



EDITORIAL

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From the beginning, the Journal of Oral Research has pursued to be an instrument for the dissemination of dental research. Therefore the mission of our journal was engraved in our "Contrato Divulgativo" almost 4 years ago¹.

But accomplishing this mission is not an easy task. It is not a static achievement. To fulfill this commitment we have worked hard to offer comparative advantages over other journals in the field in Chile and Latin America. Among these advantages there are a functional website designed with Open Journal System, a strict adherence to open-access in its golden-road in order to ensure a barrier-free access for readers and authors, in addition to a fast and quality process of peer-review, and finally an early publication in the section "In press" at our website¹.

Afterwards we implemented a series of changes in form and style that allowed us to further improve the quality of the publishing service we offer to the scientific, academic and professional dentistry community². Then we continued improving the visibility of the Journal of Oral Research by indexing in DIALNET, Latindex and DOAJ³. Later we introduced a series of major changes to achieve greater transparency and professionalism⁴. These changes allowed us to enter LILACS⁵, internationalize the journal⁶ and increase the frequency of publication year after year⁷.

In 2014 we began to publish all articles in English, assign DOI numbers, and include international experts in our Editorial Board⁸. In 2015 we entered the Committee on Publication Ethics to get advise on transparency and publication ethics⁹, and we started with the publication of the whole journal in English, including papers, letters and editorials. Based on the above it seems quite clear that the Journal of Oral Research has sought to continuously improve its processes and results to meet the "Contrato Divulgativo" proposed in 2012¹. However,

Expanding the Journal of Oral Research to craniofacial sciences and Scopus.

there is still room to grow and improve.

To continue improving, this year we will expand the scope of our journal. While we are and will remain a journal focused on dental research, it is internationally recognized that the dental and maxillofacial fields covers more than just teeth and dentists. For this reason, we decided to expand our scope to oral and craniofacial sciences. With this we expect not only to expand the content but also the audience of our journal to other professionals such as physical therapists, speech therapists, surgeons, physicians and all those who work in the craniofacial field.

This implies that now the Journal of Oral Research is devoted to the dissemination of knowledge in oral and craniofacial sciences, including: oral surgery and medicine and rehabilitation, craniofacial surgery, dentistry, orofacial pain and motor disorders, head and neck surgery, speech and swallowing disorders, and other related disciplines.

On the other hand, all our editorial team and the School of Dentistry at Universidad de Concepción are proud to report that our journal was officially accepted for inclusion in Scopus database on March 23, 2016. Created by Elsevier, *Scopus is the largest abstract and citation database of peer-reviewed literature: scientific journals, books and conference proceedings. Delivering a comprehensive overview of the world's research output in the fields of science, technology, medicine, social sciences, and arts and humanities, Scopus features smart tools to track, analyze and visualize research*¹⁰. Today, Scopus is considered alongside Web of Science (formerly ISI) the global quality benchmark for scientific journals.

Admission to Scopus is not only the result of the efforts of an editorial team and the publisher with a great commitment to professionalism, but also the recognition of the trust and support given by hundreds of authors,



reviewers and readers to the Journal of Oral Research. This combined effort has allowed us to evolve from a barely-known journal publishing two issues per year to one with eight issues a year, receiving international recognition, and still with a strong desire to continue growing and improving.

But there is still room to grow and improve. We continue working hard to be indexed in PubMed and Web of Science in the medium term, to increase our frequency of publication,

internationalize our audience and remain a contribution to the development of oral and craniofacial sciences. Soon we will make more changes to continue fulfilling our "Contrato Divulgativo"¹ in the best possible way.

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