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The year 2021 can be considered as the year when the European Journal of Health Communication became a recognized scientific journal in our field. EJHC has been listed in the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ; <https://bit.ly/39NdfhR>), which is an important recognition of EJHC as an open access journal and will greatly increase the visibility of the journal and its articles. In its second volume in 2021, EJHC published three issues with 14 articles. These articles impressively demonstrate the variety of topics and methodological approaches in the field of health communication. The articles relate to strategic issues of health communication (e.g., message design and tailoring), media issues (e.g., media coverage of health topics), issues of patient-provider communication (e.g., communication skills), health technologies (e.g., mHealth apps), methodological questions (e.g., self-identity construction in qualitative interviews), and social aspects of health communication (e.g., social support). Methodologically, the studies represent a range of qualitative and quantitative approaches, including ethnographic content analysis, participatory netnography, focus group discussions, cross-national online surveys, and experimental designs. Most importantly, however, the studies presented in these articles draw on various national samples (nine different nationalities), clearly reflecting EJHC's mission to be a journal that represents the cultural, political, economic, and academic diversity in Europe.

The publication of these articles is not only the result of the great work of the authors but also of the people who often remain behind the scenes in academic publishing: the reviewers. They provided highly qualified, detailed, and timely reviews for 49 submissions in 2021. This editorial gives us, the EJHC management team, a chance to acknowledge the reviewers from our editorial board and the ad hoc reviewers for their dedicated service to EJHC: Thank you, obrigado, gracias, merci, grazie, hvala, danke, dank u, tak, tack, and takk to all reviewers listed below!

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