

Editorial



It has already been 15 years since the first issue of *The Chinese Journal of Dental Research* was published in 1998. During the past decade, the journal has become more and more international, and the quality of the journal has continuously improved due to the excellent collaboration between the Chinese Stomatological Association, Peking University School of Stomatology and Quintessence Publishing Co Ltd, and also due to the hard work of our reviewers, authors and editorial team. The journal covers all fields of dentistry, including the oral cavity and related structures associated with health and disease, and all areas of biomedical science, applied materials science, bioengineering, epidemiology and social science relevant to dental disease and its management.

In this issue, two invited review articles are published. The 'Point-of-care Platforms for Salivary Diagnostics' was contributed by Professor David WONG, from the School of Dentistry, Dental Research Institute, University of California, Los Angeles, USA. It gave us a comprehensive review of point-of-care (POC) technologies specifically developed for saliva, which can provide rapid, simple, low-cost and accurate measurements directly from saliva. The other review of 'Relationship Between Temporomandibular Joint Ankylosis and Condylar Fractures' was from Professor Xing LONG, School and Hospital of Stomatology, Wuhan University, China, in which the relationship between TMJ ankylosis and condylar fracture was discussed based on clinical experience and animal studies. I think they will be interesting and helpful to our readers.

There are six articles covering different fields of dentistry in the issue. The group of Professor Wei Liang CHEN, from Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hospital, Sun Yat-sen University, China, shared their experiences on 'Contralateral Full-thickness Retroangular Flap for the Reconstruction of Midfacial Through-and-through Defects Following Skin Cancer Ablation'. Two articles concerned research in the field of periodontology.

One was from Dr Shuang Ying ZHOU et al, from Peking University School and Hospital of Stomatology, China, which focused on evaluating the relationship between clinical periodontal parameters and levels of lipoprotein-associated phospholipase A2, as well as lipid profile markers in subjects with or without hyperlipidaemia. The other was about the anti-gingivitis effects of *Acacia arabica*-containing toothpaste, from Dr Pradeep TANGADE, Kothiwal Dental College and Research Centre, India. The article 'Translucency of Flowable Bulk-filling Composites of Various Thicknesses', from Dr Sufyan GAROUSHI's group at the Institute of Dentistry, University of Turku, Finland, and the article 'Effect of Nanofiller on Wear Resistance and Surface Roughness of Resin Composites' from Dr Han et al at the Peking University School and Hospital of Stomatology, China, included research on dental materials concerning the different properties of composites. Dr Du et al from the School and Hospital of Stomatology, Wenzhou Medical College, China, provided their manuscript on 'Effect of Dehydration Time on Tooth Colour Measurement *in vitro*', and I hope it will be useful for clinical practice.

There are two case reports published in this issue. One presented three cases of nodular fasciitis in the orofacial region, which considered the distinctions between nodular fasciitis and malignant tumours for dentists in clinical practice. The other illustrated a long-term follow-up of a case involving the treatment of generalised aggressive periodontitis.

As the official English journal of the Chinese Stomatological Association, we hope the journal will receive more and more attention from reviewers, authors and readers, and that the journal will play a more and more important role in the academic exchange between dental experts and in the promotion of high standards for dental science in the world.

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