



Editorial

A New Way to Read, Write, and Review for **CORR**®

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Web sites for media sources are ubiquitous. One cannot imagine a newspaper, scientific journal, or TV network existing in 2016 without a web presence. In fact, many publications that once were print-based, including *Clinical Orthopaedics and Related Research*®, now depend on web-based services to a far-greater degree than they do on paper distribution. You, our readers, have demonstrated how you prefer to consume the timely, high-quality orthopaedic studies *CORR*®

publishes: In 2015, users downloaded individual manuscripts in full-text form nearly 2 million times, either from our publisher's website or from the freely available manuscripts archived on PubMed Central. By contrast, although our print-subscription base is robust, it is measured in the thousands, not the millions.

That being so, we have spent the last year making our website the perfect place for our readers to find the best available evidence they need to inform the clinical decisions they make, as well as to keep up on the latest clinically relevant laboratory-science research. The site also provides tools for our authors to make scientific reporting easier and more intuitive, and we are finalizing a web-based toolkit for our peer reviewers, as well. Here are some of the features we think you will enjoy.

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For *CORR*® Reviewers: The quality of the material we publish depends critically upon thorough and thoughtful peer review. Reviewers, though, volunteer their time, and our best reviewers are much in demand both at *CORR*® and elsewhere. Naturally, we want to make the most of the energy our referees exert on behalf of our readers; in short, to get more usable suggestions from them while consuming less of their time. With that

in mind, we now are putting the finishing touches on our online reviewer tool, which will point reviewers towards the key questions to ask of each manuscript, help them from overlooking key methodological elements, and allow our referees to do better work in less time than ever. We will announce when the reviewer tool goes live (and share more about its special features), and we will include links to publications that will aid you in reviewing for *CORR*® and other journals.

In a simpler time, *CORR*® had readers who flipped through paper pages. We now have “users,” who download content from our website and use our online tools. The move from holding a journal in one’s hands to downloading content to a mobile device with the swipe of a finger has occurred with surprising speed. And this has, by and large, been a good

thing. Tools for reviewers and authors, and a rich, multimedia experience for readers—all continuously updated with the newest content easily identified—reward the user so much more than might any passive exercise involving printed pages.

We value our users, new and old, and are delighted to invite them to enjoy all that *Clinical Orthopaedics and Related Research*® has to offer at www.clinorthop.org. And, as always, we are glad to take any suggestions and comments from our users—send your thoughts to us at eic@clinorthop.org.

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