



EDITORIAL

Similar Evolutionary Steps: *Journal of American College of Surgeons* and *Journal of Diagnostics and Treatment of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology*

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*Being online only, we have the opportunity to use electronic/technical enhancements that will further benefit our readers.*¹

—Timothy J. Eberlein, MD, FACS
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The *Journal of American College of Surgeons* (JACS) is a highly prestigious monthly peer-reviewed publication devoted to all aspects of surgery.² As of January 28, 2022 the JACS is number 10 among 456 journals in subject area “Medicine” category “Surgery.”³ The 2020 Impact Factor of JACS is 6.113.⁴

The JACS, which has 117 years of traditions of print issues publishing, from January 2022 became a digital-only publication (Table 1).¹ Such transition is another step of the journal evolution in a dynamically changing academic world. Moreover, in one year the JACS implemented two transitions—the change of publisher and movement to digital-only publication.¹

We recognize five different forms of journal's evolution/transition: (1) language transition (from native to English),^{5,6} (2) title transition (from longer to shorter one, changing journal's scope, etc.), (3) publisher transition, (4) publishing format transition

(from print-and-online to digital-only),^{7,8} (5) transition from subscription to open access model, etc.

The *Journal of Diagnostics and Treatment of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology* (JDTOMP) has also made the publishing format transition from January 1, 2022. Being a digital-only journal, or more correct to say a “printable digital journal,” brings a lot of advantages. The wave of such transitions is already growing. Multiple journals and publishers are on that wave. Among them, some journals with a long history of print issues publishing (before transition to digital-only format) like JACS (117 years) and *ANZ Journal of Surgery* (90 years),⁸ others – with a shorter history like *Global Spine Journal* (9 years)⁷ or JDTOMP (5 years).

What is interesting, simultaneously with a publishing format transition, the JDTOMP performed the transition from hybrid publishing model (print issues subscription at the “Presa” State Enterprise and open access via website www.dtjournal.org) to open access-only model. It was a 5-year period of collaboration with state institution focused on distribution of periodicals and we are

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TABLE 1. Comparison of Two Journals That Have Moved to Digital-only Format.^{1,2,8}

#	Title	2020 Impact Factor	Number of Years of Print Format Publishing	Month and Year of Transition to Digital-only Format
1	<i>Journal of American College of Surgeons</i> (formerly known as <i>Surgery, Gynecology & Obstetrics</i> [1905–1994]) ³	6.113	117	January 2022
2	<i>Journal of Diagnostics and Treatment of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology</i>	-	5	January 2022

grateful for every minute of that way together.

So, we are honored to be with such a famous publication as *JACS* at the same wave of journals' evolution. On behalf of the Editorial Board we are wishing them and other journals to use this and other advantages of the digital era.

You can't stop the waves, but you can learn to surf.

—John Kabat-Zinn

Professor, Founder of the Mindfulness-Bases stress reduction program

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