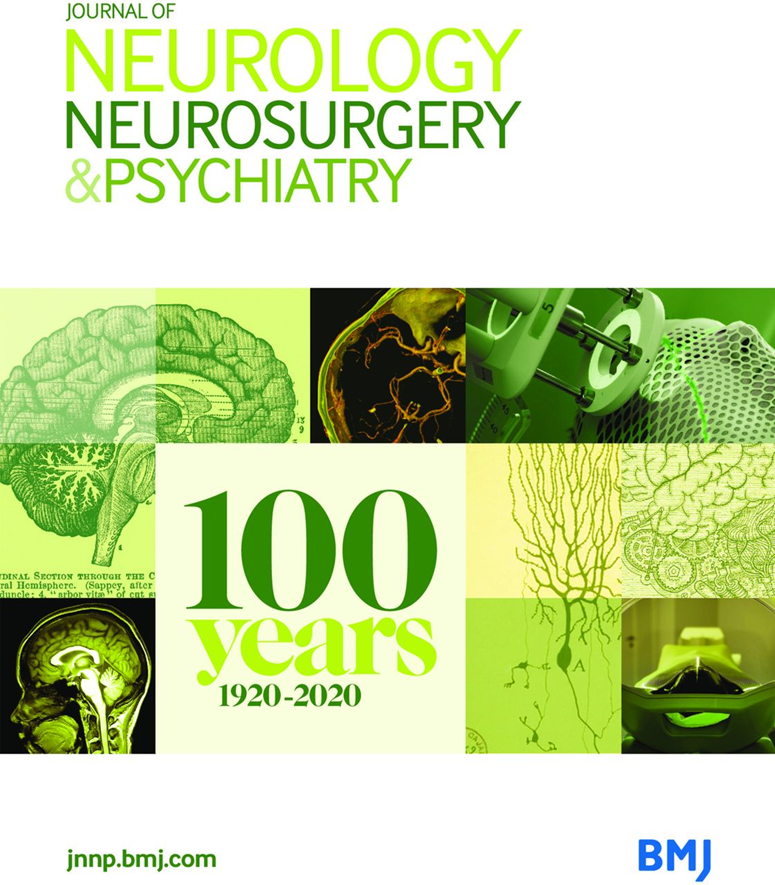
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# JNNP - A centenary of publishing neuroscience achievements



The display is launched to mark the centenary of the Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery and Psychiatry (JNNP)

The display features material from Queen Square Library and Archives, and highlights the journal’s many connections with Queen Square.

**Please note that only UCL library members can see the display in person due to current COVID-19 restrictions**. Content is available online at **queensquare.org.uk/archives/visiting/exhibitions**.

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*“In 2020, the Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery and Psychiatry (JNNP) will reach a significant milestone – 100 continuous years of publishing the innovations, medical breakthroughs and trailblazing studies that have made JNNP the go-to journal across the clinical neurosciences.”* Matthew C Kiernan, Editor, 2010-

## The founding of the journal : Kinnier Wilson

The first volume was published in May 1920, by the founding editor, Samuel Alexander Kinnier Wilson, a physician at the National Hospital, with a committee of nine, including Charles Symonds.

Kinnier Wilson had resurrected Edinburgh *Review of Neurology and Psychiatry*, (founded by his father in law Alexander Bruce) and renamed it the *Journal of Neurology and  Psychopathology*. The publishers were John Wright and Sons from Bristol. The British Medical Association took the journal’s publication in 1926.



The initial editorial board was divided into neurology and psychopathology sections, although the distinction between these two in the frontispiece was dropped in 1924.

The editorial in the first issue “the real of neurology” is unsigned but presumably penned by Kinnier Wilson. The second issue included an article by Majorie Blandy – the first female registrar in Queen Square.

*“How could he have predicted the path his journal would forge—from understanding the circuitry of memory, unlocking disease pathophysiology, the creation of rating scales (some with citation counts >48 000 to date) the role of neurosurgery, to the advent of new therapies, comprehending quality of life, addressing patient outcomes and establishing disease criteria”* Matthew C Kiernan, Editor, 2010-

## 1938: new name, new publisher, new editor

The first volume of the new series in 1938 appeared under the title of Journal of Neurology and Psychiatry, edited by Dr EA Carmichael, also a physician at the National, and Director of the new MRC neurological research unit in Queen Square). Carmichael had 5 associate editors and 20 others including Denny-Brown, Jefferson, and Brain. The journal was published by BMJ for the first time, and included Kinnier Wilson’s obituary notice. That year there were 4 issues and 22 articles.The contents had a more modern tone, including a review of the applications of EEG by Grey Walter

## Post war era : Ritchie Russell & Simpson

The Journal took its current title *Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery and Psychiatry* in 1944, and Ritchie Russell (the first Professor of Neurology at Oxford University, and formerly RMO at the National), took over as editor in 1948, with a similar editorial committee. The addition of neurosurgery may have reflected the influence of the Second World War on clinical neuroscience, and many articles in the next decade related to neurosurgical aspects and sequalae of head trauma. The proceedings of the BNS were prominently reported.

