



Reflecting on the Evolution and Future of the *Journal of Oral Medicine and Pain*

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In the ever-evolving landscape of oral medicine and orofacial pain research, the *Journal of Oral Medicine and Pain* (*JOMP*) stands as a beacon of scholarly excellence and a testament to the enduring legacy of the Korean Academy of Orofacial Pain and Oral Medicine. Since its establishment in 1972 and inaugural publication in 1973, *JOMP* has been at the forefront of advancing the field in Korea and beyond, embodying a tradition of innovation and a commitment to scientific rigor.

The pivotal growth of *JOMP* has been noted each year; however, 2023 marked a significant milestone in our journey, as we updated our aim and scope to reflect the dynamic nature of our field and our journal's role within it. *JOMP*, known in Index Medicus as *J Oral Med Pain*, has solidified its position as a crucial platform for disseminating high-quality scientific research with a focus on originality in all aspects of oral medicine and orofacial pain. Our publication frequency (March, June, September, and December) ensures timely access to the latest findings and discussions.

Our uniqueness is rooted in our history, which encapsulates the entire course of the establishment and development of oral medicine and orofacial pain studies in Korea. This rich background provides content that resonates not only with domestic scholars but also with international

readers, aligning with our goal of engaging both international authors and readers. The journal aims to publish research that leads to innovations in diagnosis and treatment, positively influencing patient care.

The scope of *JOMP* has been thoughtfully designed to cover all areas of our field, including epidemiology, diagnosis, treatment, forensic odontology, and basic research on pathophysiology. Specifically, recognizing the profound effect and importance of sleep on orofacial pain and oral health [1], *JOMP* has broadened its scope to include dental sleep medicine. This comprehensive approach ensures that the multifaceted nature of oral medicine and orofacial pain is addressed, thus fostering a holistic understanding and advancing the frontiers of our knowledge.

In parallel with expanding our scope, we have fortified our editorial policy to embody the best practices that ensure the highest standards of ethical conduct in our publications. The enhancement of our ethical policy affirms our unwavering commitment to integrity, transparency, and accountability in scientific publishing. Thus, by adhering to these enhanced ethical guidelines, *JOMP* will not only uphold but also raise the quality and trustworthiness of the research we disseminate.

We also proudly enhanced our editorial board, welcoming

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world-renowned experts from across the globe. This illustrious panel includes Carolina Marpuang (Indonesia), Frank Lobbezoo (Netherlands), Osamu Komiyama (Japan), Pei Feng Lim (USA), Richard Ohrbach (USA), Somsak Mitirattanakul (Thailand), and Teekayu Plangkoon Jorns (Thailand), along with our statistical editor Sang Kil Shim (Korea) and ethical editor Kyungsuk Choi (Korea). This distinguished team brings a wealth of knowledge, expertise, and a global perspective, ensuring the continued scientific quality and integrity of our publications.

In this moment of reflection and anticipation, we are grateful to Dr. Jin Woo Chung, the esteemed president of the Korean Academy of Orofacial Pain and Oral Medicine. Dr. Chung's visionary leadership and unwavering contribution have been instrumental to the development of this journal and will undoubtedly continue to inspire our path forward.

Finally, we extend our deepest gratitude to the reviewers of *JOMP* for their insightful critics of manuscripts and invaluable dedication in the past year. We eagerly anticipate

your ongoing contribution to enriching *JOMP*'s academic stature and growth.

Looking forward, we remain dedicated to fostering innovation and excellence in research. We invite our readers, authors, and the broader scientific community to join us in this journey, contributing to the body of knowledge that will shape the future of oral medicine and orofacial pain management. Together, we will continue to explore new horizons, guided by our enriched aim and scope and the invaluable expertise of our international editorial board.

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