

Living and publishing in the era of the COVID-19 pandemic

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Against everybody's expectations, the coronavirus pandemic is still ongoing and we do not know when it will end. All academic activities have kept shrinking, and the so-called untact communication is now universal. Essential medical services, such as organ transplantations, may keep going on, but the negative impact of the pandemic on many usual activities cannot be hidden. The same applies to the publishing activities for the *Korean Journal of Transplantation*. Nonetheless, we shall publish the September issue with outstanding articles as planned. I appreciate all medical scientists for their efforts and enthusiasm for transplantation.

We have prepared 10 articles in this issue. We have invited authors from abroad in the next three consecutive issues. One of the articles in this issue is especially different. Few organ transplantations are performed in the low- and middle-income countries, and we usually think that the interest in organ transplantation there may be low. Therefore, I am very pleased to publish a special article written by the voice for the justice of organ distribution from Nigeria. We also receive many other articles from Asia and Africa.

We publish the Korean guidelines for "Organ Procurement in Deceased Donors." We plan to create some standard guidelines for organ transplantation for the Korean and Asian society. We will extend the guidelines to even cover the ethics and justice of organ transplantation. Hopefully, the publishing of these guidelines will help in the development of organ transplantation in Asia.

Korea's clinical achievement in organ transplantation has been extraordinarily excellent, especially in the last 10 years. We will make every effort to publish these experiences in our issues. The submission of case reports and original articles on organ transplantation is increasing, and we can now publish a variety of clinical papers. I expect all subscribers to enjoy them. Thank you.

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