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### **New Movement Disorders Journal Breaks From the Mold**

Unlike other journals in the field of movement disorders, *Tremor and Other Hyperkinetic Movements* (TOHM), an open-access, peer-reviewed medical journal, centers on tremor and hyperkinetic movement disorders, giving home to clinical observations and research in this area. TOHM, a newcomer to the field of movement disorders, has launched with ten new articles at <http://tremorjournal.org>. The [Center for Digital Research and Scholarship \(CDRS\)](#), TOHM's publisher, provides editorial support, software, design, and hosting for the journal.

In addition to its rolling submission policy and open access policy, which set it apart from other journals in the field, TOHM has a rapid turnaround time. Indeed, the current turnaround time from submission to first decision is only 26 days (3.7 weeks), echoing that of prestigious open-access journals such as PLoS One. TOHM uses an iterative publishing process and therefore does not have fixed deadlines. In addition, TOHM's online format permits more liberal word limitations than other journals. TOHM's open-access quality allows for greater visibility of its papers and, in turn, increased impact of its research.

Professor of Epidemiology and Neurology at Columbia University, Elan D. Louis, MD, MS is the founding editor of the journal. Dr. Louis' research interests include degenerative diseases of the central nervous system, with an emphasis on tremor disorders. Dr. Louis has written over 300 peer-reviewed articles and has been invited to author editorials and reviews for journals such as *Annals of Neurology*, *New England Journal of Medicine* and *Lancet*. TOHM also features an illustrious editorial board with a wide range of leaders in the field of movement disorders.

TOHM has evolved from a mere conversation about a journal to become a reality for the editor. "When I first started talking to CDRS about their journal services, launching TOHM as a journal was just an idea. Over the last year and a half, we've worked together to launch the journal, receive submissions, and finally publish the journal's first set of articles. Making TOHM an open-access journal will allow for greater visibility of these articles and, in turn, increase the impact of our research, which is enormously exciting," said journal Editor-in-Chief Elan D. Louis.

CDRS is delighted to announce the launch of TOHM's first ten articles. "It has been a pleasure to continue to partner with TOHM, which provides an international platform for experts and specialists in the field of hyperkinetic movements, and gives center stage to clinical observations and research in the area of non-Parkinsonian movement disorders. We are honored to have had the privilege of working with TOHM to bring their first set

of articles online and look forward to our continued partnership,” said CDRS Director Rebecca Kennison.

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