



Publishing Science That Matters: Iranian Endodontic Journal's New Era of Leadership in Endodontology

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Following the celebration of two decades of scholarly achievement and sustained editorial development of the Iranian Endodontic Journal (*IEJ*) [1-3], the journal now enters a new phase characterized by growth, responsibility, and expanded global engagement, with the added distinction of achieving Q2 ranking status in international journal metrics. These milestones mark a historical continuum of progress and provide an opportunity to reflect on the evolving identity of the journal as it transitions from consolidating its legacy into actively shaping future scientific directions.

The landscape of endodontics is undergoing rapid changes at an unprecedented pace. Emerging developments in regenerative therapies, bioactive materials, tissue engineering, digital technologies, artificial intelligence, and precision healthcare are reshaping research priorities and clinical practice. These advances are creating new opportunities to improve diagnosis, treatment planning, and long-term outcomes whilst simultaneously raising important questions regarding evidence quality, reproducibility, clinical translation, and implementation. In such a dynamic environment, the role of scientific journals extends beyond sole publication; journals serve as catalysts for innovation, critical evaluation, and scientific dialogue.

The continued evolution of *IEJ* reflects the collective efforts of an increasingly diverse and international scientific community. Recent bibliometric indicators provide encouraging evidence of the journal's growing visibility and influence. According to the latest Scopus metrics, *IEJ* achieved a CiteScore of 2.8, an SJR of 0.498, and an SNIP of 0.901 in 2025, while maintaining an h-index of 34. Equally significant is the continued expansion of international collaboration and global authorship, underscoring the journal's increasing integration within the worldwide network of endodontic

research. These achievements are not merely indicators of citation performance; they reflect the trust of researchers, clinicians, and educators who choose *IEJ* as a platform for disseminating meaningful scientific contributions.

The trajectory of scholarly journals is rarely linear. Scientific influence evolves through periods of growth, adaptation, and renewal; it is shaped by changing research priorities and emerging global collaborations. The recent strengthening of *IEJ*'s bibliometric profile may therefore be viewed not simply as an improvement in metrics, but as evidence of a broader process of consolidation and maturation. Such progress reinforces the importance of maintaining rigorous peer review, editorial independence, methodological excellence, and ethical publishing standards in an increasingly competitive scientific environment.

As we move further into the third decade of the journal's history, several priorities will continue to guide our vision. We remain committed to publishing research that advances both scientific understanding and clinical practice. Particular emphasis will be placed on high-quality clinical trials, robust observational studies, evidence syntheses, translational investigations, and innovative interdisciplinary research with direct relevance to patient care. Moreover, we seek to strengthen connections between endodontics and complementary fields, including regenerative medicine, biomaterials science, bioengineering, computational sciences, and digital health technologies.

Equally important is our commitment to fostering a culture of transparency, reproducibility, and scientific integrity. As expectations for open science continue to evolve, journals play a critical role in promoting rigorous methodology, responsible reporting, and meaningful interpretation of findings. By supporting these principles,

IEJ aims to disseminate knowledge and contribute to the quality and credibility of the evidence that informs contemporary endodontic practice.

The future of endodontics will be shaped by collaboration across disciplines, institutions, and geographical regions. Addressing complex biological and clinical challenges requires diverse expertise and a shared commitment to advancing patient-centered care. As an open-access journal, *IEJ* will continue to facilitate this exchange of knowledge by providing a global platform where ideas, discoveries, and innovations can be communicated without barriers.

At its core, the mission of *IEJ* remains unchanged: to publish science that matters. We seek research that expands understanding, challenges assumptions, informs clinical decision-making, and ultimately improves patient outcomes. Guided by this mission, we look forward to continuing

our contribution to the advancement of endodontic science and to strengthening the journal's role within the international scientific community.

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