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JDR Editorial: A Journal Retrospective and Forward-Looking Review

Welcome to **Volume 3 Issue 5 of the Journal of Disability Research (JDR)**. Let us start by emphasizing our continuing intention to publish innovative, high impact, insightful work open access, the output strongly connecting with prospects for improving the quality of life of those limited by disability. In the lead up to our first publication, just 20 months ago, we of course looked forward to receiving submissions from a wide variety of sources. We have not been disappointed. The highly multidisciplinary nature of the submissions has clearly given rise to challenges, not least that of seeking out those able and willing to evaluate the research quality. A strong corollary has been considerable enrichment in our pool of referees, with highly encouraging growth in this, leading to notable reduction in the average time taken in reaching a final decision. In line with the number of high impact manuscripts that we continue to receive, we have increased issue production, from four in 2023 to the

present monthly rate, seeking to accommodate the clear desire for timely publication. Confidence increases as we have continued to observe a steep rise in attraction to the research contained within JDR, **presently achieving some 50,000 views, also reflecting widespread global interest in JDR material** (please see the figure below):

