



EDITORIAL

Start of the Seventh Volume in 2023 and Analysis of Publishing Achievements of 2022

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Starting the 7th volume of the *Journal of Diagnostics and Treatment of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology* we are becoming stronger, more mature, and resilient. Even though the *Journal* has been published for essentially 11 months of 2022 of large-scale war of Russia against Ukraine and Europe, the editorial and publishing staff demonstrated the ability to withstand the impact of war and continue to publish peer-reviewed achievements. In total, 32 articles were published in the volume 6. Among which, 10 articles were devoted to wartime challenges and gunshot wounds.^{1,2}

Two papers presented cutting-edge microvascular and prosthetic techniques. [Massarelli and Meloni](#) reported a unique technique in a paper titled *The “beveled one-and-a-half-barrel” fibula transplant with virtual surgical planning and CT-guided implant surgery for prosthetic rehabilitation in posterior mandible defects: a pictorial essay*.³ [Le and colleagues](#) manufactured an exclusive tongue prosthesis which was well-described in an article titled *Patient-specific prosthetic appliance for interim management of chronic orocutaneous fistula in the irradiated and vessel-depleted head and neck patient – a case report and technical note*.⁴

Geographical distribution of authors in 2022 included five countries—Italy, Slovak Republic, Qatar, Ukraine, and United States of America (USA).

The first quarter of year 2022 was also marked by the establishment of the resident ambassador position and the appointment of [John M. Le, DDS, MD](#), as a real leader, to this founding position.⁵ Also, we were honored to see [Michael T. Kase, DMD](#), a true expert in maxillofacial prosthetics as a new board member who can bring a lot of expertise to the *Journal* in this growing direction.⁶ Thus, by the end of 2022, the *Journal's* editorial board has grown to 30 experts, enhancing *Journal's* international vision and approaches.

Among all 6,655 users of the *Journal* website in 2022, in 33.66 percent of cases the users were from USA, in 7.71 percent – from India, in 7.26 percent – from Ukraine, and 51.37 percent from other states. According to Google Analytics of the website <https://dtjournal.org>, the users were considered as persons who have initiated at least one session during the date range (January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022).

The year 2022 was also marked by the stabilization of the article publishing charge at the competitive level of \$500 US and \$250 US,

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depending on the articles' type. Such step will help publisher to preserve publishing quality, absorb and implement new publishing technologies, and to develop the *Journal* platform more dynamically, which in turn will increase the visibility of articles and, as a result, contribute to the growth of their citations. We deeply believe that the potentiated sum of the above advantages in combination with rigorous peer-reviewing, hard work, and editorial harmony will allow us to achieve such *Journal* goals as coverage by PubMed, Scopus, and obtain first impact factor.

Summing up the year 2022, we would like to express our deep gratitude to the Armed Forces of Ukraine, which protect not only Ukraine, but also the whole world of free Europe, and make the existence and growth of our *Journal* possible.

Victoria Concordia Crescit [Latin].
Victory grows out of harmony.
 Motto of the Arsenal Football Club

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