



## EDITORIAL

## Numbers and changes.

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We are starting volume 4 of our *J Oral Res.* In 32 months, we have published 10 issues with eighty-two articles and many editorials and letters to the Editor. With a growing production of fourteen articles in 2012, twenty-two in 2013 and thirty-six in 2014, we are planning to publish 6 issues with forty-eight articles this year.

But there are other interesting numbers. We have reduced peer-review time; on average, the articles published in this issue were reviewed in 15.6 calendar days. As usual, the provisional publication is available online immediately after acceptance.

During 2014, we received 76 articles and 39 were accepted, which equates to a 51.3% acceptance. But it must be considered that most of the articles are rejected because they do not comply with the instructions for authors. On the other hand, none of the articles have been accepted in the first revision, but most of them undergo 2 revisions: first for major changes and then for minor changes. This accounts of the editorial work and especially our reviewers', who are trying to contribute to the improvement of the manuscripts that will be published through constructive reviews providing advice to the authors. For our journal, it is important that even if an article is rejected, the process of peer-review is useful for the authors to improve their in-review manuscripts and the future ones.

This year, we have implemented other numbers in our journal, the Digital Object Identifier (DOI) which, as its name suggests, is a system for identifying digital objects (such as the scientific articles that we publish) that can be found in the Internet without having to worry about server changes, broken url or other similar causes. The DOI consists of a constant prefix for each journal and a suffix that varies for each document, separated by a slash. In the case of *J Oral Res.*, the DOI has this structure: 10.17126/joralres.2015.001 (the DOI of this edito-

rial), being 10.17126 the prefix and joralres.2015.001, the suffix. DOI numbers are a basic standard of mainstream journals, edited primarily by international publishers, which adds a new functionality and quality seal to our journal. The DOI numbers have been allocated retrospectively to all the documents that we publish in 2012, 2013 and 2014. During 2015, the DOI will be assigned as the articles are assigned and published in an issue.

As you may have noticed, starting on this issue, the editorials and letters to the Editor will also be published in English. Thus, we continue to move forward in a process that began in 2013 with the publication of the first articles in English. In 2015, the only sections in Spanish will be the summaries at the end of each article. This decision can be controversial<sup>1</sup> considering that this may not improve visibility and a hispanic-american journal should prefer Spanish as its official publication language. However, as stated in the "Contrato divulgativo"<sup>2</sup>, the goal of *J Oral Res.* is to ensure maximum dissemination of the results from the investigations that the authors send us. The evidence accumulated by other dental journals and from various scientific disciplines is quite clear when concluding that English language is the best option (perhaps, the only) to ensure adequate global dissemination of the contents. Something that will not change in 2015 for the authors is the free Spanish-English translation service offered by our journal for all accepted articles.

Also, there are other changes for the journal. With the assignment of DOI numbers, we have started a change to the interface of our website. The goal is to have a friendlier layout and to allow more efficient use of screen space. It is possible that, during the entire first half of 2015, changes in the home of [www.joralres.com](http://www.joralres.com) will be observed until achieving a change that satisfies to users. Any comments or suggestions can be directed to [journal@joralres.com](mailto:journal@joralres.com). In concordance with the change to English, the default lan-



guage of the website of the journal will be English.

We have made a change in the Editorial Board. We wish to acknowledge the participation of María del Carmen Visvisián, María del Carmen López, Fernando Salazar, Jorge Gamonal, Miche De Meyer, Sergio Sánchez, Ruud Kaarsten, Gilberto Henostroza, María Clara Rangel and Ramón Fuentes.

We welcome the new members of the Editorial Board: Sigmar De Mello Rode, Víctor Arana, José de la Macorra, Patricio Smith, Ulrich Lohbauer, Pía López-Jornet, Juan Segura-Egea, Rodrigo Mariño and Carlos Mantorola. We also welcome Lorena Orellana and Gabriela Sánchez, who will work as Assistant Editor for our journal from 2015.

This year, we have also added the Ethics Statement to our journal. While an important part of the ethical considerations were included in the instructions to authors, from now on, the ethics duties of all the actors involved in the journal have been stated on the Ethics Statement.

Currently, *J Oral Res.* is indexed in Google Scholar,

Index Copernicus, Latindex Directory and Catalog, DOAJ, Dialnet, IMBIOMED and LILACS. This issue 4(1) together with issue 3(3) and 3(4) will be submitted to apply to Elsevier for the indexing of *J Oral Res.* in the Scopus database. The self-evaluation procedure for our journal shows us that we comply with the minimum requirements to apply, although we are cautious regarding the outcome of the evaluation from Elsevier. We hope to have an answer at the end of this year and continue to improve our international visibility.

Finally, we only want to reiterate the invitation to all researchers in dental sciences to consider *J Oral Res.* for the submission of their manuscripts in the categories offered by the journal: original articles, reviews, clinical cases, protocols and research hypotheses, and letters to the editor.

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