

From the Editor's Desk

Dear Readers,

As the last person to view manuscripts that have passed through the ritual for publication, it is a somber truth that few of our authors understand probability and I mean not at all. They think that a P of 0.05 is divinely ordained, that a P of 0.055 is not significant and if only their sample had been larger, they would have "achieved" significance. Probability does not work this way. It ap-

pears this is an old problem with consequences for patients when doctors cannot interpret test results. We hope that the invited article Furst T, Strojil J. A patient called Medical Research. This issue, p. 54-57 will ignite some discussion.

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