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Editorial

Welcome to the very first issue of the *Journal of Experimental Psychopathology*, and we hope this is the beginning of a long and successful career for this new clinical psychology research journal. As inaugural editors of the journal we have been excited by the amount of interest shown in the journal by researchers around the world. There is no doubt that clinical psychology research has burgeoned over the past 10 years, and there is a continuing need for outlets for the ever-increasing flow of excellent quality clinical research.

The intention for *Journal of Experimental Psychopathology* is that it should grow to be an eclectic journal that publishes excellent quality clinical psychology research and also maintains the important link between clinical psychology theory and core psychology research. This intention will permit us to (1) publish research conducted on analogue populations, and (2) publish research that we believe has both a theoretical and practical relevance for clinical psychology but is driven by mainstream core psychological knowledge. While most of the articles we publish will be empirical studies, we will also be publishing theoretical and review articles that significantly further our understanding of psychopathology and clinical interventions. You will also see from the special issues that we have commissioned during our first year that we will also welcome articles on methodological and statistical matters that have a significant relevance to clinical psychology research.

The *Journal of Experimental Psychopathology* is committed to publishing a minimum of four issues a year, but because we are an e-journal we are not bound by the physical demands imposed by printed copies. As a result we expect to publish issues of the journal as and when demand requires and in some years this may well be more than the minimum four issues per year we have specified. This flexibility should ensure that the research we publish reaches its relevant audience as quickly as possible.

The need for new outlets such as *Journal of Experimental Psychopathology* has been highlighted by the fact that a number of established clinical research journals have recently restricted their scopes to manage their ever-increasing numbers of submissions. This change has resulted in some traditional clinical psychology journals becoming increasingly specialized, which has disenfranchised many researchers whose work is highly relevant to clinical psychology theory but who cannot now easily publish in core aetiology and intervention outlets that are actively read by clinical psychologists. We hope that *Journal of Experimental Psychopathology* will redress this imbalance by providing an outlet for a broad range of good quality research with a clinical relevance, and together with the support of our publishers we will ensure that this research reaches the audience of clinical researchers for which it was intended.

Our aim is to make the journal as researcher friendly as we can by encouraging authors to make available the various tools and materials they have used or alluded to in their articles, and these can be accessed by readers through the 'Tools & Materials' tab associated with each article. It is also our intention to develop a partial open access policy for selected content, and we will publish the details of this open access policy in a later issue once we have finalized the details.

Finally, it goes without saying that the Board of Associate Editors has had a significant amount of work to deal with over the last twelve months, both in terms of reviewing submissions and commissioning special issues of the journal. They have all dealt with this workload in a very professional and enthusiastic way, and must take a significant amount of the credit for the fact that the journal has reached this important stage of development. We must also thank all the very eminent international members of our Editorial Board for supporting the journal over the past year – they have all done so in very active ways which have both spread news of this new journal worldwide and provided encouragement to us all.

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Editors-in-Chief