



Editorial 2007

Welcome to the January 2007 issue of the Journal of Dermatological Science (JDS). It has been 4 years since I became chief editor of the JDS, in January 2003. With the tremendous support of international researchers, editorial board members, and section editors, the JDS has significantly improved its scientific quality and impact for the past 4 years. As a monthly journal, the number of submissions is increasing every year from all over the world. I would like to introduce the latest developments for our journal.

(1) JDS impact factor: 2.000

The impact factor for the JDS finally reached 2.000 in 2005. This is the first time for the JDS to obtain impact factor 2.000 since the first issue was published in 1990, 16 years ago. As the chief editor, I continue to focus on upgrading the journal and striving for further increases in the impact factor.

(2) Section editor system

Since the JDS introduced a section editor system in January 2006, the reviewing process has been conducted more fairly, efficiently and quickly. All the manuscripts submitted to the JDS are reviewed and evaluated by international reviewers who are carefully selected by a section editor.

(3) Quick decisions, quick publication

With the introduction of the web-based Elsevier Editorial System (EES) of submission and review, the editorial time from submission to publication has considerably shortened. In addition, the JDS now publishes each article on ScienceDirect as an 'Articles in Press' before the journal is printed. Submissions are published on line as 'Articles in Press' in as little as 6 weeks after acceptance.

(4) An invited review article in every issue

A high-impact, up-to-date invited review article is published in every issue. These articles

are written by scientifically active and renowned researchers from all over the world.

(5) A global journal

JDS is an official journal of the Japanese Society for Investigative Dermatology (JSID). However, published articles are selected from submissions coming from all over the world. Submissions from outside Japan have been steadily increasing. Approximately 70% of all submissions in 2005 were from outside Japan.

(6) A journal that is convenient for authors and readers

For authors, JDS continues to provide publication of color figures for free, with no submission and publication charges. In addition to the abstract of all articles, JDS provides the TOP 25 articles, which are most frequently downloaded, for free access on ScienceDirect.

I hope you all enjoy the JDS in 2007 as readers and authors. If you have any comments or inquiries concerning our publication, please access the JDS website or feel free to contact me or my staff at the JDS office.



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