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As we reach the final issue of *Pediatric Drugs* for 2018, we wish to reflect on another successful year's achievements, and to thank all those who have contributed their time and effort to guarantee the high quality of our content.

2018 was a successful year for *Pediatric Drugs*. Over 50 articles have been published; the most popular of these, in terms of downloads from SpringerLink (up to the end of September), have been:

Saint GL, Semple MG, Sinha I, Hawcutt DB. [Optimizing the Dosing of Intravenous Theophylline in Acute Severe Asthma in Children](#). *Pediatr Drugs*. 2018;20(3):209–214.

Ott MA, Crawley FP, Sáez-Llorens X, Owusu-Agyei S, Neubauer D, Dubin G, Poplazarova T, Begg N, Rosenthal SL. [Ethical Considerations for the Participation of Children of Minor Parents in Clinical Trials](#). *Pediatr Drugs*. 2018;20(3):215–222.

Brusaferrero A, Farinelli E, Zenzeri L, Cozzali R, Esposito S. [The Management of Paediatric Functional Abdominal Pain Disorders: Latest Evidence](#). *Pediatr Drugs*. 2018;20(3):235–247.

Durgam S, Chen C, Migliore R, Prakash C, Edwards J, Findling RL. [A Phase 3, Double-Blind, Randomized, Placebo-Controlled Study of Vilazodone in Adolescents with Major Depressive Disorder](#). *Pediatr Drugs*. 2018;20(4):353–363.

Wang Y, Xu Y, Zou R, Wu L, Liu P, Yang H, Xie Z, Wang C. [Effect of Levocarnitine on the Therapeutic Efficacy of Conventional Therapy in Children with Dilated Cardiomyopathy: Results of a Randomized Trial in 29 Children](#). *Pediatr Drugs*. 2018;20(3):285–290.

Wedekind MF, Denton NL, Chen CY, Cripe TP. [Pediatric Cancer Immunotherapy: Opportunities and Challenges](#). *Pediatr Drugs*. 2018;20(5):395–408.

Kashiwagi T, Okada Y, Nomoto K. [Palivizumab Prophylaxis Against Respiratory Syncytial Virus Infection in Children with Immunocompromised Conditions or Down Syndrome: A Multicenter, Post-Marketing Surveillance in Japan](#). *Pediatr Drugs*. 2018;20(1):97–104.

Stepanova E, Grant B, Findling RL. [Asenapine Treatment in Pediatric Patients with Bipolar I Disorder or Schizophrenia: A Review](#). *Pediatr Drugs*. 2018;20(2):121–134.

Li A, Yeo K, Welty D, Rong H. [Development of Guanfacine Extended-Release Dosing Strategies in Children and Adolescents with ADHD Using a Physiologically Based Pharmacokinetic Model to Predict Drug-Drug Interactions with Moderate CYP3A4 Inhibitors or Inducers](#). *Pediatr Drugs*. 2018;20(2):181–194.

van Rongen A, van der Aa MP, Matic M, van Schaik RHN, Deneer VHM, van der Vorst MM, Knibbe CAJ. [Increased Metformin Clearance in Overweight and Obese Adolescents: A Pharmacokinetic Substudy of a Randomized Controlled Trial](#). *Pediatr Drugs*. 2018;20(4):365–374.

Social media sharing of information is becoming more important and is another metric with which to measure the reach of articles. This year the following articles published in *Pediatric Drugs* scored highly on the Altmetric system:

Puri L, Nottage KA, Hankins JS, Angheliescu DL. [State of the Art Management of Acute Vaso-occlusive Pain in Sickle Cell Disease](#). *Pediatr Drugs*. 2018;20(1):29–42.

Tomlin AM, Woods DJ, Lloyd HS, Tilyard MW. [Trends in Outpatient Prescription Medicine Use in New Zealand Children 2010–2015: A National Population-Based Study](#). *Pediatr Drugs*. 2018;20(5):465–474.

Durrieu G, Maupiler M, Rousseau V, Chebane L, Montastruc F, Bondon-Guitton E, Montastruc JL. [Frequency and Nature of Adverse Drug Reactions Due to Non-Prescription Drugs in Children: A Retrospective Analysis from the French Pharmacovigilance Database](#). *Pediatr Drugs*. 2018;20(1):81–87.

Alqahtani S, Abouelkheir M, Alsultan A, Elsharawy Y, Alkoraishi A, Osman R, Mansy W. [Optimizing Amikacin Dosage in Pediatrics Based on Population Pharmacokinetic/Pharmacodynamic Modeling](#). *Pediatr Drugs*. 2018;20(3):265–272.

Ott MA, Crawley FP, Sáez-Llorens X, Owusu-Agyei S, Neubauer D, Dubin G, Poplazarova T, Begg N, Rosenthal SL. [Ethical Considerations for the Participation of Children of Minor Parents in Clinical Trials](#). *Pediatr Drugs*. 2018;20(3):215–222.

The quality of articles published in the journal is also reflected in its most recent impact factor. At 2.000, the impact of the journal remains high, and *Pediatric Drugs* is ranked 51 out of 124 pediatric journals.

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With best wishes, Rod McNab