

Editorial

The importance of an active ongoing debate in science

The scientific original articles are our base for communicating new research findings. Research findings should always be critically discussed and questioned, at first when research groups are reporting the preliminary data at research meetings and then in the peer-review process before an article is accepted for publication. This is a protection against inappropriate conclusions and serves as a protection for our patients that methods are not uncritically applied in the clinic when treating trauma.

However, it is important to continue the debate also after publication has been carried out in the form of letters to the editors, comments, in introductions to new research articles, critical systematic review articles and consensus conferences all aiming at reaching a higher level of evidence-based treatment and sometimes we also see paradigm shifts as a result, although this will take longer time. But it all

starts with a question in a research meeting or a debate in a journal.

Our journal *Dental Traumatology* welcomes an active debate in the form of letters to the editors, comments and short communication regarding research findings. It is my hope that we will always have an active ongoing debate in our journal for the best development of the field of dental traumatology. Thank you to all taking initiative to such a debate in our journal, for example, in this issue. As researchers, clinicians and teachers, we all have a responsibility to take an active role in this part of the scientific communication. Welcome with your contribution.

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