



EDITORIAL

In 2012, the *International Journal of Dental Hygiene* (IJDH) received its first impact factor. We have hereby achieved an important goal. The impact factor is based on content published in the journal two years before and confirms that articles published in IJDH have been cited in other peer-reviewed journals.

Interesting and important research will be cited by other researchers because the concept of science is to relate to and further develop previous findings. The IJDH takes part in this scientific ecosystem, and it is an important contributor to the research society and ultimately to patients' health and well-being. It is now up to our researchers to further improve the impact factor in close collaboration with our excellent reviewers.

The IJDH is the only Dental Hygiene journal with an impact factor and will consequently attract excellent researchers in the discipline of Dental Hygiene and move

the profession forward. There are constantly improvements in publishing, and the IJDH has to adopt necessary new rigorous rules to be in the front line. The revised guidelines for authors include references to the EQUATOR network, which will facilitate authors in improving their manuscripts accordingly.

Kajsa Abrahamsson, Sweden, is leaving her position as Associate Editor. She has served the journal for two years and her contribution has been highly appreciated. Fortunately, she will still be a member of the Editorial Board. Birgitta Jönsson, Norway, will be our new Associate Editor. She is an experienced reviewer and has served on the Editorial Board for two years. She is most welcome in the editorial team as we look forward to a new exciting scientific year.

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Editor-in-Chief

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