



Building on Twenty Years of Scholarship: Shaping the Future of Endodontics

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Dear Colleagues, Researchers, Clinicians, and the Global Endodontic Community,

As the *Iranian Endodontic Journal* (IEJ) marks its 21st year of continuous publication, we pause with profound appreciation to reflect on a journey defined by shared discovery, scholarly rigor, and collective advancement. This milestone transcends chronology; it stands as a testament to the enduring collaborative spirit, driving scientific precision while shaping the discipline of endodontics.

Established in 2006, IEJ was founded as a focused platform for academic exchange within a growing specialty. Over the past two decades, it has evolved and matured into an internationally recognized, fully open-access journal; a leader in the forefront of endodontic science and clinical innovation. IEJ remains steadfast in its mission to accelerate progress by disseminating high-quality, evidence-based research that guides the practice and clinical decision-making, whilst ultimately enhancing patient care worldwide.

Across the two decades of constant and hard, breathtaking work, IEJ has curated/amassed a substantial and influential body of scientific success; pioneering original investigations, authoritative systematic reviews, and insightful clinical reports. Collectively, these contributions have simultaneously addressed a broad spectrum of topics and have evidently evolved the endodontics landscape. This growing corpus has meaningfully contributed to both the refinement of clinical standards and the expansion of fundamental scientific understanding within our field.

The journal's maturation is mirrored in its scholarly impact. A sustained rise in citation metrics, an h-index of 34,

and a Q2 ranking in the quartile of Dentistry journals reflect the increasing visibility and influence of IEJ in the global scientific landscape. Inclusion in key major international and regional indexing databases [including PubMed/PMC, Scopus, DOAJ, Dimensions, Google Scholar, EBSCO (CINAHL), CAS, Index Copernicus, SCImago, ISC, SID, Magiran, IMEMR, as well as repositories such as Europe PMC, ROAD, FATCAT, SUDOC, ZDB, MIAR, UC Santa Barbara University, and WIKIDATA] further affirms our commitment to methodological rigor, editorial integrity, and unrestricted accessibility to open knowledge [1].

Our transformation from a traditional issue-based (periodic) publication into a truly continuous, international scientific forum has been led by the evolving needs of our global community [2]. The dedication of our authors, the insight of our reviewers, the leadership of our editorial board/members, and the engagement of our readers have been central to this success. In an era characterized by rapid change and increasing demands on scientific publishing (e.g., ensuring peer review integrity and promoting transparency and reproducibility), the strongest foundation for our journal has been established through years of exemplary commitment. Together, we have ensured that IEJ remains a trusted venue where scientific excellence and clinical relevance converge.

As we step into our third decade, our vision remains both ambitious and purposeful. We aspire to further expand interdisciplinary dialogue, drawing upon advances in regenerative medicine/dentistry, (bio)materials science, bioengineering, and digital technologies to address complex endodontic challenges. By prioritizing studies with direct

clinical applicability and translational value, IEJ aims to bridge the gap between research and practice. Moreover, strengthening global engagement will continue to be a central goal, as diverse scientific perspectives enrich innovation and deepen understanding. Above all, we reaffirm our commitment to upholding the highest standards of publishing ethics, data transparency, and methodological excellence, thereby setting a benchmark for quality in dental and biomedical research.

At its core, the mission of IEJ remains both simple and profound: to publish science that matters. We seek work that not only advances knowledge but also refines clinical judgment, elevates patient care, and shapes the future of our specialty.

To our community of authors, reviewers, readers, and mentors, we extend our sincere gratitude. Your expertise, intellectual curiosity, and unwavering pursuit of excellence

are the lifeblood of this journal and have always powered IEJ. Through your contributions, IEJ has become an instrument of lasting scholarly value and tangible clinical impact.

As the landmark of the 21st year is celebrated, we look forward, with optimism, to a future defined by discovery, dialogue, and shared progress. Together, we will continue to shape the evolving science and art of endodontics.

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