2) 3 days after article acceptance by the journal I was emailed the article proofs; (3) 4 days after my returning the proof corrections, these corrections were all correctly executed by the Journal; (4) at this time the Journal emailed me the corrected proofs for me to verify that they were correctly accomplished; and (5) the article was published online, ahead of publication in-print, one week later. I believe this editorial and publication process serves as an ideal for authors which other journals should emulate. Indeed, I have selectively published a large percentage (about one-sixth) of my medical papers during the last 29 years in the Journal because of its high publication standards, superb

reputation and prestige, wide readership, and courtesy to authors. Few gastroenterologists know that this is one of the oldest, continuously published, specialty journals in gastroenterology, having begun publication in 1934 as the *American Journal of Digestive Diseases and Nutrition* (later shortened to the *American Journal of Digestive Diseases*) [2].

Compliance with ethical standards

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