

## Greetings from Editor-in-Chief

### Dear Readers,

It is a great honor and privilege for me to be appointed for another 2-years (May 2023 – May 2025) as Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Prosthodontic Research (JPR)*, an official journal of the Japan Prosthodontic Society (JPS). I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the President of JPS, Professor Takuo Kuboki, and the board of directors for their confidence in our editorial team.

In my first term, as Editor-in-Chief (June 2021 – May 2023), I first focused on the task of putting the publication process back on track due to the change in publishers in 2021 from Elsevier to J-STAGE (an open-access publishing platform managed by the Japan Science and Technology Agency)[1,2]. In this context, I would like to emphasize the outstanding work that the last editorial team accomplished in producing impactful scientific publications. Each issue contained abundant cutting-edge topics based on the diversity required in prosthodontics[3,4].

In addition, despite the difficult years of the COVID-19 pandemic, the *JPR* editorial committee members have made great efforts to implement numerous changes according to my vision for the *JPR* towards becoming a leading prosthodontic journal and international public asset based on the open science policy[5]. These efforts included, among many other things, enhancing our organizational effectiveness by strengthening collaboration with the editorial office, editing/publishing companies, and J-STAGE. Streamlining our review and publication processes for quality assurance and improvement; and brainstorming to generate new ideas to increase journal visibility and impact.

Regarding a public relations (PR) strategy, I would like to thank the PR team for their creative contributions, such as renewing the design of article typesetting and the front cover design[6], launching a new home page (<https://hotetsu.com/eng/index.html>), a Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100077057585279>), an e-mail newsletter, and releasing a promotional video (<https://youtu.be/99rjUQzjkw>).

These constant efforts have brought about the value of academic credibility for the *JPR*[7], resulting in a Journal Impact Factor (JIF) of 3.6, as June 2023 release by the Journal Citation Reports™ (Clarivate™). *JPR* now ranks 22<sup>nd</sup> out of 91 journals in the “Dentistry, Oral Surgery & Medicine” category. Notably, *JPR* ranked in the top 25% in its category (Q1) over a 7-year period. I would like to thank all the authors, readers, reviewers, and editorial team members who contributed consolidation of the *JPR* position as a leading prosthodontic/dental journal[8].

Here, I would like to congratulate other prominent prosthodontic journals, *Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry* (JIF 4.6) and *Journal of Prosthodontics* (JIF 4.0), for obtaining Q1 status by the updated JIF. Before 2015, to the best of our knowledge, no prosthodontic journals had been ranked in Q1. Currently, three prosthodontic journals

simultaneously rank first in Q1 at the same time, suggesting that the scientific level and value of publications in prosthodontics have steadily increased in the field of dentistry.

In March 2023, the editors-in-chief of the Q1 prosthodontic journals (Prof. Stephen F. Rosenstiel, Prof. Radi Masri, and I) delivered lectures in the International Workshop for Young Maxillofacial Prosthetic Educators intending to improve the publication skills of young prosthodontists[9]. *JPR* would like to continue this type of constructive collaboration with other journals and strive to raise the scientific level of prosthodontics.

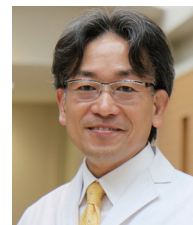
The extent to which our journal can contribute to the growth of the global prosthodontic community is more essential, in my opinion, compared to simply reaching excellent journal metrics[10]. The new editorial team will continue efforts to take *JPR* to further heights of recognition that prosthodontics is supported as a good-quality scientific research and practice as an art. To best serve the global prosthodontic community, *JPR* will stick to this idea of maintaining and improving quality, and under my editorship, *JPR* will develop into a reputable international asset with robust leadership.

Again, I thank all of you for your continued support of *JPR*. I welcome any input from contributors to further the growth of *JPR*.

Sincerely,

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The author declares that there are no conflict of interests.



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