Editorial

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The journal of Maxillofacial and oral surgery has seen unprecedented growth in the last 3 years. This has been justified by the 300 % increase in royalty earnings. The Editorial board and the society has achieved many firsts which include Pubmed indexing, All colour 120 page issues and increased research articles vis a vis case reports.

The credit for this meteoric rise in the global acceptance of the journal is the unrelenting participation of the Editorial team and reviewers. The Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons of India (AOMSI) has been unflinchingly supporting all efforts of the journal to improve both in quality and quantity.

Some matters need to be addressed regarding the future of the journal and its impact on AOMSI. Having seen the download of articles and the royalty payments, the society i.e. AOMSI spends a lot of money on expenditure towards printing of the journal. The budgeted expenditure annually is close to Rs. 800,000.

Not to mention the effect this does on deforestation and global warming.

As a society if we could choose to welcome online version of the journal which is put punctually, this would not only send a global message but also reduce clutter of journals in our own residence.

To have the journal and your article available to you at the touch of a button and on the move we have introduced user friendly access to the issues through our association website. More user friendly applications will be ensured in future.

Publications worldwide are opting for electronic versions doing away with the paper format. The two questions

that face the author; is an online article a published article and will there be a delay in seeing it published on paper. Once accepted and displayed online the article is a published article available for reading and citation.

The Journal of maxillofacial surgery with its increasing acceptance globally will prove a Mascot for AOMSI. Credit is due once again to the reviewers and the Editorial board for the support and encouragement given during my tenure. Future Editors I am sure will take it to higher levels and I wish them the very best.

Despite poor industry support the journal has been able to sustain and earn revenue for the association. This in itself is a message why commercial support is not necessary for survival of an organization which has sufficient research capabilities. In this era where paid research and sponsorship both on an individual and society basis is questionable, self reliance and original research is required for long term survival. I hope the future leaders of both the association and the journal refuse to succumb to industry pressure and allow more free thinking scientific publication.

Ethical standards of publication is set at high levels in our journal. There are authors who have worked around such standards and allowed publications to happen. This may be the necessity to publish for survival in an academic atmosphere. This however dilutes the very purpose of such mediums. Here ends do not necessarily justify the means. As a society let us rise above these unscientific ways and create a scientific and research temperament. As an organization let us bring a change to scientific publication in India. The Journal of Maxillofacial and oral surgery stands as testimony to all that the Association today stands for.

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