



Happy birthday to EJOI

At the end of 2008 it's time to look back on the first year of *EJOI*. The plan for the first year was to launch an evidence-based scientific journal dealing with the clinical aspects of implant dentistry and related subjects. The challenge was to bridge a gap in a very competitive field, providing sound science on which to base decisions for everyday clinical practice. I believe we have achieved this goal: *EJOI* already has several thousand subscribers and has become the official publication of three European scientific societies. In the first year, 22 articles have been published: 7 randomised controlled clinical trials (32%); 5 systematic reviews (23%); 6 cohort studies (27%), 2 case series (9%), and 2 educational articles (9%). No case reports, *in vitro* or animal studies have yet been accepted for publication. As Editor-in-Chief, I am very pleased with this achievement and proud that randomised controlled clinical trials, which provide a high level of evidence, are the most common type of articles published in *EJOI*.

The next question is whether everything is perfect, and of course the answer is no. There is a bias in the publications, in the sense that a few authors have contributed to many articles. Is not an easy

task to attract good articles and I am well aware that many authors are concerned that the journal is not yet indexed in PubMed and has no impact factor. Any new scientific journal has to apply to be indexed and this request can only be made after several issues have been published. Therefore, our priority for 2009 is to have *EJOI* indexed as soon as possible. To get an impact factor takes more time and this will be the target for 2012. In the meantime, we wish to grow and become the leading provider of evidence-based information for implantologists all over the world. We wish to be open-minded and objective and to present reliable and balanced information. We shall aim for quality and not for numbers of published articles in order to publish new evidence as quickly as possible.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to making the first year of *EJOI* a success.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

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Editor-in-Chief