In the 1970s, Professor Simpson (the firstProfessor of Neurology at Glasgow University, and formerly of MRC neurological research unit in Queen Square) took over the editorship, with a largely new committee, including Gilliatt, Walshe and McKissock. By this time there were 6 issues and 120 articles a year (in 1974 the journal went monthly to accommodate demand). These included papers by Marshall on radioisotope brain scans in stroke, and by Marsden on physiology of tremor in hyper- and hypothyroid patients.

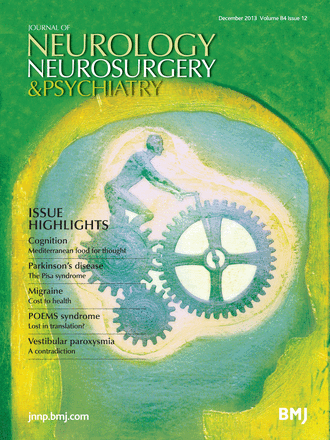
## 1980s and 1990s: Marsden, Hughes & Kennard

Professor Marsden (who later became Dean of Institute of Neurology) became editor in the 1980s, with another largely new committee of 28, including Morgan Hughes, Newsom Davis and Symon. In Marsden’s first volume in 1980, there were 12 issues and about 180 articles. That volume included a special issue on myasthenia gravis in appreciation of Professor Simpson, and in 1981 the publication of the first Carmichael Memorial lecture***.***

Professor RAC Hughes (then Consultant Neurologist at Guy’s Hospital) was editor from 1989 (when the journal became A4 format) until 1996, and in addition to a committee of 32, including Anita Harding, and Elizabeth Warrington, there was also an associate editor, deputy editor and book review editor. In 1993 he introduced a series of regular reviews centred around the theme of “neurological emergencies” which were compiled into books at the end of each year.

Professor Maria Ron was Associate Editor of the JNNP during this period, one of the firstt "neuropsychiatry" associate editors of the JNNP, while Professor of Neuropsychiatry at UCL and Consultant Neuropsychiatrist at the National.

This period also included the publication of two highly cited articles by Professor Andrew Lees, describing the clinico-pathological studies at the Queen Square Brain Bank that have led to improved diagnostic accuracy of Parkinson’s syndromes in neurological practice. Professor Kennard (thenProfessor of Clinical Neurology at Imperial College) took over as editor in 1997, with an editorial board including Aminoff, Rossor, Scarevelli and Schott.

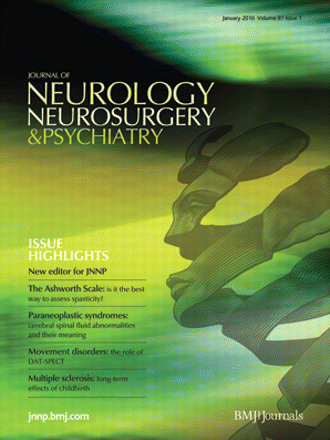


## 2000s to the present day: new editors, new formats

Over 1300 submissions a year, which increased to over 2000 p.a by the time Martin Rossor (Professor of Clinical Neurology at UCL Queen Square Institute of Neurology, and Consultant Neurologist at the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery) became editor in 2004, with Michael Hanna (now Director of UCL Queen Square Institute of Neurology) as deputy editor.

The journal introduced a new cover from 2004, highlighting the three clinical subjects of neurology, neurosurgery and neuropsychiatry, but “the green journal” maintains its green colour scheme to the present day. Since 2007 all papers are offered “online first”.

The current editor is Matthew C Kiernan (Bushell Chair of Neurology, University of Sydney) appointed in 2010 as its first non-British editor, introducing a new cover design, and the launch of podcasts. Matthew was a specialist registrar in Queen Square in 1998-1999, and subsequently a postdoc for 3 years in the Sobell Department at the Institute of Neurology.



The journal now has an editorial team spanning the globe, including Associate Editor Nick Ward, as well as 4 web editors, 2 blog editors, 2 Facebook editors and a podcast editor.

There is also a Patient Editorial Board, introduced in 2019.

Submissions now exceed 3000 a year, with an acceptance rate of around 8%. The journal now has a large international audience, with 4.9 million page views in the last year alone.

In 2020, JNNP published a number of high impact articles by Queen Square authors on the impact of COVID-19– with publication times reduced in response to the pandemic.

The journal continues to be liberal in its coverage across the clinical neurosciences, honouring the broad-minded legacy of Kinnier Wilson’s aspirations.

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