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Editorial

The *Japanese Dental Science Review* is the journal of the Japanese Association for Dental Science (JADS). It aims at introducing modern aspects of basic and clinical dental sciences across Japan and all over the world, and to provide a platform for the exchange and discussion of up-to-date information between international researchers and clinicians, in a bid to contribute to the further development of dentistry.

Since its establishment in 1968 as *Dentistry in Japan*, many influential articles have been published in the journal. Unfortunately, this publication was originally circulated exclusively to officials of the affiliated societies and selected academics. The journal changed title in 2008 to *Japanese Dental Science Review*, with the intention to disseminate and communicate the insights and knowledge of Japanese experts to the international community in dentistry. There are more than 72 societies in the field of dentistry in Japan. The JADS is an honorific umbrella society in the field comprising 42 prestigious societies (specialized organizations, 21; authorized branch organizations, 21) that represent the major divisions of the field in Japan. Members of these societies total over 32,800 clinicians and scientists. The Editors and the Editorial Board including overseas editors set a high standard of scientific merit for review articles to be accepted.

There are about 165 dentistry-related journals in Japan. Almost all are Japanese-language journals. Articles

or information in those journals are hardly disseminated outside Japan. Authors of review articles in *Japanese Dental Science Review* are not only Japanese, but also world-famous experts. Topics include the current state of knowledge or practice, recent advances, summaries and analyses of the consensus view on controversial issues, and Japanese researchers' or clinicians' viewpoints. The journal includes vivid information about studies conducted in the Japanese dental community. The numbers of downloads of articles from the journal have increased every year. They have been downloaded in over 90 countries. Recently, we have started opening a wider door for submissions from researchers and clinicians all over the world to invigorate a forum of exchanging high quality basic, translational, and clinical science. We welcome high-quality review articles from all over the globe.

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