Editorial

OMP is now a pure online journal

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In the editorial for the first issue of volume 12 of Oral Medicine & Pathology (OMP), which was published in March, 2008, I, as the new Editor-in-Chief, announced three major renewal policies for the journal: (1) OMP as an online journal; (2) online submission and reviewing systems for OMP; and (3) OMP as an international journal. Since then, thanks to the support of international contributors, our editorial board members, the language editor, the publisher, and J-Stage, three volumes of OMP have been published online as well as in the traditional print edition. In the past few years, however, the world of academic publishing has changed greatly, and our readers no longer seem to require a hard copy, especially now that OMP is available in an online format. Therefore, I am pleased to announce that as of volume 15, the journal has become a pure electronic journal. Henceforth, OMP will only be available in electronic format (online ISSN1882-1537), which can be freely accessed at J-Stage (<http://www.jstage.jst.jp/browse/omp>). No further hard copies will be produced. Back issues can also be searched at the website.

In addition to being indexed in J-Stage, OMP has also been indexed in ChemPort, CrossRef, JDream II, JST Link Center, Google Scholar, and Google. I am delighted to report that OMP articles have recently been accessed online by more than twelve hundred readers a month from all over the world. With this renewal of the journal, the instructions for contributors have been revised to offer more comprehensive guidelines for preparation of manuscripts, figures, and tables. Also, the pure online OMP will no longer charge for pages or for color reproduction.

I believe that the release of this first issue of volume 15 will be remembered as an important milestone for OMP. Again, ongoing contributions to the new electronic OMP are welcome and encouraged so that together we can help steer the journal to its next stage in the international academic environment of oral medicine and pathology.