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## Editorial



It has been 12 years since the first issue of the *Chinese Journal of Dental Research* was published and distributed overseas in May 1998. Forty issues and 445 papers were published during this period. As a window into Chinese stomatology research and a place for academic communication with international colleagues, the journal plays a critical role in the development of Chinese stomatology. The quality of the journal has been continuously improved and it has become more international. The articles have been submitted not only from China, but also from Europe, the United States, Australia and other Asian countries. On behalf of the editorial board, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to Professor Zhen-kang ZHANG, the first Editor-in-Chief, and Professor Xu-chen MA, the previous Editor-in-Chief, for their great effort and excellent leadership. The *Chinese Journal of Dental Research* is the official journal of the Chinese Stomatological Association (CSA), and is sponsored by the CSA and Peking University School of Stomatology. We thank them for their strong support. In the meantime, we are thankful for the authors' contributions and the expert reviewers' precious devotion. Lastly but more importantly, we thank Dr Horst-Wolfgang Haase and Mr Christian Haase for their generous and long-term support of the journal.

In the present issue, we published two invited reviews on different topics. One was provided by Dr Xiao-feng Huang and Professor Yang Chai, which gave us a comprehensive understanding of TGF- $\beta$  signalling in tooth development. The other is from Professor Gui-qing Liao et al, in which they outlined the sialendoscopy-based diagnosis and treatment of salivary ductal obstructions. Six original articles were contributed by the groups of Dr Daniel Uzbelger Feldman (from Kornberg School of Dentistry at Temple University, USA), Dr Pei Wang, Dr Zhi-

gang Cai, Dr Xiao-ying Zou (from Peking University School of Stomatology, China), Dr Hui-bin Sun (from the Department of Stomatology, Medical College, Qingdao University and Peking University School of Stomatology, China), and Dr Telgi Lingesh Ravishankar (from Kothiwal Dental College & Research Centre, India). Additionally, there are three case reports from Dr Laith Mahmoud Abdulhadi (Faculty of Dentistry, University of Malaya, Malaysia), Dr Xu-guang Lu (Peking University School of Stomatology, China) and Dr Chun-xiao Sun (from Loma Linda University School of Dentistry, USA) in the current issue. The contents of the articles include various fields of dentistry, such as uses of fluoroscopy in dentistry, application of cone-beam computed tomography (CBCT) for detection of dental root fracture, functional training of facial mimic muscles for facial nerve injury, study of the Notch signalling pathway in the senescence of human dental pulp cells, oral sequelae during head-neck radiotherapy, dental trauma in children, and so on. We hope the manuscripts published will be helpful and interesting to the readers.

The *Chinese Journal of Dental Research* has made great progress. On the other hand, the journal faces strong challenges. We hope the journal will become more international and that the issues per year will be increased. More articles, especially from overseas, are encouraged to be submitted to the journal. We hope the journal will continue to increase in quality. The essential continued support from all peer reviewers is needed. We believe that, with increasing support, the journal will steadily develop and play a more important role in academic communication in the global dental fields.

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