Publisher's Note

Introducing Article-Based Publishing to Journal of King Saud University - Science

Until now academic articles have been published in journals, on an issue by issue basis. While this ensured organised citation information, it created boundaries for the timing of each published article. Now online publishing is changing all of that, making it possible to publish citable articles with volume, issue and page numbers as and when they're ready – before an entire issue of the journal is finished.

Furthermore readership styles and how information is gathered have changed quite considerably, now that most people access articles online. Searching online for relevant articles is mostly done by key words, instead of browsing through journals' table of contents listings.

To reflect these changes, we are now introducing *article-based publishing* for the *Journal of King Saud University* - Science making final and citable articles available online faster, and improving their *findability*. From now on articlntes will be published as soon as possible without waiting for an issue to be completed; they will appear in an "Issue in Progress".

Benefits of article-based publishing
– Final articles available online sooner
– Faster citations: researchers can use the complete citations earlier
– Article format moves from p(rint)-articles to e-article leading

What is *article-based publishing?*
Article-based publishing is publishing an article into an "issue in progress" as soon as it is finalised and not having to wait for the entire issue to appear. Until now, articles had to wait until a journal issue was fully complete to be assigned page numbers. Now, every time an individual article is finished, it receives a page range and is published online inside an *Issue in Progress*. Each finished article follows the previous one, until the *Issue in Progress* is filled with fully citable articles. Volume and issue numbering system will remain - as this is the industry standard, and it also provides context to when the article was published – acting as an indicator of the year.