

Turning point for the COVID-19 era and the *Korean Journal of Transplantation*

Ik Jin Yun

Editor-in-Chief, Korean Journal of Transplantation

Initially, we expected that coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) could be under control within 1 year. However, against our expectations, this new viral pandemic has extended by about 2 years. Among the many consequences of the pandemic, diminished academic and research activities and the resulting decrease in academic publications are sincerely worrisome. At present, this concern has not entirely subsided; however, the *Korean Journal of Transplantation (KJT)* has published 10 high-quality articles in this issue. In addition, I received the e-mail from Elsevier in early December announcing that *KJT* has been accepted as a member of Scopus. It is encouraging that *KJT* has joined this established database index. We editors have determined to improve *KJT* in representing the Korean and Asian achievements in all aspects of organ transplantation.

In the current issue, we have published three articles

concerning infection in transplantation infection. These pertain to the global COVID-19 pandemic and the specific issue of tuberculosis in Asia. I believe that focusing on these transplantation issues is very important, and we will attempt to address the global and local issues concurrently.

I seek to publish additional articles to propose solutions to the ethical and legal problems in developing Asia, including fair distribution of donated organs, reducing living donation, and increasing postmortem donation. We ourselves should solve the ethical problems in the Asian transplantation community. Thank you.

ORCID

Ik Jin Yun

<https://orcid.org/0000-0003-4013-6714>