

The beginning of a new era...

The debut of a new journal directed toward common perplexing and challenging areas of the health sciences is herald with this, the first issue. The editors, editorial board and publisher acknowledge the challenge of success. We proudly proclaim the editorial objectives to publish prevailing research and clinical material of the behavioral, dental and basic sciences directly or indirectly addressing orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics and related subjects.

The field of this journal's special interest has historically been faced with many controversial issues suspended between clinical observations and evidence-based findings. The divergence of early thoughts, a research and treatment procedure was evident for a long time in laboratories, lectures and clinics.

In the past 3 decades, evidence of tremendous change has evolved. There has been a concordance of interest and effort. With this, some of our earlier principles have been challenged with significant and sound research often resulting in the necessity for reassessment of the older dictums and beliefs.

Change, in its self, is present in all aspects of life and history. However, our intention in adapting to change and applying the knowledge of change should be that of a change for the better. In the capacity of this journal's interest we are witnessing change, and as witnesses we must rid our selves of old, questionable and unsuccessful concepts. We must be able to adapt to new information into potentially progressive benefits for our educational methods and for our patients' welfare.

The *Journal of Orthodontic Science* (JOS) will amalgamate the efforts of an international team of academicians, clinicians and scientists to provide the readership with an instrument of information concerning the contemporary and finest reports related to the field of orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics and associated subjects.

One interesting question arose during the inception of this journal, which was: "Do we need another orthodontic journal?" And the answer was in a top quality, vanguard journal, published four times a year, not only printed but available immediately and most importantly, freely accessible to all readership at all times on the web. We believe that research works should rapidly be made available to scientists and the public. This is our central policy for the worldwide readers of the JOS.

We have to acknowledge that the contents of this first issue are the results of motivating and enthusing efforts of the editorial members and the support of the Saudi Orthodontic Society.

For future editions the journal is strongly seeking original manuscripts of research, clinical findings and meeting proceedings of all interested health sciences personnel. In casting such a broad net we believe there will be a plethora of exceptional information and material available for publication in a superiorly referred journal. We assure the readership and future authors that ours will be a *ne plus ultra* editorial determination.

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