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Editorial

The most recent impact factor achieved by the Journal of Dermatological Science is 3.71!

The updated Impact Factor for the Journal of Dermatological Science (JDS) was recently released and the journal is now ranked 6th out of the 48 journals indexed in the Dermatology category. The journal's Impact Factor has consistently increased from 1.6 (2003), to 1.5 (2004), 2.0 (2005), 2.6 (2006), 2.5 (2007), 2.97 (2008), and most recently to 3.71 (2009). The number of submitted manuscripts has also consistently increased from 154 (2003) to 305 (2007), 374 (2008), 366 (2009), and by the end of November 2010, we will have already received 416 manuscripts. Therefore, I have decided to publish 20% more papers with a new format because the scientific quality of recently submitted manuscripts has also increased and we will keep the rejection rate at approximately 60%.

I would like to take this opportunity to say **THANK YOU** to the authors and readers for recognizing the high-quality content published in JDS. My team, including 20 section editors and the editorial board members will serve for the next 2 years until the International Investigative Dermatology (IID) 2013 meeting.

JDS is the official journal of the Japanese Society for Investigative Dermatology (JSID), comprising more than 1200 scientifically active members. The main goal of JDS is to expand dermatology research and enhance the global communication of this research. The JDS office is geographically based in Asia, but it provides an important avenue through which JSID can become more visible to cutaneous researchers and dermatologists throughout the world. Manuscripts are being submitted not only from Japan (24%), but currently also from 42 other countries, including other Asian countries (30%), European countries (26%), and the United States (7%). JDS is becoming popular among dermatologists and cutaneous biologists all over the world.

I would like to inform you of the current JDS features.

1. Fast publication policy, online submission, article in press online, and accepted author manuscript online

Based on the 2010 publishing data, the mean total time from submission to online publication in JDS is approximately 26 weeks. The mean interval between submission to the first decision step is less than 30 days. The maximum interval between submission to the first decision step is 45 days. We will maintain the current rapid, high-quality editorial process in which the section editor system plays an essential role. Since January 2006, this system has worked efficiently for the initial peer review of submitted manuscripts. Please see the front cover page for the names of the 20 section editors. All 20 section editors are well-known, active scientists and physician scientists. Moreover, only 5 days after acceptance, unedited author manuscripts appear at ScienceDirect. This feature was started in 2010.

2. Free color publication, free submission, and no publication charges.

JDS provides free color figures, a web-based submission and review system, and there are no submission or publication charges.

3. Power point slides online

Readers can download figures in power point slides at <http://www.jsdjournal.com>. This feature was also started in 2010.

4. Free JDS subscription for JSID members

Members of the Japanese Society for Investigative Dermatology receive a complimentary JDS subscription, with both print and online services. The membership fee is only 15,000 yen. If you are interested in becoming a member of JSID, please see the JSID website at <http://www.jsid.org/english/index.html>.

Your continued input and effort to help further develop our journal, thus expanding the global communication of cutaneous biology and dermatology research, is highly appreciated. I look forward to receiving more of your interesting and high-quality research articles in the near future.



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