



EDITORIAL

Dear colleagues,

It is with great pleasure and pride we now can announce that Thomson ISI has accepted the journal for an Impact Factor. This is a great improvement for the journal, and even though all ranking systems have weaknesses, it is a huge step forward because it is a grade labelling of quality. The basis for the decision by Thomson ISI is citations in 2011 to the content published in the journal in 2009 and 2010. That content was edited by the former editor-in-chief Marjolijn Hovius. She has made an extraordinary contribution to the journal, and it is because of her admirable work as editor that the journal finally got an Impact Factor. However, besides the editor, the journal has had the privilege of publishing high-quality research conducted and written by excellent and creative researchers, and in addition, we have had accurate, meticulous and discerning reviewers who have all contributed to make the journal what it is today.

This is also a huge step forward for dental hygiene research. The research field is growing fast, and more and more dental hygienists are conducting research, resulting in a need for a high-standard international journal for publications. The fact

that we now have an Impact Factor will result in improved papers, even better than the ones we publish today. There is specifically a demand for a dental hygiene journal with an Impact Factor, as many of the researchers today are forced by their universities to only publish in journals with such a guarantee of quality. This is true for both doctoral students and post doc researchers. There are several research gaps within the field of dental hygiene, which make it more difficult to practise evidence-based. The fact that we now have an international high-quality journal will definitely move the discipline further, resulting in improved oral health promotion and prevention for the patients. The international Federation of Dental Hygienists (IFHD) will also benefit from a more successful journal, facilitating the goals of professional promotion.

I welcome you all to submit papers on excellent and creative research on dental hygiene.

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